

Draft Minutes for August 2021

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26 August 2021 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.

Present Cllr G Albion, Cllr P Gibbard-Thompson, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr J Jardine, Cllr I Longworth and Cllr J Sayers.

Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the public that were in attendance,

159/21 Apologies

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr Henderson, reason noted with the clerk. Cllr Curwen and Cllr Edmondson had telephoned their apologies. The clerk reminded everyone that apologies must be in writing with a reason for absence.

160/21 Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for Dispensations.

161/21 Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests.

162/21 To consider if there are any items on the agenda from which the press and public should be excluded.

Resolved that there are no items are to be discussed in private.

163/21 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 July 2021 to be signed by the chair as a true record.

164/21 Chairs Announcements

The Chair would like to say a big thank you to Cllr Jardine for standing in on Charter Day. She would also like to say a big thank you to Elaine, Debbie, Lesley, John, Phoebe and Candy for organizing the VE/VJ day celebrations. There has been lots of good comments and Broughton was buzzing afterwards. Finally, she would just like to remind everyone of the Code of Conduct.

165/21 Public Participation

a) County Cllr was not in attendance but had sent his apologies with the following update report:
A couple of short updates:

The work for the 20mph zone should be imminent, they had some crew shortages in July owing to covid/isolations and then some materials supply issues regards the build-outs on Keppleway. I am assured it is on course to complete by end of the summer.

The numbers for B4RN remain on course for us to go forward to the planning stage; anything the Parish Council can do to encourage sign-ups, including Parish Councillors themselves expressing interest, would be greatly appreciated. We need about 40% of premises to express interest and not far off that now. There is absolutely no cost or commitment at this stage, but the whole community will benefit as and when B4RN comes, especially those in outlying places. NB we are

also working to include the folk at Duddon Bridge and in Ulpha in our roll-out, as we need to come close or pass by with the fibre optic network anyway.

You are aware of the meeting we had with John Swabey regards Occupation Lane; as I proposed the Parish and landowners should put together a working agreement, with the Parish as factor or agent. I will support in whatever way I can and assist with funding options and possible legal/framework support from County Council officers and funding pots.

Please also remember that the X7 bus route is now extended to begin in Coniston and pick up in Torver and Broughton before continuing on to Grizebeck, Kirkby, Askam, Dalton, FGH and Barrow before return on Weds and Fridays. As per the presentation at the last Parish meeting, the group that supports the bus route(s) in our area is in constant need of fundraising and volunteer support. Whether it is just someone or one or two people from our area prepared to attend the occasional "Friends of" committee meeting or to host a fundraiser or whatever it would I know be much appreciated.

Thanks in advance and should hopefully see you all at the next meeting.

- b) District Cllrs were not in attendance but had sent their apologies. Cllr I Wharton has sent an email to the clerk advising that the rules for the District Locality Budgets have changed. He has offered £500 between to be shared between 3 Parish Councils including Duddon. The money is to be used for Greening or Green related projects
- c) There were residents in attendance, but both had been invited by the Chair to speak on specific agenda items at the time the item is being discussed by the Council.

166/21 Greening Campaign

- a) Jackie McClure was in attendance from the working group and advised that scarecrows are popping up now including Greta parachuting in on Market Street to keep an eye on things. The scarecrow competition will be judged around the 10th September and the prizes will be given out on launch day. Christine has challenge cards in hand ready to be printed and has also got the funding from the District Cllrs to cover the cost of the cards. There is a committee meeting next week to hopefully finalise the launch day activities which will include dancing, singing etc. The school are very keen to be involved so the children should be doing something. Cartmel have had their launch managed to get 301 cards in windows and the results are savings of 182 tons of CO₂, which equates to a saving of £85,409. Launch date is on 26 September 2021 between 11am and 3pm roughly. CGP are happy to fund the printing costs of posters. The cost of the hall is £80. There will also be costs for getting the cards delivered and an application form for a grant from CAFS has been sent to the clerk.
- b) It is unclear as to whether event insurance will be needed, this needs looking into further.
- c) Challenge cards are ready to order, and funding has given by the District Cllrs.

