Draft Minutes for February 2022

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 February 2022 in the Rankin Room

at the Victory Hall.

**Present** Cllr G Albion, Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr Gibbard-Thompson, Cllr V Glessal

Cllr C Henderson, Cllr J Jardine, Cllr I Longworth.

Cllr Jardine is Vice chair and is chairing tonight in the absence of the chairman.

**022/22 Apologies**

 **Resolved** to accept apologies from Cllr C Curwen and Cllr J Sayers. Reasons noted with the clerk.

**023/22 Requests for Dispensations**

There wereno requests for Dispensations.

**024/22 Declaration of Interests**

There were nodeclaration of interests.

**025/22 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.

 **026/22 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27 January 2022 to be signed by the chairman as a true record.

 **027/22** **Chairs Announcements**

There were no chairman’s announcements.

**028/22 Public Participation**

1. County Cllr was in attendance and reported that the resurfacing work at Foxfield had been

 delayed due to the bad weather. The ramp at the Eccle Riggs side is a bad one.

 The bridge at Ulpha is on the construction list.

 The road at Duddon mosses has been reported and flagged, there will be a team coming out to look at his.

 He has requested a meeting with P Hosking and S Giles following up from there visit a couple of years ago and flagging up the potential new housing development. He suggested that any CIL tax could be put towards extending the footpath on Foxfield Road to Bush Green or improving Occupation Lane.

X7 & x 112 bus service desperate for support and volunteers to help keep the services running.

They are seeking funding of about £15000 to keep the service running for the next 6 months.

 Hoping to introduce the next step of reinstating the bus from Haverigg.

 He also reported various roads in Broughton are listed for resurfacing.

1. District Cllr Ian Wharton was not in attendance but had sent his apologies.
2. Residents were in attendance

Concern was raised about a planning application which after many months and several planning officers the application had to be withdrawn and will need to be resubmitted, there was concern about the original letter from the Parish Council not being supportive enough and the resident invited the Cllrs to come and have a site visit. Cllr Edmondson agreed to do a site visit.

A person interested in the position of Parish Lengthsman introduced himself and talked about

what he does as a Lengthsman in Eskdale and how much he enjoys doing it. He confirmed he has the relevant amount of insurance needed to take on the role.

**029/22 Prince of Wales**

Following submission of the application to have the Prince of Wales an asset of community value

SLDC had requested further information on

*Could the asset realistically continue to be used for this or another qualifying community purpose (or could this be achieved within the next five years)?”*

**Resolved** to submit the following response was agreed-

*'We have consulted with similar assets of community value ( The Farmers Arms, Lowick and the Trawden Arms, Trawden in the Forrest) we would hope and envisage some sort of community land trust is established, to run the business as a managed or tenanted house, and all after necessary professional advice being sought.
Funding is a major concern, but the government community ownership fund is currently a big help and further funding would have to be sought from local, regional and national grants and philanthropists. Help would be sought from groups such the Plunkett foundation, pub is the hub, CAMRA, and Cumbria community foundation amongst many others.'*

**030/22 Princes Street**

For the purpose of clarity for Cumbria County Council it was **Resolved** that the Parish Council would like to see the whole of the pavement in Princes Street tarmacked.

**031/22 Parish Lengthsman**

There was discussion around offering an agreement with the gentleman who had spoken in public participation. **Resolved** that the clerk liaise with the clerk at Eskdale to ensure consistency in the agreements. The draft agreement will be presented at the March meeting for approval by the council before offering it to the gentleman.

**032/22 Meeting on 10th February (Regarding Land at Foxfield Road)**

The clerk advised that when the parish council are notified of the planning application a meeting should be set up immediately to invite everyone with concerns to attend and give their concerns

to the parish council for consideration when they author a response to the application. It was noted from the correspondence that Mr Winter, the builders and their drainage consultant will

be coming along to see the residents in neighbouring properties in the next couple of weeks.

Cllr Glessal advised that she had received a phone call from Cllr J Sayers (who was not in attendance) and had asked Cllr Glessal to advise the parish council that at that meeting no one had actually objected to the development.

**Resolved** to notecorrespondence from several members of the public regarding the proposed

development on the land at Foxfield Road. Concerns included in the correspondence were

drainage issues, inexperienced builder who may not be able to complete the project. Mr Winter being unable to advise the cost of the buildings etc.

