

Draft Minutes August 2016

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 August 2016 in the Rankin Room Victory Hall, Broughton-in-Furness

Present Cllr Albion, Cllr L Burch, Cllr J Curwen, Cllr Downe, Cllr Edmondson, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr E Knowles, Cllr Longworth

- 134/16 Apologies**
Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr J Johnson and Cllr G Pitts
- 135/16 Requests for Dispensations**
Cllr A Downe requested in writing for a dispensation in respect of setting the precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
Cllr J Johnson was granted dispensation in respect of setting the precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 136/16 Declaration of Interests**
Cllr Knowles and Cllr Burch declared an interest in item no: 19 - Parish Lengths man
- 137/16 To consider if there are any items on the agenda from which the press and public should be excluded.**
Resolved that no items are to be discussed in private.
- 138/16 Minutes**
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 June 2016 be signed by the chair with the following amendment:-
Minute number 122/16 should read Resolved that as per SLDC's suggestion the bin is monitored to see how much it gets used. It can then be relocated again if it is not used at its present location which is next to the skips.
- 139/16 Public Participation.**
- a) Police were in attendance and reported incidents including lots of sheep on the road, assorted traffic accidents, a car had been key scratched, and a member of the public has been picked up and taken home several times. The police also had the SID results from SID's recent visit to Church Street and showed that there is no speeding issues in Church Street. The police suggested that perhaps white lines in Church Street that narrow the road would be useful.
 - b) Cllr David Fletcher was not in attendance and had not sent in any report.
 - c) Public – One member of the public was in attendance in to answer any queries on one of the planning applications which is on the agenda. He also raised concern about Cumbria County not having any funding to clear drains out. He also asked the council if they would reconsider the grass cutting at Bush Green and not cut one side of it.
- 140/16 Community Led Plan**
- a) Cllr Knowles advised that's he had attended a meeting at the school regarding Traffic Calming outside the school which may include automatic lighting, teeth on road to slow traffic down or zigzag lines.

- b) To arrange a meeting of the CLP subcommittee is adjourned until the next meeting.
- c) Cllr Curwen raised concern that no residents in Angerton had been sent questionnaires and were therefore unable to participate in the questionnaire.

141/16 Victory Hall

- a) Fire Safety – A document regarding Relevant Extracts from the Fire Management Plan for the Victory Hall. **Resolved** to note the document and the clerk sign and return to E Knowles.

It was also noted that the Victory Hall have had a Fire Safety Audit and it is recommended that a Fire Risk Assessment is carried out by a competent fire risk assessor with the relevant qualifications. **Resolved** that Cllr Knowles will get 3 quotes for this.

- b) Cllr Knowles advised that the keypad issues should be resolved in the next few weeks.

142/16 Pylons

Consideration was given to a letter which was sent to Mr Powell and Mr Wright at National Grid regarding the pylons. The letter was sent following a meeting on 10 August where 12 Parish Councils established a Coordination Group with the clear aim to effectively unite against proposals to build pylons within the Southern Cumbrian coastal route. **Resolved** that Duddon Parish Council would like to be included in the Coordination Group and fully support the letter.

Cllr Pitts response to the Nugen Consultation was also noted.

143/16 Footpath at Foxfield

Cllr Curwen would like the Parish Council to go ahead and extend the footpath at Foxfield. **Resolved** that Cllr Curwen will discuss the matter with Cumbria County Council to find a way to progress this matter.

144/16 Allotments

Correspondence has been received raising concern about problems accessing allotment plots by vehicle. The clerk was tasked with replying to the letter and advising that vehicles should be left on the car parking area and to get heavy items from there to the plots perhaps a wheelbarrow could be used.

145/16 Cattle Grids

Cllr Longworth had contacted Cumbria County Council regarding the cattle grids and gates next to them. Cllr Longworth proposes that a map is sent to CCC showing all the cattle grids and they in return will advise who owns them. **Resolved** to send a map to CCC.

146/16 Obelisk

The clerk advised that the application to the Environment Partnership Fund has been approved and the letter of acceptance had been sent back.

147/16 Donkey Rocks

Cllr Albion raised concern about safety at Donkey Rocks. Consideration was given to 3 quotes for felling some trees and also for 3 quotes for safety signs. **Resolved** to ask Greaves Tree Services to fell the trees and Resolved to order the signs from Signs and Notices.

148/16 Shop Frontage Scheme

The clerk advised that a form for the Shop Frontage Scheme has been given out so we may need to have this on a future agenda. There is £250 let in the fund.

149/16 Wilson Park

- a) Consideration of applying to CGP for funding for topsoil was adjourned again until the next meeting as we still do not have 3 quotes.
- b) Cllr Albion proposed that a whizzy be purchased to complete the playground. Once we have 3 quotes we can then consider funding options and progress this matter.

