

Draft Minutes for June 2021

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 June 2021 in the Main Hall
at the Victory Hall.

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

123/21 Apologies

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr C Edmondson and also C Adams (Clerk)

124/21 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to accept that there are no requests for Dispensations.

125/21 Declaration of Interests

Resolved to accept that there was no declaration of interests.

126/21 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.

127/21 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the AGM meeting held on Thursday 6th May 2021 to be signed by the chair as a true record to include the following amendment:

115/21a should read Resolved that Cllr Albion, Cllr Edmondson, Cllr Glessal, Cllr Henderson Cllr Jardine and Cllr Sayers are the trustees for the Brown Cow Institute (Proceeds) charity.

128/21 Co-option of new Cllrs.

Resolved that the Council need more information before making a decision as to co-opting a new Cllr. Advice will be sought from the clerk regarding inviting the candidates to the next meeting or arranging an informal meeting/more formal interview. Request the clerk to explain situation to current candidates.

129/21 Chairs Announcements

VJ Day 15 August 2021, Agenda is set. Volunteers are needed with chairs etc.

130/21 Public Participation

- a) County Cllr was in attendance and advised that the resurfacing work from High Cross to Duddon Bridge has been completed. Hopefully, resurfacing Church Street and Griffin Street will be done at the same time as installing the 20mph signs: Visual road narrowing at top of Foxfield Road: Red lines and road narrowing at top of Keppleway. Credit given to the community in fund raising.
Consultation on Dove Ford is on-line (ccc web-site) over the next month.
B4RN is gathering pace, very good offer to parishioners. Dan Robinson is contact for Duddon.
New bus service set up by local charity.
Highways have money set aside to repair Bush Green to Foxfield Road and he is working with CGP to establish street lighting at the end of Foxfield Road.
Chair of SLDC to do a site visit to Shop and Seathwaite Bridge to assess problems posed by closures. Local farmers will be consulted.

b) District Cllrs were not in attendance but had sent apologies and an email as follows:-

LOCAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES

1: Covid 19 Update

As of 9th June, the number of Covid 19 cases in South Lakeland is 10 cases per 100,000 as opposed to 48 per 100,000 in England and 15/100,000 in Cumbria, which has been skewed by the arrival of the Delta variant in the Greater Manchester area, where it is over 600 cases per 100,000. The Delta variant is the major source of infection. The infection rate is greatest in the 19 to 24 age group, followed by the 30 to 39 age group.

The Cumbria Public Health issued the below guidance yesterday.

Cumbrians are being advised to:

- Minimise travel into the Lancashire or Greater Manchester areas.
- 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.

As cases begin to climb again, 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 opening up the Economy and high streets is ongoing and grants are still available for businesses and people that have to self-isolate.

<https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/business-and-trade/business-support-grants-coronavirus-covid-19/>

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

3. Farmers Arms, Lowick

It looks like the Stable Bar is opening up in July. They had an antiques fayre over the Bank Holiday and have an Honesty Shop open up. They have also installed a Pizza oven and have a working Pottery.

4. Visitor Management

The National Park, in partnership with various agencies, like the Police, SLDC, CCC and National Trust have formed a Tactical Visitor Management Group and developed specific area visitor management plans. These plans are regularly reviewed and amended as the situation changes. I have been out again on some Multi agency patrols over the Bank Holiday weekend. We have been spreading the RESPECT, ENJOY, PROTECT message to visitors, which is reinforced by various signage around the Lake. Also, we have been handing out leaflets on Camper Van sites and Fire Safety. At the Park Authority, we are looking at banning the use of pre-packed barbecues and looking at devoting barbecue areas in some of the National Park properties. The Coop agreed to stop the sale of pre-packed barbecues yesterday.

Littering is still an issue and we have plenty of volunteers and officials involved in the clear up. We are also seeing Fly Camping issues and some of the pop-up camping sites have not been opened, so they will alleviate some of the pressure. Those that have done have been very busy and well organised and the local hospitality venues will benefit. The situation and behaviours will be closely monitored.

