

Draft Minutes for July 2021

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 July 2021 in the Rankin Room
at the Victory Hall.

Present Cllr G Albion, Cllr Curwen, Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr P Gibbard-Thompson, Cllr V Glessal,
Cllr C Henderson, Cllr J Jardine, and Cllr J Sayers.

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

140/21 Nomination of chair

Cllr Sayers was proposed and seconded to be Chair of the Parish Council

Resolved that Cllr Sayers be Chair and her Declaration of Office was signed.

141/21 Nomination of Vice Chair

Cllr Jardine was proposed and seconded to be Vice Chair of the Parish Council

Resolved that Cllr Jardine be Vice Chair.

142/21 Apologies

There were no apologies to accept.

143/21 Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for Dispensations.

144/21 Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests.

145/21 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.

146/21 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 June 2021 to be signed by the chair as a true record.

147/21 Chairs Announcements

Charter Day will be on Sunday 1st August 2021.

148/21 Public Participation

a) County Cllr was not in attendance but had sent his apologies with the following update report:

The works for the 20mph zone should be going ahead soon, staffing issues at Highways with workers isolating notwithstanding. Then the hard work begins to get people to adhere to the new limits, but as you know we have plans and strategies in place to make this a success.

B4RN broadband – the volunteer work to bring the world's fastest, cheapest rural broadband to Duddon continues apace, we have around 150 premises signed up with around another hundred or so to get; we do need a critical mass of expressions of interest (no commitment at this stage) to take things to the next stage and we hope to present more details at upcoming events this summer, in addition to our facebook

group, web page, printed leaflets and word of mouth campaign. We need homes, businesses and community groups to get on board, we also need volunteers to help spread the word and people who can help identify larger landowners to discuss the wayleaves or informal permissions to lay the new cable.

As mentioned at last meeting, the Friends of X112 group are now running their extended service including a new route from Coniston to Broughton, and onwards to Kirkby, Askam, Dalton and Barrow via the extended X7 route, which began on Weds 23 and runs Weds and Fridays to begin with. As always the group is doing sterling work but needs volunteers and fundraising, as the County continues to persist with its policy of not allowing funds to directly subsidise the running of bus routes, even though the Friends of group is now a charity and they believe they are contracting community transport. Hopefully the new routes and days will be supported and the council can be persuaded to divert at least some funding to maintain and establish all our rural routes, including the X112 from Coniston. We have a meeting coming up with County to try and press for reforms to how the community funding can be spent to better support the group, and how the government's buses strategy will be fulfilled in Cumbria.

I have secured a commitment from County to invest in improving the existing cycleway between Foxfield and Bush Green; they also stand ready to assist with the improvements to Occupation Lane but of course agreement needs to be reached on how this will be managed in future. I support the Parish in its effort to clarify rights of way/usage and suggest a site meeting later this summer to try and get agreement on how this can be achieved to everyone's mutual satisfaction. I think perhaps the parish taking some sort of lease over the lane and then trying to secure funding to maintain the upkeep, perhaps sub contracted to CGP who manage the old railway line so well. As to the issue of unauthorised vehicular use I have suggested a lockable barrier at the top end.

You may or may not be aware of a plan from Natural England to fell every single tree on the land they own on Foxfield/Angerton Mosses. I and other residents are very perturbed by this and I am writing to find out what the plans are, and ask why the people at NE have not seen fit to consult with the county council as lead authority for highways, flooding and rights of way/footpaths.

Local Government Reorganisation; the report landed yesterday and it is proposed South Lakeland, Barrow and Eden are placed together in a unitary authority and County Council scrapped. This authority could decide to form a combined authority with the other three districts under an elected Mayor. More details to emerge on this but if it passes there are proposed to be elections to a new "shadow" authority in May 2022.

Finally, a reminder there is the new South Lakes environment fund that can be used on verges, roads, footpaths, biodiversity corridors, wildflower areas etc, so if you have any suggestions as to what and where these projects might be appropriate in your parish I am happy to champion these. If you wish to make any application for a grant fund for any local project to do with the Greening Campaign – maybe towards the allotments or wildflower planting/verge greening – I will be pleased to support.

