

## **DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 July 2022 in the Rankin Room  
at the Victory Hall.

**Present** Cllr G Albion, Cllr J Curwen, Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr C Henderson, Cllr J Jardine, Cllr S Lane, and Cllr I Longworth.

### **143/22 Apologies**

An apology letter was received by Cllr Sayers. Cllr Sayers is aware of the 6 month rule and advised in the letter she would like to remain a Parish Cllr.

The Parish Council **Resolved** to accept Cllr Sayers apologies for the 6 month period for Health reasons.

### **144/22 Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for Dispensations.

### **145/22 Declaration of Interests**

There were no declaration of interests.

### **146/22 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.

### **147/22 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 June 2022 to be signed by the chairman as a true record.

### **148/22 Chairs Announcements**

The made the following announcements:

- a) Charter is on Monday, there will be a few stalls there this year to make it a bit more of an event.
- b) Duddon Mosses had to cancel their guided walks due to Covid. The walks have been rescheduled for 6 August 2022 between 14.00 and 16.00pm. The second walk will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> August between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. You can book a space by emailing the Reserve Warden Tracy Cumberbatch at [tracy.cumberbatch@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:tracy.cumberbatch@naturalengland.org.uk).
- c) There is a Rights of Way Committee meeting in Victory Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 11.00am. A report regarding the application register Occupation Lane will be considered. Public are invited but will not be allowed to speak on the day.

### **149/22 Public Participation**

- a) County Cllr was in attendance. He reported that the data tubes have been put down in Broughton but the ideal window for them to be in place had been missed. He is not aware of how the location are chosen for the tubes. The next Safer Speeds meeting is in September. The 20mph is not going to solve the issues alone. Highways are looking at other options. There are still snagging issues which need to be sorted out. More enforcement is needed. Hopefully, we will get PC's in Broughton as we do qualify geographically. There will be research into Keppleway and other areas, Photographs were taken when the Fireman did recent drills. Highways are working on a flooding plan; work could include widening the gullies at Keppleway. The field for development on Foxfield Road has also been talked about, particularly regarding drainage issues.

There is a possibility that the footpath on Foxfield Road could be extended to Bush Green. The work may include cables for utilities and possible street lighting all being done at the same time. This is not a done deal yet. This work could also work well with refiguring the traffic. Road resurfacing is happening towards Woodland, Highways are catching up on minor roads. There is no more hedge/vegetation cutting until second half of August. In respect of the Local Government Reorganisation, nothing much is happening other than the setting out of senior officers and committees.

- b) District Cllr Ian Wharton was in attendance and reported the following:

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION** A Cabinet has been appointed for the new Westmorland and Furness Council. It will work in parallel with the existing District Councils and Cumbria County Council prior to becoming fully functional in April 2023. A Council plan which will confirm the high level strategic direction and vision is currently being developed. The CEO, was pointed today, Sam Plum who was the CEO of Barrow Council.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT** SLDC is allocating a one off energy rebate payment of £150 to most properties in Bands A to D. Households will be receiving a letter shortly. Likewise, there is a Sustainable Warmth grant scheme, which give grants to residents to support installing energy efficiency measures and low carbon heating into homes to reduce heat loss, bills and carbon emissions. Eligible households can receive funding up SLDC will be writing to eligible households.

**FAIRER SOUTH LAKE LAND COMMUNITY FUND**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS SUPPORT** SLDC is subsidising support for small businesses to become greener. The environmental action planning and certification package, which includes 12 months Green Small Business certification, usually costs from £299 and SLDC will pay up to 50.

**WINDERMERE FERRY** There was a public consultation on 7<sup>th</sup> June, by Cumbria County Council in Bowness on the Mallard replacement. The project is at the High level Concept stage and it will be 2 or 3 years before it will be built. The session was well attended and there was a presentation and Question and Answer session. It will have capacity for 15 vehicles and will be battery powered.

**LAKES WATER QUALITY** There is an increasing problem with sewage in the Lakes. The National Park has joined with several other agencies to promote the Love Windermere project to reduce lake contamination. In Coniston, we are intending to get areas of the lake designated as bathing waters. We will be undertaking water usage surveys through the Summer. This means it will be easier to finance sewage plant upgrades and maintenance.

