DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 August 2022 in the Rankin Room

at the Victory Hall.

**Present** Cllr J Curwen, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr C Henderson, Cllr J Jardine, Cllr R Kanhai, Cllr I Longworth and Cllr J Sayers.

**165/22 Apologies**

 **Resolved** to accept apologies from Cllr G Albion, Cllr C Edmondson, and Cllr S Lane.

 **166/22** **Newly Co-opted Cllr Kanhai**

 **Resolved** to note that Cllr Kanhai has signed his declaration of Office and completed the declaration of Interest form

 **167/22**  **Requests for Dispensations**

There wereno requests for Dispensations.

**168/22 Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Kanhai declared an interest in item 18 Planning Application no 7/2022/5531.

**169/22 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.

 **170/22 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 July 2022 to be signed by the chairman as a true record.

 **171/22** **Chairs Announcements**

The Chairman would like to thank Cllr Colin Edmondson for being his guest on Charter Day and also thanked Cllr Curwen for being the Bailiff.

 The chairman also reminded everyone of the Code of Conduct and reminded everyone to be respectful to each other.

 **172/22 Public Participation**

1. County Cllr was not in attendance. He has sent his apologies and an update as detailed below:

Please accept my apologies but I will be on holiday during the next meeting; there is nothing major to report just chasing up some of the road repair and verge cutting work and had the gulley suckers booked to come to Broughton to do some blocked drains.

Trying to set a site meeting with officers and the chair of the local committee next month to discuss walking, cylicing, horse riding and footpath issues, especially re Foxfield Rd and the cycle path at Bush Green.

Will update more fully at the next one.

Thanks, Matt

1. District Cllrs were not in attendance but had sent apologies.
2. Residents were in attendance. There was an update on the Safer Speeds Group advising that the 20mph had been reviewed in May. Highways agreed to assess whether it would be feasible to alter traffic flows. The idea is to make the entrances at Church Street and Wreaks End No Entry but you can still exit via those routes. Emergency vehicles would still be able to enter using these routes. If this is feasible, then it could be costed, funding would then need to be raised with assistance from Duddon Parish Council. Highways may so no and other means of slowing the traffic down will be needed. The community will be asked for their ideas.

Data tubes have been laid down.

Banners have been put up.

PSCO Harris will arrange for the posters to be put up that the children designed at school.

There has also been a meeting with the police, the outcome of that meeting is they have very limited resources but will try their best. Parish Clerk was also at that meeting.

Another resident pointed out that when the new unitary authority starts next April, it will be Lim Dem controlled and policies may change. We cannot anticipate what budgets will be available.

Another resident raised concern about the Prince of Wales, a senior director has recently resigned,

The company owns other pubs and an empty toilet block which are all shut. The accounts on Companies House are only up to 2020. There was a request for the Parish Council that a standing order be established, to the effect that if a notification of disposal is made, then the parish council will automatically ask for the moratorium period to be invoked.

The Council agreed to put this on the next agenda.

**173/22 Road Safety**

1. Cllr Kanhai is a member of the Speed Watch Group. He acknowledged how instrumental

the Speed Watch Co-ordinator has been in getting the 20mph limited into Broughton and

the excellent work that she has done to date.

However, he raised concern about the Parish Council not been aware of the new plan or the fact that they have not discussed it. The Parish Council should take the lead on this issue, they should be aware of all meetings. The community must be involved with this. If we go ahead with social media which is to be discussed later, then this will be an excellent tool.

He also proposed that a Parish Council Road Safety Working Group be set up. The group should be chaired by a Parish Cllr and have a Parish Cllr as a deputy, The Speed Watch Group Co-ordinator should be on the group together with members of the Speed Watch Group and also other members of the community who are not involved with either the Parish Council or the Speed Watch Group. The Group could work towards creating a plan that includes all of the parish and includes input from the community, the group could also look at fundraising. The clerk advised that any applications for funding must go through full parish council meetings.

Cllr Sayers said she would be willing to try anything to make things better, but we do need to work together.

The clerk reminded the Parish Cllrs that they will be expected to take responsibility of any new measures as they did with the 20mph limit and the SID in Church Street. There are agreements between Cumbria County Council and the Parish Council on both matters.