Hope that's covered it and sorry I can't be there in person. Hopefully will see some of you on 1 August for Charter Day.

b) District Cllrs were not in attendance but had sent their apologies with the following update:

1: Covid 19 Update

As of 9th June, the number of Covid 19 cases in South Lakeland is 497 cases per 100,000 as opposed to 10 per 100,000 a month ago. The infection rate is greatest in the 19 to 24 age group, followed by the 30 to 39 age group.

Even though the restrictions have been relaxed.

Please:

- If you travel take a rapid result covid test on your return, get a confirmatory PCR test if you test positive and self-isolate.
- Get vaccinated as soon as you are able. National data is showing that around 95% of people now being admitted to hospital have not been vaccinated.
- Stay vigilant and follow the basic public health guidance - washing hands, wearing masks, keeping your distance and meeting outdoors are effective at preventing spread.
- Continue to do regular rapid result covid tests at home as part of your weekly routine and get a confirmatory PCR test if you are positive.
- If you have symptoms - new persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell - book a PCR test through the national system and self-isolate until you get your result. If you are positive, self-isolate for 10 days.

Testing is important for the management of this situation and this push will commence shortly. You can get testing kits from your local chemist.

2. SLDC Update

The Government Boundary Commission is undergoing a boundary change Consultation, for the Parliamentary Constituencies in Cumbria. This could see large parts of the Broughton and Coniston coming under the Barrow and Whitehaven Constituencies. It is important that everyone has an input in this Consultation, so we get the representation that is right for the area. www.bcereviews.org.uk

You have until 2nd August to make your comments. Please advertise this as much as possible to your residents as much as possible. You could end up with an MP living in Whitehaven.

Yesterday the Government announced this shape of the Unitary Authority. The County will be split diagonally into two Units . The South Lakeland District Council area will merge with Eden (Appleby/Penrith and Barrow). The nature of the roles of the District and County Councillors will merge and will probably end up with extra workload on the Parishes. Though the nature of the roles will have to be finalised.

3. Visitor Management

The Tactical Visitor Management Group and developed specific area visitor management plans. These plans are regularly reviewed and amended as the situation changes. We have a traffic light system in place, ranging from Green, Amber, Red and Purple. Emergency services were stretched with mountain rescues and water accidents In a lot of the areas we are purple after last weekend. The purple areas tend

to be near water and there will be extra Ranger and Police patrols, Parking enforcement and Landscape Protection Officers, dealing with Fly Camping, Litter and Irresponsible behaviours.

Messages are being sent out on Social media on Behaviours in the Lakes, Preparation and Water and Fire Safety.

We are aware of fly camping around Ulpha and we ask you to contact CVAlerts@lakedistrict.gov.uk for action, likewise for any similar infringements. There are various signs including No Camping signs. If you know of any landowners having problems, contact me and I can get some signs sent to them.

Unfortunately, we are still seeing a small minority exhibiting loutish behaviours and I have concern that people have approached some of these groups and as a result have been threatened. The advice is not to confront, but to call the Police. Call 101 or 101emails@cumbria.police.uk if you see any of these issues occurring. Likewise if there is fly Camping or illegal offroading. There are regular patrols around the area, so help is not far away.

Remember, it is a small minority causing this problem, the vast majority are no problem at all.

Contact me on 077784 30926, or ian.wharton@southlakeland.gov.uk if you have any queries/concerns.

Stay Safe, Keep Healthy

Ian, Heather and Tracy

c) Residents.

A member of the Friends of X112 was in attendance and gave a talk on the new service.

The X112 and X11 have joined together and have charity status. Subsidies had been pulled and there are lots of difficulties with County and funding. Monies have been given to County Council but returned to Government as County said they did not need it. County Cllrs and MP urging County to relook at funding. The service will be run by the charity on Thursdays and Fridays and will be funded by the community. Monday, Wednesday and Friday it will be run by Blueworks Taxis Ltd. NoW and A2B cards are accepted on the service. The service will go through Broughton on a Wednesday and Friday. The timetable gives people lots of choices and is not only a good opportunity for local people but also for people on the caravan sites etc.

Local community funding will be vital to keep this service running.

A housing Trust has inherited a house in Broughton. There will be an opportunity for people on a low income to rent the house out eventually.

The chair thanked Mrs Hall for attending our meeting..

