DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27 July 2023 in the Rankin Room

at the Victory Hall.

**Present**  Cllr Brakewell, Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr J Jardine, Cllr R Kanhai,

Cllr S Lane, Cllr I Longworth and Cllr Robertshaw.

The Chairman opened the meeting and advised that the meeting is being recorded.

**154/23 Apologies**

**Resolved** to note apologies from Cllr Kirkbride and Cllr P Robinson.

**155/23** **Requests for Dispensations**

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

**156/23** **Declarations of Interest**

**Resolved** to note that there are no

**157/23 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.

**158/23 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 June 2023 to be signed by the chairman as a true record.

**159/23** **Chairs Announcements**

The Chair had announced that Charter Day is on Tuesday 1st August 2023.

**160/23** **Public Participation**

1. Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton’s was in attendance. He reported that he had a virtual walkabout around his ward with a member of the Highways Team. One of the priorities for Broughton is road safety particularly the A595 where several vehicles have come off the road. Flooding issues and potholes have been flagged up and added back on to the list

including issues at Woodland. There is no feedback from the meeting with Highways in June yet. The extension of the footpath on Foxfield Road has also been added back on to the list of priorities for Broughton.

He has recently attended a behind the scenes tour of Kirkby surgery.

He is aware that the parish council had a meeting with the Community Development Officer regarding plans to update the Community Led plan and advised that Westmorland and Furness have tools available to help us.

He has spoken to someone about the mirror on the A595 but it is an ongoing issue.

He should have updates on the tree in the Square and the possibility of a police presence in Broughton at the September meeting.

1. No residents were in attendance.

**161/23 Road Safety Working Group**

Cllr Kanhai reported that there is no feed back yet from the meeting with Highways back in June but the group are aware that this is going to take time.

He also advised that Westmorland are very keen that everything is reported to Highways using the Hiamms system.

**162/23 Community Place Plan**

Cllr Robertshaw advised that there had been a meeting with the Community Development officer and it is clear that Westmorland and Furness Council are keen to engage with Parish Councils. Possibly devolving budgets and decisions down to the Parish Council’s at some time in the future.

It was noted that progress on some matters from the 2016 plan and 2021 review has been achieved,

but given the possible opportunities with the Westmorland and Furness it may be a good time refresh the plan over the next 12 to 18months. The plan also needs to include the whole of the Parish and not just Broughton. Cllr Robertshaw suggested that we pick out and approach members of the community to help us with this project.

Westmorland and Furness have sent us the questionnaire template this afternoon and they are happy to help us progress this.

**163/23 Wilson Park**

Cllr Jardine advised that the pump track has now been completed apart from the signage which is on order. He has had good feedback and some youngsters are litter picking to keep it tidy. He suggested that as we had not used all of the budget, we could perhaps get some quotes to have the track tarmacked but this would need to be done by a different company.

**Resolved** that the clerk will get some quotes for discussion at the next meeting.

**164/23 Victory Hall**

1. To give consideration to relinquishing the Parish Council right to nominate trustees

on to the Victory Hall committee as per the “Scheme” dated 4th August 1998

**Resolved** that the Parish Council will relinquish their right to nominate a trustee under the current

scheme subject to the current committee passing a Resolution to ask the Parish Council to run the hall.

1. **Resolved** to adopt the new Governance Document subject to the current committee

agreeing to the amended Resolution to ask the Parish Council to run the hall.

**165/23 Parish Cllrs Surgeries**

Cllr Glessal and Cllr Edmondson advised that no one had attended the recent surgery on 11 July and the date of the next surgery will be on 8th August in the Square Café 10.45am until 12 noon.

**166/23 Parish Lengths Man**

Consideration was given to a quote for trimming back vegetation in various place on Foxfield Road

**Resolved** to go ahead with this work and to note that he was not interested in painting the slide at the park or doing the bus shelter repairs at Broughton Mills. The clerk was tasked with getting quotes from other people for these matters.

