DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2024 in the Rankin Room

at the Victory Hall.

**Present:** Cllr V Glessal, Cllr J Jardine, Cllr M Kirkbride, Cllr Lane, Cllr I Longworth, Cllr C Robertshaw

 and Cllr P Robinson.

**001/24 Apologies**

 **Resolved** to note apologies from Cllr J Brakewell, Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr Kanhai

**002/24** **Requests for Dispensations**

 **Resolved** to note that there was no request for dispensations.

**003/24** **Declarations of Interest**

**Resolved** to note that there was no declaration of interests.

**004/24 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 are to be discussed in private.

**005/24 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd November 2023 to be signed by the chairman as a true record.

**006/24** **Chairs Announcements**

The Chair expressed huge thanks to PhilWhite for donating the Christmas tree to the community.

**007/24** **Public Participation**

1. Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton’s was not in attendance but had sent the following

 report:

Unfortunately owing to a clash with not one but two other meetings, I cannot attend in person today. By way of a quick report, I offer the following:

I have been apprised of the conversations between the parish and W&F Council around road safety issues and been copied into the several responses you have received. As I understand it the timeline of key points is as follows:

June 2023 a meeting chaired by Carol Last between parish and other residents regards the new council’s approach and to discuss options moving forward

July-August 2023 a council-wide “walk the wards” process whereby all members fed into Highways about key local priorities.

Sept-October 2023 a locality-wide list of these priorities was collated and shared via the locality board meetings

During the latter period, W&F Council launched a new council-wide policy on introducing 20mph zones in all communities that wanted them, funded to the tune of £300,000 for the first year.

Carol Last has also been liaising with Duddon Parish around opportunities to feed into the Council strategy through its Thriving Places agenda and also gave advice as to how Community Led Plan initiatives could be advanced.

At the most recent parish meetings I have attended, I have made it clear I am happy to attend or address the meetings of the local speed action group, but am unaware if any of these have been held recently.

I believe there has been data collection in Broughton last year and also will seek to find out if more details can be gathered as to the safety audit carried out as to the new 20mph zone.

Unfortunately, owing to a restructuring in funding available to local members in the new council, the Members’ Highways Fund, from which Duddon Parish previously received more than £12,000 from me during my time as a County Councillor, no longer exists, with money centralised as part of a strategic highways committee of which I am not a member.

On the matter of flooding locally, I have spoken recently with Jason Harte and asked him to take the various long-standing issues re Highways flooding in the parish forwards and to escalate priority. Added to this there are one or two new floods occurring on highways, so will ensure these are logged and addressed.

Regards Fibrus Broadband there has been some updates given to Emma Hatton, a former colleague in the B4RN volunteer group, so I will seek to share these more widely with the community as appropriate. I do not believe we have any specific details of when properties can expect to be connected to fibre hyperfast services yet, but we do plan to update our social media group/page accordingly and when I have had a chance for a more in-depth update from Emma herself I will share this with you.

Regards winter maintenance, this is an ongoing, cross-party gripe that I and other local members are leading on, as the arrangements from the last days of Cumbria County have largely been carried forward ad-hoc into the new authority and leading to the very poor levels of service provision that we saw in the last year or so of Cumbria County Council. I will be ensuring pressure is maintained on the new council’s administration to develop new policies in regards to this and a great deal of other issues as a matter of course (bin collections, complaints, council tax and fees disregard schemes and more).

Regards the campaign for community police based in Broughton, I made a little progress on this either side of Christmas but will update more at your next meeting.

Thanks, and let me know of other matters outstanding or arising.

1. There were no residents in attendance.

**008/24** **Building Safe and Strong Communities**

 Consideration was given to the Westmorland and FurnessBuilding Safe and Strong Communities

 Document.

 **Resolved** that the Parish Council welcome this document in particular Westmorland and Furness’s

 Commitment to working with Parish Councils.

**009/24 Road** **Safety Working Group**

Cllr Robertshaw raised concern that the response from Highways (in response to the letter from the Parish Council) was only a partial response and there was no mention of the more difficult matters.

He is concerned that Highways are not sharing the safety audit with the Parish Council.

**Resolved** that Cllr Robertshaw will draft a reply to highways for the clerk to forward on to Highways.

**010/24** **D-Day 80 6th June 2024**

**Resolved** that the clerk will forward on the full guide for D DAY events and put this on the next agenda.

**011/25 Friends of the X112**

**Resolved** to note that the Friends of the X112 are looking for new faces to join them.

**012/24 Cumbria Police**

 **Resolved** to take up the offer of a Fraud Prevention Talk from Cumbria Police.

**013/24** **Community Resilience Plan**

**Resolved** to note that the clerk will email the Chair of Duddon Community Support and to see if the there is a possibility of resurrecting the group to complete the plan. It was also noted that we do need someone to coordinate the plan.