A member of the Badminton Group was in attendance and raised concern about the badminton lines not been put back on the hall floor following the floor refurbishment work. Various options were discussed including, mats, painting the lines back or using tape.

149/21 Greening Campaign

Cllr Albion gave an update as follows:

There had been a meeting recently where the 8 challenges were agreed. Many suggestions and ideas were talked about for the launch day. There will be scarecrow competition over the summer. CGP are doing the posters for this as soon as the posters are up people can start making their scarecrows possibly based on the 8 challenges. Judging day will be 10 September 2021 and there will be prizes.

150/21 Victory Hall

There was a discussion about replacing the lines for the badminton court following the renewal of the floor in the main hall.

Resolved that the lines will be replaced, a member of the badminton group will get prices for various options and liaise with the clerk.

151/21 Wilson Park

Cllr Jardine gave an update on Wilson Park, what the younger people would like to see to in the park. The majority say they would like a Skate Park. He has researched various options i.e. different materials, prices etc. and gave 3 examples ranging from £12,500 to £40,000. Fundraising will be needed, and grants will need to be applied for. It was noted that should the park be less than 200² metres then it could have been done without planning permission, but this seemed very small.

Resolved that the Parish Council are in agreement to the installation of a Skate Park subject to the funding being sought. Cllr Jardine will now look into options specifically for Wilson Park and will bring further updates to the next meeting.

152/21 Mobile Food Units in the Square

The clerk advised that an ice cream company had approached her regarding bringing an ice cream van to the Square in Broughton. Permission is not necessarily needed from the Parish Council but it was appreciated that the company had the courtesy to approach the Parish Council. **Resolved** that the clerk will reply to the company with suggested days and upcoming events.

The clerk also advised that there were several complaints about the Burger Van in the Square. This is not a Parish Council matter and any residents complaining will be directed to Cumbria County Council or South Lakeland District Council.

153/21 Queens Jubilee

It was noted that the Queens Jubilee is next year in 2022. It was also noted that the committee who have organized the VE/VJ celebrations are going to organize the Jubilee Celebrations.

154/21 Process of Co-opting New Cllrs

Following last month's meeting where the Parish Council were unable to make a decision between two extremely good candidates and agreed to seek advice from the clerk. The Clerk advised it was unfair to change the process when they were in the middle of the process.

When co-opting in the past it was done by candidates submitting an email/letter with a little about themselves followed by a vote at the next Parish Council meeting. **Resolved** that the process stay the same until this current co-option was complete.

Resolved that in future applicants for co-opting will be invited to the Parish Council meeting to introduce themselves and have a chat with the Cllrs. The vote to co-opt will then take place at the following meeting.

155/21 Consultations

a) Windermere Gateway Transport Infrastructure Delivery Supplementary Planning Document Consultation. **Resolved** not to respond as a Parish Council.

b) South Lakeland Local Plan Review

Resolved to adjourn this until the next meeting.

c) Parliamentary Boundaries

Resolved that Cllr Sayers and Cllr Gibbard-Thompson will respond to this on behalf of the Parish Council.

156/21 Planning Applications

7/2021.5517 – Ulpha School, Broughton-in-Furness LA20 6DT.

Change of use from workshop to dormitory and extension – No objections.

Notice of Grant of Planning Applications

7/2021/5382 – 1-4 Ulpha Bridge Houses

7/2021/5384 - Hagg Farm, Hawthwaite

Notice of Listed Building Consent

7/2021/4060 – Ulpha Bridge

7/2021/5369 – Seathwaite Bridge

7/2021/5324 – Shop Bridge, Broughton Mills

Notice of Express Consent Subject to Conditions

7/2021/5408 Holy Trinity Church

Notice of Refusal of Consent to Application

7/2021/5353 – Low Whineray Ground Barn

157/21 Financial Matters**Resolved** that the following Direct Debits, Standing Order and Cheques be paid:-

: SRCL	48.00
Hawthwaite Garden Services	480.00
Salary	476.80
HMRC	286.40
NPower	47.56
E-on	102.39
Sam Eccles	1480.00
	<u>£2921.15</u>

Receipts

HMRC	2461.78
Honesty Boxes	46.72
	<u>£2,508.50</u>

158/21 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held on 26 August 2021.