**WATERBIRD PROJECT – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** In June, the Waterbird, a hydroplane (seaplane) took off on Windermere re-enacting the original, historic flight in 1910 of the first hydroplane. The trials were successful and we are holding a public display on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September, near Cunsey. We need about a dozen volunteers to help with Parking and Marshalling. This will be between 2 and 6 pm.

**VISITOR MANAGEMENT** The Tactical Visitor Management Group has put plans in action, in coordination with Safer Lakes. The 56 day rule for pop up camping and car parking has not been, but the 28 day rule still applies. As expected, the Park is less busy this year as overseas holidays restart. There is also a drop in visitors and spending as people are being more careful with their pennies and due to the escalating price of fuel. There are patrols dealing with problems with bad behaviours, littering and inconsiderate parking, and these have been escalated to coincide with the so if you have any problems, please contact the Safer Lakes group on [help@lakedistrict.gov.uk](mailto:help@lakedistrict.gov.uk).

**SOUTH COPELAND GEOLOGICAL DISPOSAL FACILITY** South Copeland is one of three Cumbria Councils bidding for the Radioactive disposal facility, along with Mid Copeland and Allerdale. The proposal is to create a site some 1,000m below the Irish Sea, with access from land at Haverigg. For this, they are looking for sites with suitable Geological characteristics. This will involve Geophysical, Seismic surveying, followed by boreholes, from which cores will be taken. The seismic surveys will be shortly commencing and it is likely that the timescale before the waste is buried will be about 15 years

- c) Residents were in attendance and raised concern about the pavements not been safe because some drivers are driving in a criminal way. The resident was very concerned about Keppleway as there is a risk of a head-to-head accident. It is not safe for anyone to walk up Keppleway to the school with prams, dogs, kids etc.

Another resident advised that two speed watch sessions had been on Church Street one in the morning and one in the evening. One third of vehicles were in excess of the speed limit which could have incurred police action. The highest speed was 37mph. He also reported that there have been two accidents this week by cars been pushed into the pavement and tyres have been shredded. On one occasion it could not be fixed overnight. An anonymous resident contributed towards the cost of the overnight stay. The hill at Church Street is a menace and signage needs sorting. Concern was also raised with the data from the SID and where that information goes,

The clerk was tasked with contacting the police to see if they receive the data from the SID and also asking the police if they would consider footage from a local residents CCTV.

Another resident is very interested in becoming a parish Cllr, should he be co-opted he would be happy to volunteer to get involved with anything to do with the 20mph, in particular, he would volunteer to take part in the Safer Speeds meetings.

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#### **Road Safety**

a) **Background to 20mph limit:**

As volume and speed of traffic has been a long standing issue for Broughton, it might be helpful for parish councillors to know more about the process gone through in order to improve road safety and achieve a 20 mph limit.

Due to previous contradictory approaches, Cumbria Highways would not engage until there was undisputed proof of the community's wishes. The Broughton Community Plan (adopted by DPC in April 2016) provided this since 73% of the 365 respondents supported the introduction of a 20 mph limit. (Another parish-wide consultation was undertaken in early 2021 to update the Broughton Community Plan and respondents once again raised road safety as a concern.)

Following the publication of the 2016 Broughton Community Plan, Highways agreed to meet with Annette as the Chair of Broughton Community Plan Steering Group and Elaine Knowles as Chair of DPC to discuss what measures could be taken. Our County Councillor (previously David Fletcher and now Matt Brereton) also participate in these meetings which remain ongoing. The group is called the Safer Speeds Group and reports on outcomes are provided to DPC by Annette or Matt.

Initially Highways were reluctant to consider a 20 mph limit but did agree to install some other traffic calming measures. These included various road markings and signage as well as the automation of the flashing lights outside Broughton School and were funded from Cllr. Fletcher's Local Members budget.

In October 2017 the Broughton Speed Watch Group was set up by Annette with help from PCSO Harris to deter speeding drivers. Speed watch sessions also later helped drive down the average speed of vehicles in Broughton so as to meet the parameter required for a 20 mph limit.

In 2018 a 20 mph scheme was drawn up and costed out by Highways. Since there was no Highways budget available for this, £36,000 had to be raised to pay for the scheme. Funding was obtained from an SLDC Project Fund, Cllr. Brereton's Members budget, CGP Trust and a CCC Community Grant. DPC contributed £1,000 while £500 was fundraised by Broughton Speed Watch Group. A public consultation on the outline scheme was carried out by Highways in November 2019 and a statutory consultation on the final scheme took place in December 2020.