 **014/24** **Wilson Park**

 Cllr Jardine advised he had spoken to Duddon Sustainable who are looking for places to plant new

 trees. Cllr Jardine also advised that a fallen tree had been sorted out.

 **Resolved** to note that trees could be planted between the green spaces on the pump track.

**015/24** **Allotment Field**

Cllr Jardine advised that he and Cllr Kirkbride had visited the site and it needs restructuring as some

plots are smaller than others and some are not been used even though the rent has been paid on them.

**Resolved** that the clerk will write to the allotment holders.

**016/24** **Parish Lengths Man**

 **Resolved** to ask the Parish Lengths Man to have a ride around and tidy up where necessary..

**017/24 Parish Cllrs Surgeries**

 Cllr Glessal advised that the following concerns had been raised at the latest surgery:

1. The state of a road in Broughton Mills which is collapsing.
2. Dog poop around the parish.
3. Cars using Station Road as a rat run within a rat run.
4. Flooding on the bend at Foxfield.

 **Resolved** to note thatthe next surgery is on 13th February 2024 between 10.45am and 12 noon in the Square Café.

**018/24** **Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority’s website)** Reference: 7/2023/5833

 Location: Wallenrigg Farm, Woodland, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6AE

 Proposal: Change of Use from paddock to attached extended garden comprising new

 garage/workshop, permeable graded driveway and porch/oil store to existing residential

 property.

 **Resolved** to note that the Parish council have no objections or comments.

 **Planning Application Refused**

 Reference: 7/2023/5740

 Location: Redundant barn on east side of road and, Redundant barn, Hall Dunnerdale, Seathwaite Proposal: Conversion of 1 Barn to 1 Dwelling (holiday or permanent occupation) (Resubmission of

 Application Ref: 7/2022/5674)

 **Appeal**

 Ref No: SL/2023/0539

 Location: Land North of Graylags, Foxfield, Broughton-in-Furness LA20 6BX

 **Retrospective Planning Application**

 Reference: 7/2023/5793

 Location: Wall End Farm, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6DE

 Proposal: Retrospective planning application for the retention of building used for 10 stables, six for general livery, and a menage

 **Prior Approval Not Required**

 Ref no: 7/2023/5768

 Location: Knott End Farm, Broughton Mills, Broughton In Furness, LA20 6AZ Proposal: Multi-

 purpose storage building and animal housing

 **Planning Permission Granted**

 **Ref No:**  7/2023/5619

 Location: Syke End, Church Street, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6ER

 Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension.

 **Consent Notice for Protected trees**

 Application Number: T/2023/0141

 This Tree Preservation Order was served by the Lake District National Park Authority on 19 December 1969. The Authority now CONSENTS to the following works being carried out: Oak tree (listed as part of G1 as part of TPO: 43) - Reduce and reshape by up to 3m. at 1, Broom Close, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6JG (subject to conditions)

**019/24 Treasurer for the CALC board**

 **Resolved** to note that Duddon Parish have no nominations for the above post.

**020/24** **Training**

 **Resolved** to note that there are no training requirements this month.

**021/24 Financial Matters**

 **Resolved** to authorise the following payments:

CALC 90.00

 Heaths Ltd 18.00

 Clerk Reimbursements 32.00

 CGP Pitstop 7.90

 Victory Hall 88.00

 N Power 249.00

 Npower 87.62

 Waterplus 26.71

 Allotment Society 66.00

 Salary 630.00

 Quartz Acoustics 19.42

 C Hamps 100.00

 Npower 86.27

 Scribe 414.72

 £1,915.64

**022/24** **Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2023**

**Resolved** to increase the clerk’s salary in accordance with the Local Government Services Payment agreement 2023.

**023/24 2024/25 Budgets and precept**.

Consideration was given to theproposed budget and it was **Resolved** to request a precept of £32.700 which is the same as last year.

1. **024/24 Changing bank**

 **Resolved** to change banks from Barclays to Unity Trust.

**025/24 Councillors Reports**

 **Resolved** to note;

1. The bus shelter at Broughton Mills had blown down and is not repairable.
2. Overgrown bushes at the top of Occupation Lane need cutting back.

**026/24 Date of Next Meeting**

 To note that the date of the next council meeting is to be on 22nd February 2024 at 7.00pm

 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.