

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd April 2026 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.

Present: Cllr V Glessal, Cllr D Hatton, Cllr M Kirbride, Cllr J Lancaster, Cllr S Lane and Cllr I Longworth

Also present: C Adams (Parish Clerk)

062/26 Apologies

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr M Ramsbottom and Cllr P Robinson.

Absent

Cllr J Brakewell.

063/26 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to note there were no requests for dispensations.

064/26 Declarations of Interest

Resolved to note there are no declaration of interests.

065/26 To consider if there are any items on the agenda from which the press and public should be excluded.

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066/26 Mintes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th March 2026 to be signed by the chair as a true record.

067/26 Chairs Announcements

The Chair reminded everyone of the Code of Conduct.

She also reminded everyone of the importance of sending apologies if unable to attend meetings.

068/26 Participation

- a) Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt was not in attendance but had sent his apologies with a message to advise he is working on change of transport for school children and the closure of Kirkby in Furness doctors' surgery.
- b) Local Police were not in attendance
- c) A member of the public was in attendance and raised concern about lack of recruitment at Broughton fire service and the service being unable to attend nearby incidents.

069/26 Wilson Park

- a) **Resolved** to note Cllr Lane advised of a poor response to the note in the Parish Pum for volunteers to help with the playground project. Playdale are coming out in June for a free consultation. The group are in touch with a lady at Kirkby who has been involved with a similar project.
- b) **Resolved** for the clerk to get quotes for putting drainage in the Park
- c) **Resolved** to note we are still waiting for a suitable date from Westmorland and Furness for the cheque presentation.

070/26 Public Toilets

- a) Funding
Resolved to note that our application for funding to improve the toilets was unsuccessful.
- b) Electrical Matters
The tripping switch has been sorted so the flushes are working but the toilets are still blocked.
Resolved for the clerk to get Dyno Rod out.
Resolved to note that electrical work is required in the toilets including the distribution board. disabled toilet requiring an emergency pull cord alarm and lighting issues.

071/26 Street lighting

Resolved to get a quote from Westmorland and Furness Council as a comparison to the quote we already have and to start with the light on Keppleway.

072/26 Allotment Field

- a) **Resolved** to note that anyone not paying the allotment rent will be given 30 days to pay or risk losing their allotment garden
- b) **Resolved** to write to allotment holders requesting toys be removed from the site following a recent incident.

073/26 Community Led Plan

Resolved to have a meeting with ACT regarding renewing the community led plan.

074/26 Progress Reports

- a) Skelly Crag crossing – **Resolved** to note no update from MP this month
- b) Donkey Rocks - **Resolved** to note funding has been granted for the new information board.
- c) Tree in Square - **Resolved** to note it is unlikely to get any update on the tree in the Square until September as we are now in nesting season again.
- d) Electricity in the Square – **Resolved** for the clerk to get a quote to get the electricity mtere installed in the cabinet in the Square.
- e) Charter Day– **Resolved** to note the clerk has a meeting Westmorland and Furness on Monday regarding Chater Day.

075/26 Parish Cllrs Surgeries

Resolved to note that Cllr Glessal reported no issues were reported at the latest surgery. The next surgery will be on 12th May 2026 in the Square between 10.45am and 12 noon/

- 076/26 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)**
 Ref: 2026/0647/FPA
 Location: Land to the north of The Prince of Wales Foxfield Broughton-In Furness LA20 6BX
 Proposal: New access and car parking to serve the Prince of Wales Hotel, Foxfield Station and nearby residences, erection of a Coach House with two-storey manager's accommodation and a commercial unit for a microbrewery.
Resolved that the parish council are in support of this application but would like to see Electric Charging points for vehicles in the car park.
- Ref: 2026/0646/FPA
 Location: Prince Of Wales Hotel Foxfield Broughton-in-furness LA20 6BX
 Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission SL/2022/0188 (Replacement new fully accessible access ramp, windows & removal of damaged external dashed render and replacement with coloured external wall insulation)
Resolved that the parish council are in support of this application
- Planning Application Granted**
 Ref: 7/2025/5691
 Location: Troughton Hall, Woodland, Broughton-in-furness, Cumbria, LA20 6AH
 Proposal: Roof over existing concrete farmyard area (retrospective)
- Application Withdrawn**
 Ref: 7/2025/5497
 Location: The Post Office, 11 Princes Street, Broughton in Furness, Cumbria, LA20 6HQ
 Proposal: Alterations to the front of the building and a small wooden balcony to the rear
- 077/26 Consultation**
 Westmorland & Furness 20mph Scheme
Resolved that Cllrs will respond to this consultation on a personal basis should they wish to.
- 078/26 Training**
 CALC would be willing to do a face to face session of training and opening it up to all South Lakes Parishes but they will need a lead council for the invoice which would then be split between the parishes taking Part.
Resolved that Duddon would be happy to be lead council.
- 079/26 Parish Clerk Position**
Resolved to note there are no applicants yet. The clerk understands that the advert is on the front page of the next Parish Pump.
- 080/26 Financial Matters**
Resolved to authorise the following payments:
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| Everflow | £ 39.98 |
| HMRC | £146.99 |
| NPower (Street Lighting) | £ 52.43 |
| Yorkshire Gas and Power | £66.33 |
| SRCL | £ 36.00 |
| CALC | £ 314.98 |
| Salary | £ 715.65 |
| Unity Trust | £7.00 |
| Redheads Accountancy | £ 75.00 |
| Tesco Mobile | £ 8.48 |

Reimbursements	£ 8.66
Happy Go Cleaning	£520.00
Allotment Deposit Refund	£30.00
Hawthwaite Garden Services	£590.00

Resolved to note the following receipts:

HMRC VAT Refund	£1034.49
Allotment rent	£90.00

081/26 Councillors Reports

LDNP are having a meet and greet session in Torver on the 18th June 2026.
Concern was raised about a pot hole opposite Furness Supply.
Pot hole on High Cross hill has been fixed.
Post Box is going to be outside the Information centre.

082/26 Date and time of Next Meeting

Resolved to note the next meeting will be on 28th May 2026 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall at 7.30pm and will be the AGM.