**Resolved** that a Parish Council Led Road Safety Working Group will be set up.

Cllr Kanhai, Cllr Longworth, Cllr Henderson and Cllr Sayers will all joint the group.

1. **Resolved** to nominate Cllr Kanhai and Cllr Sayers to be on the Safer Speeds Group.
2. Suggestions for the Safer Speeds Group will come through the working group and discussion

 at the next Parish Council meeting ahead of the Safer Speeds Group meeting in September.

**174/22 Speed Indicator Device**

Consideration was given to taking responsibility of a new SID, the suggested locations

 and the costs.

**Resolved** that the Parish Council are happy to take responsibility for a new movable SID.

Locations agreed were Market Street and Foxfield Road, but it was noted that different location can

be added at later dates. It was also noted that funding will need to be raised.

**175/22 Climate Change**

 Consideration was given to what we can do as a Parish Council regarding this matter particularly as

 your Greening Group separated from the Parish Council and formed Duddon Sustainable.

 **Resolved** that we can support Duddon Sustainable by promoting what they are doing via our

website etc. It was also **Resolved** to note that we can plant trees etc. in our Green spaces such as

 Wilson Park.

**176/22 The Square**

1. Consideration was given to having solar panel lights on the obelisk

 **Resolved** to look into this further but also noted we have not precepted for this and it might

be better left until the next financial year.

1. Consideration was given to the possibility of having a feeder pillar in the Square to provide electricity for Christmas tree lights, Charter Day and other events in the Square

**Resolved** to note that the clerk is trying to get a quote for this.

**177/22 Parish Lengths Man**

Consideration was give to quotesreceived by the parish lengths man.

 **Resolved** to adjourn this until next time as the quotation crosses parishes and stretches our budgets.

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**178/22 Wilson Park**

Cllr Jardine advised that he has had a meeting with someone who is setting up a charity called Skateboard Cumbria, when the charity is up and running, we will be able to apply for funding from them. The clerk advised that she has now submitted 3 applications for funding being:

Walney Extension Community Fund, Awards for All England, and the NFU. She also advised that there is a funding fair in Kendal on 22 September, the event is free which and she would like to attend but she feels that the PC should pay for her fuel (on agenda later)

**179/22 The Beancroft Woods**

Consideration was given to correspondence regarding The Beancroft Woods.

 **Resolved** that the Parish Council do support the management plan as detailed in the correspondence dated 28 July 2022.

**180/22 Parish Council Surgeries**

Cllr Glessal advised that concern was raised about a streetlight which goes off for a

 Couple of minutes and then comes back on again. Concern was also raised about parking at the bottom of Princes Street where there are yellow lines but the lines are very faint and need refreshing.

 The next surgery is on 13 September 2022 between at 10.45 until 12 noon in the Square Café.

 It was noted that after the next surgery, we may need to look for a different venue.

 The clerk will report the streel light and the yellow lines.

**181/22 Communication**

1. Consideration was given to having a Facebook Page

**Resolved** to set up a new Facebook page. Cllr Kanhai will set this up but the clerk will also have access to it.

1. Consideration was given to Parish Cllrs having their own specific email address using the parish council domain name.

**Resolved** that all Parish Cllrs will have a Parish Council email with the exception of Cllr Curwen who refused and advised he had no interest in any of the information he will be missing out on.

1. Social Media Policy – **Resolved** that the clerk will draft up a policy for approval at the next meeting.
2. Office 365 subscription – The clerk had looked into whether it will be worth using Office 365 Business but it would cost about £4.50 per month per user.

**Resolved** to continue using the personal version and reimbursing the clerk. It was noted that whist it is illegal for Parish Councils to online platforms for full Parish Councils, working groups can do so but they can use Zoom, it does not have to be Office 365.

1. Parish Pump News – **Resolved** that Cllr Sayers will put Parish Council news into the Parish Pump news on a regular basis using the meeting notes for subjects. Links to our website and Facebook page will always be included in the news.

