

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th February 2026 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.

Present: Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr D Hatton, Cllr S Lane, Cllr I Longworth and Cllr M Ramsbottom.

Also present: C Adams (Parish Clerk)

020/26 Apologies

Resolved to note apologies from Cllr J Brakewell, Cllr M Kirkbride, Cllr J Lancaster and Cllr P Robinson.

021/26 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to note there were no requests for dispensations.

022/26 Declarations of Interest

Resolved to note there are no declaration of interests.

023/26 To consider if there are any items on the agenda from which the press and public should be excluded.

Resolved to note there are no items on the agenda from which the press and public should be excluded.

024/26 Mintes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22nd January 2026 to be signed by the chair as a true record.

025/26 Chairs Announcements

The Chair reminded everyone of the Code of Conduct

026/26 Public Participation

- a) Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton was in attendance and reported that Council tax will be increasing and there will be a £60 charge per bin for garden waste.
Work is still ongoing to get the new post box outside the new post office.
Complaints have been received regarding a row of new telegraph poles.
Keep reporting pothole and sign issues.
- b) Local Police Report were in attendance and reported complaints of off roaders.
A meeting has been set up on 16th March with various partners to consider an operation as in the past to deal with the off roaders.
He also reported on the latest SID from Keppleway.
- c) No residents were in attendance

027/26 Wilson Park

Resolved to purchase a bench for the park with a donation from a member of the public.
The bench will have a plaque on it the request of the donator with wording as per her request.

028/26

Public Toilets

Resolved for the clerk to get quotes for lighting and apply for the funding.

029/26

Progress Reports

- a) Black Box in the Square
Resolved to note the black box has been moved to the bus stop. Next steps are to get a quote to have the meter installed.
- b) Donkey Rocks Information board.
Resolved to note Cumbria Geoconservation have submitted an application for funding for the proposed information board at Donkey Rocks to the Curry Fund. Should the application be successful we will need to contribute £500.
The WGS trip to Gyll scar quarry and Millom Rock Park now includes a short visit to Donkey Rock added in the afternoon.
On the 19th April a Rockwatch group are also visiting the site, This has been organised by GA.
- c) Supermarket Delivery vans speeding concerns
Resolved to note Letters sent to the 3 main supermarkets, only one have responded asking for further details.
- d) Tree in Square
Resolved to note the work to crown the tree in the Square still has not happened and will probably have to wait until after nesting season again.
- e) Sign at Broughton Mills
Resolved to note the sign has not yet been reported due to a problem with the system and the what 3 words.

030/26

Parish Cllrs Surgeries

Cllr Glessal and Cllr Edmondson reported concerns had been raised at the surgery regarding an infestation of rats where the unfinished buildings are at Sawrey Court.

Resolved The clerk will report the rats to Environment Health and look into the unfinished buildings with LDNPA.

031/26

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

Planning Applications Granted

Ref No: 7/2025/5666

Location: 2, Timber Hill, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6HX

Proposal: Replacement of existing windows and doors to the front elevation and large utility room doors with window/door combination frame. Installation of flue for log burner, replacement of external wrought iron railings/timber fencing with new wrought iron railings

Planning Applications Refused

Ref No: 7/2025/5406

Location: Hobkin Ground Farm, Broughton Mills, Broughton In Furness, Cumbria, LA2 6AU

Proposal: Use of land for siting of Yurt, associated storage shed and amenity unit, for flexible use as short term holiday letting accommodation and environmental learning studies

032/26

Internal Audit

Resolved to adjourn this item until the next meeting.

- 033/26 Assertion 10**
Resolved to note the requirements for Assertion 10.
The Council will need to adopt an IT policy. Cllr Ramsbottom will look at some templates.
- 034/26 Consultations**
Westmorland and Furness Community Governance Review (2nd Consultation)
Resolved to note the Council are happy with the way things are and have no do not have any suggestions for changes.
- 035/26 Training**
Resolved to note there are no training requirements this month.
- 036/26 Parish Clerk Position**
Resolved to note 1 person has requested details on the vacancy to date.
- 037/26 Financial Matters**
To authorise payment of accounts (schedule attached)
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| Redheads Accountancy | £ 75.00 |
| T Glessal & Co | £ 78.00 |
| Calc | £ 30.00 |
| Tesco Mobile | £ 8.00 |
| Everflow | £ 36.76 |
| NPower (Street Lighting) | £ 66.29 |
| Yorkshire Gas and Power | £276.96 |
| SRCL | £ 36.00 |
| Salary | £711.25 |
| Reimbursements | £ 2.61 |
| Happy Go Cleaning | £520.00 |
| Unity Trust | 6.00 |
- 038/26 Councillors Reports**
Concern was raised regarding overgrown vegetation.
Concern was raised about users of the pump track coming from outside areas picking on the younger children.
Concern was raised regarding the cleanliness of the playground Wilson Park and the lack of play equipment for younger children. A note will go in the parish pump to generate interest in creating a friends of the park group.
- 039/26 Date and time of Next Meeting**
Resolved to note that the date of the next council meeting which will be on 26th March 2026 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall at 7.30pm.