 It was also **Resolved** that the clerk will contact Mr Winter to request details of that meeting and to advise him that Cllr Henderson will be attending said meeting on behalf of the parish council.

**033/22** **Community Resilience Plan**

1. The Terms of Reference for the Working Group was not discussed.
2. Cllr Glessal gave the following update DCS have applied for funding from Frieda Scott

Charity for Over £3000. This will be used to purchase 2 freezers, 1 toaster, a large hot water boiler, 55 torches and 50 thermos flasks. There are discussions about turning the Green Room at the Victory Hall into a large Kitchen. A number of other organisations are also

going to be asked to join the group. There are also discussions with Electricity North West regarding a generator, whilst this has not been totally ruled out there is no promise from them that we would be prioritised.

**Resolved** that the clerk will approach CGP to have a conversation about generators to see if they can offer any help. She will also ask Ian Wharton to get involved with the plan.

**034/22 Charter Day**

There was a discussion about Charter day and making into more of an event this year and having some market stalls, food vans etc.

 **Resolved** to make it more of an event, the clerk will contact various people to ask them if they are interested in helping to organise this.

**035/22 Wilson Park**

1. Skateboard Park – There was a discussion around a recent quote and Cllr Jardine Advised there is still another quote to come. The Clerk advised that as the quotes are over £25,000

It should be put out tender.

**Resolved** that the clerk will put it out for tender to get like for like tenders as per the quote discussed earlier.

1. Trees – There is now another quote to fell the trees in Wilson Park. Whilst a previous quote had been agreed the company concerned have never got back to the clerk to arrange a date for the work despite been chased several times. **Resolved** to give the work to the second company which included work to fell a conifer hedge which is snapping and considered dangerous.
2. Consideration was given to a quote for a tree and a plaque for the Jubilee tree but there it was suggested that a bench with a plaque would be better.

**Resolved** to still plane a tree but to also have a bench with a plaque for the Jubilee.

1. Cllr Albion advised that there had been concern about a child hitting the fence after coming down the slide. Someone had said they would leave a mat at the reception desk at the Victory Hall but the mat never appeared and no more concern had been raised.

**036/22 Keep Britain Tidy**

The dates for Keep Britain Tidy are 25 March 2022 to 10 April 2022

 **Resolved** that the clerk will contact the school to see if the children can take part.

**037/22 Car Parking at School**

Cllr Longworth gave an update form a recent meeting at the school. Advice form Highways was that to have an exit/entrance on to the main road there would need to be 43m visibility either side

which rules out having a new entrance. Because of this there needed to be rethink and extra parking will need to be created by using the entrance at Kepplewray which is already there. The current idea is to work with Kepplewray to create a parking area at the top for staff for Kepplewray and also the school staff. This will leave the parking area there now available for parents and dropping off etc. The Islands on the right as you go in could possibly be removed to create even more parking for parents. It is also thought this will make more room for busses to get to Kepplewray and turn round more safely.

At weekends and in holidays the parking area can be used to help reduce the parking problems in Broughton itself.

**038/22 Fish Slabs**

The Stone Workshop in Ulverston still have the old Fish Slabs from years ago when the slabs were replaced and wanted to know if we or anyone else wants them.

 Resolved that we don’t want them and the clerk will tell the workshop to get rid of them.

**039/22 Auction Mart Lamp Posts**

Cllr Albion raised concern about Camper Vans parking at the Auction Mart and people using

 The back of vans as a toilet. He has spoken to someone form the Auction Mart (as they

 Own the land) and he is proposing that we get signs made to go on the lamp posts saying

 Camper vans, no overnight parking on both sides of the road. Thank you Duddon Parish Council.

 He also advised that sign at Donkey Rocks has disappeared and requested a new sign to replace this be ordered with the signs for the lamp post.

 **Resolved** that the clerk will order the signs for the lamp posts at the Auction Mart and also the one for Donkey Rocks at that is a health and safety issue and should not be left until the next meeting.

**040/22 Dog Poop Bins**

Consideration was given to the emptying of the dog poop bin at Wilson Park. Concern was raised about leaving the black sacks next to the bins for SLDC as this could attract vermin. **Resolved**

that the bins will continue to be emptied but instead of putting the whole sack next to the bin the smaller individual sacks will be put into the SLDC bin which is what would happen if the dog poop bins weren’t there.