**167/23 Street Lighting**

**Resolved** to note that conversations have already started at Westmorland and Furness regarding

their street lighting policies particularly around areas where street lighting responsibilities are shared between Westmorland and Furness and parishes which is the case in our parish.

**168/23 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority’s website)**

Ref: 7/2023/5413

Location: 1 and 2 Kepplewray Annexe, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6BD

Proposal: Single storey extension to existing dwelling, internal alterations to combine two

properties into one dwelling and construction of a new outbuilding in the garden.

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

Ref: SL/2023/5043

Location: Brockbank Ground, Broughton-in-Furness LA20

Proposal: Improvement to and additional use of existing farm track, road access, creation of parking enclosure and associated landscaping works in association with approved planning permission SL/2018/1034 (Siting of 2 timber lodges for holiday accommodation and installation of sewage treatment plant and associated works.

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

Ref: SL/2023/0535

Location: Unit 4 Foxfield Business Park, Foxfield Broughton in Furness

Proposal:Variation of condition 3 (Approved plans) attached to planning permission SL/2019/0253 (Erection of two-storey building for Duddon & Furness Mountain Rescue, including parking area and new vehicular access road)

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

Ref: SL/2023/0502

Location: Butts Wood, Broughton in Furness

Proposal:Front extension to provide garage at ground floor with first floor dormer extension and glazed terrace over, alterations to existing windows in various locations

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

Ref: SL/2023/0503

Location: Wreaks Causeway Bridge

Proposal:Repair of bridge parapet wall caused by accident damage. Rebuild of 3m length of 500mm height of wall using existing stone. Damage in location of previous repairs where modern stone was used. Any non-retrieval stone will be supplemented by locally sourced slate stone. Please note, the stone detailed in the official list entry remains in-situ.

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

**Planning Permission Granted**

Ref: 7/2023/4047

Location: Entrance to Harry Wood, Smithy Lane, Nr Duddon Bridge

Proposal: Widening of gateway and creation of hard standing to allow stacking of timber and

access for timber lorry

**169/23 Consultations & Surveys**

1. LDNPA Local Service Provision Survey

**Resolved** to complete the survey

1. Morgan Wind Farm

**Resolved** to note that it is now too late to comment on this project but the clerk had sent out

Details on how to call an extraordinary meeting in order that comment could be made on the project but there had been no request for an extra meeting.

**170/23 Training**

**Resolved** to note that there is a new training schedule from CALC due to come out.

**Resolved** to rearrange the Code of Conduct training.

**171/23 Financial Matters**

**Resolved** to pay the following payments:

BHIB £ 38.54

Westmorland &Furness £ 195.00

Npower £ 126.94

NPower £ 96.12

Waterplus £ 36.30

Salary £ 630.00

Victory Hall £ 69.00

CALC £ 90.00

Hawthwaite Garden Services £1100.00 (2 months)

SRCL £ 36.00

Get Dirty Gardening £8175.60

Optech Fibres £ 192.00

**172/23 Progress Reports**

1. Solar Panels on the Public toilets.

A contractor has had a look at the possibility of putting solar panels on the toilets

but the roof is a funny shape and he did not think it worthwhile given the amount

of electricity used.

1. Town Cryer

This is all in place now and can be removed from future agendas

1. Volunteer Policy – The clerk has a policy which just needs a bit of tweaking

before the Parish Council discuss it further

1. Community Resilience Plan – Work in progress
2. Bank Mandate – Work in progress

**173/23 Councillors Reports**

Cllr Kanhai asked if the Parish Council could consider not meeting in August in the future

Cllr Robertshaw raised concern about the BT phone boxes not working, particularly at

Cockley Beck where there is no mobile phone signal. He will contact BT regarding this matter

**174/23 Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the date of the next council meeting is to be on 24th August 2023 at 7.00pm

in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.

Meeting Closed