**182/22 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority’s website)**

Ref No:SL/2022/0716

Location: 16 Broughton Park BROUGHTON-INFURNESS LA20 6HB

Proposal: Front porch, conversion of garage and alterations

No comments or objections

Reference: 7/2022/5527

Location: High Kiln Bank, Ulpha, Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6EB

Proposal: Erection of portal frame cattle building

Cllr Sayers felt there was not enough information for this application

Reference: 7/2022/5531

Location: Old Syke House and Syke House Cottage, Church Street, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6ER

 Proposal: To attach a safety mirror to the outside of the building

 No comments or objections

 **Planning Applications Granted**

7/2021/5983 – Ball Hall, Broughton-in-Furness LA20 6BB

7/2022/5390 – Beswicks Restaurant, Broughton-in-Furness LA20 6JF

7/2022/5494 – 7 Broom Close, Broughton-in-Furness LA20 6JG

**183/22 Consultations**

Short Term Holiday Lets

 **Resolved** to respond to the NALC questions to the response rather than the full consultation.

**184/22** **Charities**

 The clerk raised concern about The Graner Grave Fund and The Brown Cow Institute (Proceeds) Not currently having meetings. Funds are building up in both these charities bank accounts but nothing is ever given out.

 **Resolved** that meetings will be set up for these charities perhaps before a Parish Council

 meeting to bring them up to date and function as they should.

**185/22 Training**

 **Resolved** that Cllr Kanhai can attend the Effective Cllr modules 1 and 2 and the clerk will attend the Steve Parkinson Procurement course

**186/22 Financial Matters**

1. To authorise the following payment

 Cllr Albion (reimbursements) £ 26.29

 Hawthwaite Garden Services £ 480.00

 Victory Hall (Solar Panel & EV funds) £ 6,470.00

 NPower £ 81.28

 Waterplus £ 25.71

 Parish Lengths Man £ 300.00

 Salary £ 545.76

 £7,929.04

 Receipts

 Allotment rent £ 100.00

 VAT Refund £ 4,540.05

 Honesty Boxes £ 80.00

 £ 4720.05

1. Consideration was given to working from home Allowance and fuel allowance

**Resolved** that the clerk will claim the WFH allowance but for it to be split between the 3 parishes she clerks for**.** Also **Resolved** to pay for her fuel to attend the Funding Fair at Kendal.

1. Year to date figures have been sent out but the clerk requested that the Cash Book be checked by a Cllr. **Resolved** that Cllr Henderson will check the book at the 6 month point.
2. Option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements.

**Resolved** not to opt out of the SAAA arrangements.

**187/22 Progress Reports**

1. **Community Resilience Plan** – A member of the group has started filling in the draft template and there are issues with the application system with ENW to get a generator
2. **Victory Hall –** are in the process of completing the paperwork toget the funds from the solar panels into their bank account. Charge My Street are happy for the hall to invoice them directly and get those funds straight into the VH bank account.

There was also a concern raised about noise when functions are on in the hall but it was noted that this is the reason the hall is there and if you buy a house close by then it is to be expected that there may on occasions be a bit of noise.

1. **Levelling up –** The clerk asked if the Parish Council would like to add planning to the response to Tim Farron.

**Resolved** to add both planning and Housing to the response**.**

1. **Prince of Wales –** To go on next agenda.
2. **Queens Voluntary Awards –** Unfortunately, Duddon Community Support do not qualify as

they have not been running long enough.

1. Highways – The clerk Has set up My Account with Cumbria County Council. This will keep

everything logged by the Parish Council in one place but it was noted that individuals can also set up their own My Account.

1. Public Toilets – No cleaner has been found yet to look after the toilets when Cllr Albion is

 away.

Cllr Curwen left the meeting; he was not happy that he had not been allowed to talk about his claims that paintings are missing from the Victory Hall.

1. Derelict Buildings – The clerk advised that she has sent phots in to LDNPA regarding

 Sawrey Court and the building on Market Street between the Manor and CGP.

 There is another one on Foxfield Road but this comes under SLDC.

**188/22 Councillors Reports**

This item has been put back on the agenda at the request of Cllr Curwen, but unfortunately, he left the meeting before we got to this item.

 Cllr Henderson is looking for a volunteer to empty the dog poop bins whilst she is on holiday

 No one volunteered but she will ask Cllr Albion when she sees him next.

**189/22 Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next council meeting will be on 22 September 2022