A Speed Indicator Device (SID) was installed on Church Street in March 2020 as part of the traffic calming measures needed for Broughton's 20 mph zone. Prior to its installation DPC agreed to take overall responsibility for the SID (as required by Highways) with installation and ongoing supervision to be undertaken by Annette. Statistics from the SID has been used to inform the Safer Speeds Group but Highways will only make decisions based on its own more extensive data gathering.

In October 2021 the 20 mph zone was put in place.

**b) Update from the Safer Speeds Group and Broughton Speed Watch Group**

As reported to DPC's AGM, the Safer Speeds Group met in May 2022 to review the 20 mph scheme. Although the number and speed of vehicles has reduced since its installation, there remains a problem with drivers using Broughton's streets as a short cut. Highways are therefore going to assess whether altering traffic flows might be feasible to improve the situation in the long-term.

Subsequently Highways has agreed to lay down speed data tubes in six locations within Broughton before the end of the summer. This is to measure current traffic volumes and speed as previous data was gathered in January when some pandemic restrictions were still in place. Data will also be gathered on the number of vehicles staying on the A595 and so bypassing Broughton.

Road markings within Broughton will also be refreshed.

**Update on Broughton Speed Watch Group**

The Speed Watch Group conducted 11 roadside sessions between 9<sup>th</sup> June and 20<sup>th</sup> July. Details of 140 speeding vehicles were passed on to PCSO Harris for police warning letters to be sent to their registered keepers.

A meeting of Speed Group volunteers took place in early July at which ways to improve road safety were discussed. Several suggestions for further traffic calming measures were suggested and these will be discussed at the next Safer Speeds Group meeting. It was agreed to ask Simon Fell MP for assistance with our campaign to improve road safety and he has agreed to attend a speed watch session so as to see the problem first hand. A road safety poster competition organised by PCSO Harris at Broughton School was very successful and CGP is making the winning designs into posters and banners to display around town. CGP is paying for the printing of the posters while the costs of the banners are being shared between CGP, Broughton Speed Watch and Broughton School. Fifty "20 is plenty" wheelie

bin stickers are being distributed to residents to provide even more visible reminders to slow down.

In the past Broughton Speed Watch has sent letters to local firms requesting that employees be asked not to use Broughton as a short cut and for those who do drive through to observe the speed limit. It was suggested at the Group's recent meeting that these letters would carry more weight if sent from DPC. If this was agreed, a speed watch volunteer would provide the Parish Clerk with a pro forma letter and details as to who to address each letter to.

- c) **Resolved** that the Parish Council had no questions or feedback on a & b above.
- d) **Resolved** that the clerk can send the letters to firms requesting their employees not to use Broughton as a short cut and that she also contact Millom Town Council to ask for their support in publicising our speed watching and concerns.
- e) **Resolved** to adjourn nominating a parish Cllr to attend the Safer Speeds meetings until the next meeting in order to make it fair to the interested parties.
- f) **Resolved** to adjourn suggestions to take forward to the safer speeds meeting until the next meeting in order to give the parish Cllrs time to think about it.
- g) **Resolved** to agree in principle to the suggestion of breaking the traffic flow.

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#### **Speed Indicator Device**

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

**Resolved** to adjourn all the above until the next meeting. The reason being that District Cllr Wharton knows of other parishes doing the same thing and it could be worth while purchasing a SID between the interested parishes. Cllr Wharton promised he will get back to us regarding this matter.

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#### **Victory Hall**

a) Consideration was given to disbanding the agreement with the Victory Hall Committee dated 2010.

**Resolved** that the agreement be disbanded

b) Consideration was given to the funds from the solar panels and EV Charging points going into the Victory Hall account.

**Resolved** that the funds from the solar panels and the EV Charging point will go into the Victory Hall bank account in Future.

c) Consideration to the annual £1200 subsidy the parish council give to the Victory Hall.

**Resolved** not to give the £1200 subsidy in future as the hall will benefit from additional funding from the solar panels and the EV Charging points

d) Consideration was given to giving a grant to the VH committee using the funds from solar panels and EV charging points which are already in the parish council bank account .

**Resolved** to make a grant of £6470 to the hall using the funds already received from the solar panel and EV Charging points.

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#### **The Square**

a) Consideration to the possibility of EV charging points in the Square.