**041/22 Sawrey Court**

Concern was raised once again about Sawrey Court not been completed

 **Resolved** that the clerk will write to LDNPA to see if there is any way to enforce completion.

**042/22 Green Lanes**

1. Consideration was given to correspondence from the Lake District Green Lines Alliance.

 **Resolved** to ask from a representative from the alliance to attend one of our meetings.

1. The Government response to the Landscapes review was not discussed.

**043/22 Parish Council Surgery**

Cllr Glessal and Cllr Edmondson reported that there is work going to be done at the Blacksmiths Arms including knocking a Barn Down.

Cllr Edmondson also reported that he is meeting with the NFU and the Evening Mail at Wilson Park to publicise the new picnic tables which have been kindly donated by the NFU.

The date for the next parish surgery is Tuesday 8the March 2022 at the Square Café between

10.45 am and 12 noon.

**044/22 Victory Hall**

The clerk had a request to put this on the agenda but the Victory Hall committee have this in hand and there was no need for it to be on the agenda.

**045/22 Visit from Cllr Brooks (Leader of SLDC)**

There was a discussion about whether to have an indoor meeting or a walkaround and subjects

 to discuss with Cllr Brooks.

 **Resolved** to ask to meet in the Square Café to start with and then weather permitting perhaps a

walk around afterwards. Suggested subjects are Skateboard Park, General cleanliness of

 Broughton including arrangements with the sweeper, any funding opportunities from SLDC.

**046/22 Charities**

 **Resolved** to adjourn this until the next meeting as we still have no volunteers to be trustees.

**047/22 Rural Market Town Group**

**Resolved** to note that no parish Cllrs volunteered to go on the virtual panels one focusing on older people and one focuses on younger people.

**048/22 Remote Hybrid Meetings**

Consideration was given to supporting the petition launched by ADSO and LLG by passing the

 following motion and writing to the Secretary of State to show support:

 **Resolved** to write to the Secretary of State for levelling up as follows:-.

*‘This Council supports the petition launched by ADSO and LLG on 5 January with regard to remote and hybrid meetings. We agree to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities calling on the Government to change the law to allow councils the flexibility to hold such meetings when they deem appropriate within agreed rules and procedures.’*

**049/22 Planning Working Group**

Consideration was given to having a planning working group and alternative arrangements for minor planning applications

**Resolved** that no one was interested and that we have tried to do this before.

The clerk advised that there was an alternative than to having a planning working group. She advised that the parish council should have a delegation scheme in place. The scheme should

Include the tasks that the clerk already does as detailed in Standing Orders and Financial Regulations but can also include dealing with smaller planning applications by emailing details of

applications out to all Cllrs and Cllrs emailing the clerk with their views. The Clerk then drafts a response (if necessary) from the emails received.

**050/22** **Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority’s website)**

 7/2022/5076 Location: 2 Ulpha Bridge Houses, Ulpha, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6DT

 Proposal: Replace existing storm damaged shed and greenhouse with one new shed.

 No comments or objections.

 7/2022/5097 Location: Rock Lee, Woodland, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6AE (map)

 Proposal: New dwelling and garage in the grounds of the existing property and the change of

 use of the existing house to become storage / workshop

 No comments or objections.

 7/2022/5090 Location: Hall Dunnerdale Farm (Ash Cragg), Seathwaite, Broughton-InFurness,

 LA20 6ED

 Proposal: Erect manure store building

 No comments or objections.

 **Not Progressed**

 SL/2021/1107 SL/2021/0719 Land North of Graylags Foxfield Broughton in Furness LA20 6BX

 **Planning Applications Granted**

7/2021/5777 – The Kepplewray Centre

Erection of Bouldering Wall

 SL/2021/1107 -Dower House Eccle Riggs Lane Broughton in Furness LA20 6BW

**051/22 CAFS Grant**

Consideration was given to transferring the used monies from the CAFS grant to Sustainable

 Duddon

 **Resolved** to transfer the money to Sustainable Duddon once the clerk has received an email

confirming that they will adhere to the terms and conditions. To date that email has not been received.

**052/22**. **Financial Matters**

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

SRCL 48.84

 Salary 700.30

 Clerk Reimbursements 27.84

 Adam Jackson Ltd 67.80

 Npower (toilets) 62.67

 £ 907.45

  **Receipts**

 E-on (Solar Panels) 333.04

 Honesty Boxes 30.38

 £363.42

**053/21.**  **Date of Next Meeting**

 To note that the next council meeting will be on 24 March 2022