150/16 Subcommittee for Roads

Cllr Curwen raised concern about the state of the roads and footpaths. No subcommittee was formed but it was **Resolved** that all Parish Cllrs should check around to identify problems to be sent to Cumbria County Council and the County Cllr.

151/16 Street Lighting

Consideration was given to the maintenance of the street lights. Agrilek have failed to do the promised survey and repairs to lights not working and it was reported in the local paper that Agrilek in Barrow is closing down. The clerk advised that Optech Fibres would be interested in doing the maintenance. **Resolved** that the clerk can progress this matter with Optech Fibres.

152/16 Parish Lengths Man

Resolved to ask the Parish Lengths man to give the bus stop at Broughton Mills a complete overhaul, to repair the bus stop at Foxfield and to repoint the obelisk.

153/16 Planning Applications

7/2016/5289 – Low Aulthurstside, Woodland, Broughton-in-Furness LA20 6AE
Setting back the stone wall opposite the entrance including a gateway for safer movement of stock.

7/2016/5490 – Land opposite Cockley Beck Farmhouse, Seathwaite, Broughton-in-Furness, Erection of an Eco pad Solar Panel and defibrillator.

SL/2016/0693 – Land At Bush Green, Foxfield Road, Broughton-in-Furness
Variation of condition no 6 (use and occupation of the approved annex and installation of sewage plant) (revised application SL/2015/1165)

7/2016/5526 – White Moss, Duddon Moss, Broughton in Furness

Fell approximately 6 ha trees on the bog; block approximately 650 metres of ditches to reduce runoff and install approximately 6 ha of low “bunds” around the felled tree boundary
Notice of Refusal of consent to application

7/2016/5200 – Bryan Redhead & Co Ltd – Replacement Windows

Two more planning applications had been received since the agendas had been sent out being:

7/2016/5240 – Moss Side Farm, Woodland, Broughton-in-Furness

7/2016/5568 - Cross Hawes, Broughton in Furness.

It was agreed that no extraordinary meeting is required to discuss and comment on these plans.

154/16 Budget

£635 has been received this year but not allocated within the budget.

Resolved to allocate the £635 to Donkey Rocks and to apply for the rest of the funding needed to make Donkey Rocks safe from CGP.

155/16 External Audit

The Annual Return including the external auditor certificate was presented and it was

Resolved to accept and approve the annual return and to note that no matters had come to the attention of the external auditors.

156/16 Financial Matters

Resolved that the following Direct Debits, Standing Order and Cheques for June/July 2016:

E-on	128.64
HMRC	103.40
C Adams	450.00
Hawthwaite Garden Services	920.00
Victory Hall	80.30
SLDC	189.24
United Utilities	83.34
Healthmatic	385.99
G Albion	25.00
Npower	67.21
BDO	240.00
	<u>£2673.02</u>

Receipts

Sunshine Fund	1305.13
German Fisher	250.00
Land Rent	30.00
	<u>£1585.13</u>

157/16 Correspondence

Resolved to note items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

158/16 Cllr Reports

Cllr Edmondson raised concern about how quiet Charter Day was and suggested that next year it is arranged to have stall around the square. Cllr Edmondson raised concern about a gully getting worse and concerned about it flooding again.

Cllr Albion raised concern about the state of the pavements in Princes Street.

Cllr Downe raised about the amount of dog poop in Church Street following the relocation of the litter bin.

Cllr Longworth advised she had contacted CCC regarding bracken which had not been cut back as she is concerned about visibility. Cllr Longworth also raised concern about gutters which need cleaning out.

Cllr Burch advised that there is an open day at Keppleway and also asked if it was possible to have the agreement between Keppleway and the Parish Council regarding the use of Donkey Rocks.

Cllr Glessal advised that some pot holes had been done properly in some areas and asked if Peter Hosking could be invited to come to a Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Knowles advised that books had been purchased as a gift for the Chair of CCC on charter day instead of the usual flowers.

Cllr Knowles was very pleased to advise that the police had confirmed that she is not a criminal and will not be taking any action against her. The complainant had been informed.

159/16 District Cllr Curwen

Cllr Curwen suggested that a letter with all faults on should go to the County Cllr so that he can take it up with County Council. Cllr Curwen was concerned that the other side of Duddon Bridge, Cartmell and Flookbrough have all been cut back and look lovely but Duddon Parish is not so good yet the same contractor is used. Raised concern about County Council always claiming that they have no money yet other places get money sent on them. Cllr Curwen thinks rates should go directly to the parish. Cllr Curwen raised concern about the verges at Broughton Mills not been cut.

160/16 Date of next Meeting

To note that the next ordinary meeting is 22 September 2016.