167/21 Wilson Park

- a) Natalie from NFU was in attendance and advised that there is an NFU grant available to be used within the community for use of outdoor space. There was a couple of suggestion such as picnic tables or for the money to go towards the Skateboard Park.
Resolved that the Parish Councillors will give some thought to this and bring their ideas back to the next meeting. We will then let Natalie know so that she can check what meets the criteria.
- b) Cllr Jardine advised that a specialist skateboard company had quoted about £150,000 to put simple skateboard park within Wilson Park. There have been lots of suggestions for design and funding. A design is needed in order to put a planning application in.
- c) The Playground fence should be installed on 27 September 2021, the work next to the slide will take place on 21 September and the clerk is waiting for the tree surgeons to get back to her for a date for the tree work to be done

168/21 Occupation Lane

- a) It was noted that the application for Occupation Lane to be Public Bridleway has been submitted to LDNPA.
- b) **Resolved** that the Parish Council do not think it is necessary to enter into any agreement with the landowners but it was felt that a letter should be sent to the allotment holders requesting them to respect the lane and not cause a nuisance to the landowners. The letter should include that if any of the allotment holders are found to be responsible for speeding, driving excessively or causing a nuisance then appropriate action could be taken against them such as they lose their allotment plot.

169/21 Charter Day

Concern has been raised regarding the traffic being allowed to pass through whilst proceedings were in place. There was also a suggestion that perhaps there should be more activity in the Square on Charter Day, such as stalls etc.

Resolved to diary this for April Next year so that plans can be made for Charter Day.

170/21 Parish Lengths Man

- a) The Parish Lengths Man agreement needs updating. The clerk has tried to contact the lengths man but to no avail.
Resolved that the clerk will write to the lengths man to establish whether he still wants to be the lengths man or not. He will be asked to respond by a certain date and if he doesn't it will be assumed that he is no longer interested, the council will advertise for a new lengths man.
- b) **Resolved** to follow up the County Cllrs email and advise CCC that all of the verges and hedges in our parish need cutting back and it should be done from the bottom of the road not the middle.
Concern was also raised about the amount of Ragwort, its everywhere.

171/21 Defibrillator in the Square.

There is to a defibrillator on the wall of the Square Café which will be in memory of Mr J S Rousseau who died of a heart attack and is the father of the Café owner Jane Rousseau. The defibrillator will be funded by a local resident who wishes to remain anonymous at this stage.

172/21 Parish Council Surgeries.

Parish Council surgeries have restarted but at the first one there were no attendees. The next surgery will be on 14 September 2021 at the Square Café between 11.45am and 12 noon. The clerk will put it on the website in addition to it going in the Parish Pump.

173/21 Dog Poop Bins

Cllr Henderson is looking for volunteers to empty the dog poop bins whilst she is away on holiday.

Cllr Gibbard-Thompson, Cllr Albion and Cllr Sayers will help out when they can.

174/21 Memorial Benches

Cllr Glessal had been approached from a resident seeking permission to put a memorial bench up. The Parish Council noted this but as the bench will be on the resident's own property, they do need permission from the Parish Council.

175/21 Consultations

a) South Lakeland Local Plan 2040: Issues and Options Consultation

Resolved that there is not enough time to do this in a normal meeting. There will be an informal meeting on 15 September 2021 at 7.00pm in the Rankin room to discuss the response to this and practice using the projector. The response will then be on the agenda for the meeting on the 23rd September for approval before submission. Cllr Sayers suggested that the Cllrs take a look at questions 73 and 74 beforehand, pages 105 to 108 refer to Broughton.

b) The National Resilience Strategy – A call for Evidence

Resolved that the response that Nalc are submitting on behalf of Parish Councils is sufficient.

176/21 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)

SL/2021/0719 - Land north of Graylags, Foxfield

Erection of a single dwelling.

Resolved that Cllr Sayers will respond to this application raising concern about the lack of information regarding heights, local occupancy, and space to turn vehicles round. Also, unsure what is meant by back sell.

177/21 Co-option of a new Cllr

a) **Resolved** to co-opt Alice Coles as the new Duddon Parish Cllr.

b) Alice was not in attendance so the declaration of office will be signed at a later date.

178/21 Financial Matters

Resolved that the following Direct Debits, Standing Order and Cheques be paid:-

: SRCL	48.00
Hawthwaite Garden Services	720.00
Salary	596.00
Clerk re-imbursements	146.87
Optech	1770.48
Waterplus	119.72
E-on	105.80
NPower	44.27
	<u>£3,551.14</u>

Receipts

E-ON	784.03
Charge My Street	58.20
Honesty Boxes	45.97
Sale of Land at Foxfield	10,872.60
LIP Grant	<u>6,000.00</u>
	<u>£17,760.80</u>

158/21 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held on 23 September 2021.

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