**Resolved** not to pursue this at this present time.

b) **Resolved** to look into solar panel trees and also the costs of a feeder pillar and to put this on the next agenda.

- 154/22 Parish Lengths Man**  
 Work for the Parish Lengths Man was discussed.  
 Cutting back from the school to 30mph zone, Foxfield Road, Woodland and Broughton Mills.  
**Resolved** that the clerk will ask the lengths man to ring Cllr Albion to discuss in more detail.
- 155/22 Wilson Park**  
 Cllr Jardine advised that he is having a meeting with a semi pro skateboarder who is setting up a charity called Skateboard Cumbria who are willing to help. The clerk continues to look for funding.
- 156/22 Public Toilets**  
 Cllr Albion raised concern about the cleanliness of the public toilets whilst he is on holiday. He suggested asking CGP, other suggestions were made.  
**Resolved** that the clerk will follow the suggestions up.
- 157/22 Parish Council Surgeries**  
 Cllr Glessal and Cllr Edmondson advised that concern was raised about the state of the pavement outside the Old Kings Head.  
 Someone interested in becoming a Parish Cllr came for a chat.  
 The next surgery is on 9 August 2022 between at 10.45 until 12 noon in the Square Café.  
 The clerk will report the pavement using the new My Account with Cumbria County Council.
- 158/22 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)**  
 Ref: SL/2022/0569  
 Location: Brockbank Ground BROUGHTON-INFURNESS LA20 6BS  
 Proposal: Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 3 (materials) & 6 (hard & soft landscaping) attached to planning permission SL/2018/1034 (Siting of 2 timber lodges for holiday accommodation and installation of sewage treatment plant and associated works) (Retrospective)  
 No comments or objections.
- Ref: SL/2022/0611  
 Location: Brockbank Ground, Broughton In Furness  
 Proposal: Siting of 1 additional replacement lodge for holiday accommodation purposes  
 Landscaping and associated works (Retrospective).  
 No comments or objections.
- Ref: 7/2022/5390  
 Location: Beswicks Restaurant, The Square, Broughton-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA20 6JF  
 Proposal: Change of use of property from a disused restaurant (covering 2 floors) and part residential property (covering upper 2 floors) to a fully residential property. No modifications to structure or building  
 No comments or objections.
- Ref: 7/2022/5175  
 Location: Upper Hawthwaite Farm, Hawthwaite, Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6AD  
 Proposal: Restoration and remodel of existing farmhouse, with conversion and connection into existing attached barn  
 No comments or objections.

Ref: 7/2022/5432  
Location: White Moss and Heathwaite Moss, Wrecks Causeway, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6BS  
Proposal: Restoration works including regular bunding and re-profiling of the damaged peat  
No comments or objections

### **Planning Applications Granted**

7/2022/5295 – Ball Hall Woods, Broughton Mills LA20 6BB  
7//2022/5348 – Troughton Hall, Woodland, Broughton in Furness LA20 6AH

### **Breach of Condition Notice**

E/2022/0316 – Land adjacent to Lodge Terrace

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### **Consultations**

a) Statement of Community Involvement

**Resolved** that the Parish Council did not want to take part in the questionnaire

a) Diversion of footpath 520004, Walk Mill, Broughton Wet (Duddon)

**Resolved** that the Parish Council are in Support of the diversion.

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### **The Rural Markets Towns Group**

Consideration was given to renewing the membership as the free trial has expired.

**Resolved** not to renew as it will cost £72 and no one is showing any interest in it.

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### **Financial Matters**

To authorise the following payments:

Hawthwaite Garden Services	£720.00
Npower	£ 81.21
Waterplus	£ 8.11
SRCL	£ 36.00
Heaths	£ 69.60
Victory Hall	£ 73.00
Parish Lengths Man	£500.00
Salary	<u>£682.22</u>
	£

#### Receipts

Allotment rent	100.00
Ev Charge points	222.66
Lowick PC	28.33
Blawith & Subberthwaite PC	28.33

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### **Co-option**

**Resolved** to co-opt Russell Kanhai on to the Parish Council

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### **Training**

The new training programme will be sent to newly co-opted Cllr Kanhai, who will advise the clerk if he chooses to attend any courses. Cllr Lane will also advise the clerk of any requirements.

**Resolved** that the clerk can attend the procurement course

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### **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next council meeting will be on 25 August 2022