

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th March 2025 in the Rankin Room
at the Victory Hall.

Present: Cllr J Brakewell, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr D Hatton, Cllr M Kirkbride,
Cllr J Lancaster, Cllr I Longworth (Chair) and Cllr P Robinson.

Also present: C Adams (Parish Clerk)

048/25 Apologies.

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr C Edmondson and Cllr S Lane

049/25 New Cllr

Resolved to note that newly co-opted Cllr D Hatton has signed the acceptance of office form.

050/25 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to note that there were no requests for dispensations.

051/25 Declarations of Interest

Resolved to note that Cllr Longworth declared an interest in item 14 Planning Application
Reference: 7/2024/5669

052/25 Items on the agenda from which the press and public should be excluded.

Resolved to note there are no items are to be discussed in private

053/25 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th February 2025 to be signed
by the chair as a true record.

054/25 Chairs Announcements

The chair reminded everyone of the Code of Conduct and we need to finish by 9.00pm.

055/25 Public Participation

- a) Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton was in attendance. He reminded everyone to keep reporting potholes.
Advised Westmorland and Furness have a new street lighting policy.
Reminded the Council that the Community Governance Review is open. Cllr Concern was raised with Cllr Brereton regarding the state of the road at Woodland (near the church). Cllr Brereton will take this up with Highways together with the state of Princes Street, Griffin Street and Church Street,
- b) PCSO Paul Harris was in attendance and reported usual RTC's and a burglary.
He will look into reports of off roaders going through Badger Sets.
- c) One resident was in attendance but raised no concerns.

056/25 Highway Signage

Resolved to note that Westmorland and Furness Cllr M Brereton and PCSO Paul Harris can help with replacing/extra signage regarding warning motorists of cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians

057/25 Wilson Park

- a) **Resolved** to go with quote 1 to bring the pump track up to ROSPA standards.
- b) **Resolved** to put a note in the parish pump to generate interest in upgrading the children's playground.
Resolved to get a free consultation from a playground company
Resolved to contact Westmorland and Furness to see if there is any help available.
- c) **Resolved** to sign the new agreement with Westmorland and Furness for annual inspections of the playground. Inspections.
- d) **Resolved** to resume the annual Flail Cut in the Park.

058/25 Donkey Rocks

- a) **Resolved** to replace the warning sign of steep cliffs.
- b) **Resolved** to look further into having an information board including detailed costs and funding
- c) **Resolved** to re-gravel the path by asking the contracting who is doing the work at the allotment field.
- d) **Resolved** to resume the annual Flail Cut at Donkey Rocks

059/25 Charter Day

Resolved to note Cllr Kirkbride advised that there is some interest in having market stalls on Charter day but no one has committed to it yet, there is a note in the next parish pump seeking interest. It was also noted that the clerk had attended a virtual meeting with Westmorland and Furness regarding the arrangements for the event.
It was also noted that the Town Cryer needs a new outfit.

060/25 Parish Cllrs Surgeries

Resolved to note Cllr Glessal reported concerns raised at the latest surgery were the trees on Foxfield Road all need cutting back and there is a blocked drain on Foxfield Road.
The next surgery will be held on 8th April 2025 in the Squar Café between 10.45am and 12 noon.

061/25 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)

Reference: 7/2024/5669

Location: Sella Farm, Dunnerdale, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6DT

Proposal: Demolition of the existing stone garage and store and the construction of a new detached room in roof type two bedroom annex.

Resolved to note that the parish council have no objections or comments on the above application. Cllr I Longworth did not take part in any discussion regarding the application.

Reference: T/2025/0049

Location: Old Vicarage, Broughton-in-furness, LA20 6HS

Proposal: T1 mature lime tree - reduce by approx. 10m in height & reduce lateral branches by 2-3m

Resolved to note that the parish council have no objections or comments.

Reference: T/2025/0048

Location: Broomhill House, Broughton in Furness, Cumbria, LA20 6JD

Proposal: T1 cedar - reduce by 3m in height

Resolved to note that the parish council have no objections or comments.

Reference: T/2025/0036

Location: Little Griffin, Griffin Street, Broughton-in-furness, LA20 6HH

Proposal: 3 birch trees - reduce height by half. Fell 1 conifer. Prune 2 birch. 31 March 2025

Resolved to note that the parish council have no objections or comments.

062/25 Consultations

a) Community Governance Review

Resolved to note that the parish council have no comments as a corporate body but Cllrs can respond to the consultation as individuals if they wish to.

b) Electoral Review of Westmorland & Furness

Resolved to note that this does not affect this parish as our election dates are already in line with Westmorland and Furness.

c) Devolution

Resolved to note that the parish council have no comments as a corporate body but Cllrs can respond to the consultation as individuals if they wish to.

63/25 Allotment Field

a) **Resolved** to note that all plots have now been taken. The tenancy agreements and regulations need some minor adjustments, and consideration should be given to increasing the rents next year.

b) **Resolved** not to put lockable storage on the allotment field.

c) **Resolved** to ask the contractor if he can sort the gate post once he has finished the work at the field.

064/25 Community Led Plan

Resolved to put a note in the parish pump to see if the community would be interested in doing an up to date Community Led Plan.

065/25 Computer

Resolved to use the second laptop for the Victory Hall.

066/25 Parish Council Telephone Arrangements

Resolved to have a mobile telephone dedicated for parish council business at a cost of £8p/m.

067/25 Neighbourhood Policing Pledge

Resolved to that Cllr Longworth and Cllr Kirkbride will be the two representatives for the above subject to availability.

068/25 Training

Resolved to note there are no training requirements this month.

069/25 Co-option of new Cllr

Resolved to adjourn this until the next meeting.

070/25 Financial Matters

Resolved to make the following payments:

SLCC	£ 142.40
Npower	£ 113.18
Allotment overpayments	£ 35.00 (2)
SRCL	£ 72.00
Salary	£ 682.61
HMRC	£ 39.80

Reimbursements	£ 83.42
Happy go Cleaning	£ 520.00
Bank Charges	£ 6.00

Resolved to note the following Receipts:

Wayleave	£61.19
Allotment Rent	£566.77

071/25 Councillors Reports

It was reported that the volunteers who have done the cooking for Meals on Wheels for the last 5 years have retired and the cooking will now be done by the Square café team.

072/25 Date and time of Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next council meeting which will be on 24th April 2025 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.

Meeting Closed.