Last weekend was quieter than expected, partly due to the weather, Fathers Day and Football. We are trying out some Don't Camp Here signs to address fly camping and I will have about 15 available, so any landowners/farmers, please contact me. We are also looking at having special Landscape Officers to promote Responsible behaviours.

Unfortunately, the hospitality industry here, whilst busy is extremely short of staff. This, partly is as a result of the Covid situation, but largely due to Brexit and the shortage of migrant labour and the Salary minimum, placed by the Government. This sector is traditionally a labour intensive, low wage business sector. We discussed this matter at Council two years ago and asked the Government for dispensation, which we did not get. As a result, some venues are not opening or serving food as they cannot get staff. The shortage in itself is creating another problem, long waits for food and service and increasingly belligerent customers. To help remedy the issue, the Park Safer Lakes group is currently putting a Webinar together for Tourist related businesses, on handling difficult customers, which should be ready by the end of the month. I am also interested in hearing from local businesses about their current problems to see if there is anything we can do to minimise the problem.

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) No residents were in attendance.

131/21 Street Lighting

Resolved to replace to two existing streetlights at Keppleway and the two on Foxfield Road with LEDs at a cost of £1475 plus VAT.

132/21 Greening Campaign

Public meeting went very well. Eight challenges were discussed and chosen by ballot and there was a lively discussion of ideas to take forward to the launch day in September. Several offers of help already. A successful evening and a good start to the campaign

133/21 Parish Council Surgeries

Discussion took place regarding reinstating of the PC drop-in sessions and where to hold them. Cllr Sayers will speak to the owners of the Old Kings Head

Resolved that the monthly drop-in sessions will start again on 3rd August and will be advertised in the Parish Pump.

134/21 Wilson Park

- a) **Resolved** to ask Luscombe's to topsoil and seed the side of the slide in the playground.
- b) Cllr Jardine is to arrange a public meeting in the park to discuss divided opinion, various possible complications in the park and insurance.

135/21 Community Led Plan

Resolved to use the Community Led Plan and review as a basis for a Parish Council Action Plan. Cllr Sayers will discuss with the Clerk a suitable user-friendly format so that actions, time scales, And persons responsible are clear and progress can easily be monitored.

136/21 Consultations

Consideration was given to the following:

- a) Lake District National Park Partnership's Plan 2020 – 2025
Resolved that individual responses to be submitted.
- b) A595 Grizebeck Improvement
Resolved that individual responses to be submitted

137/21 Planning Applications

7/2021/5423 – Non-material amendment to planning application 7/2020/5318

Land adjacent to Lodge Terrace

The developer should be held to the original spec using local slate. This is more in keeping with the town, The slate should be sourced from our local quarry as first pledged.

7/2021/5447 – Agricultural Building

High Rosthwaite, Woodland – no objections.

7/2021/5408 Holy Trinity Church

Sign to identify Church – no objections.

7/2021/5382 – 1-4 Ulpha Bridge Houses

Proposed installation of a sewage treatment plant to replace septic tank – No objections

7/2021/4060 – Ulpha Bridge

Reconstruction of 2.5 length of the upstream parapet wall – No objections.

7/2021/5384 - Hagg Farm, Hawthwaite

Construction of a new detached garage - No objections.

T/2021/0068 – Whinnery Bank, Church Street

Horse Chestnut tree – Reduce – No objections.

7/2021/5369 – Seathwaite Bridge

Bridge widening and strengthening - No objections.

7/2021/5324 – Shop Bridge, Broughton Mills

Reconstruction, alterations and strengthening work to bridge- No objections.

7/2021/5353 – Low Whinnery Ground Barn
 Proposed alterations to gable end following refusal of 7/2020/5376 – No objections

Planning Application Granted

7/2021/5252 Cross Hawes

Information Only

SL/2021/0464 - Brockbank Ground, Broughton in Furness
 Discharge of condition 3 of planning permission SL/2018/1034

Withdrawn

10 High Keppleway

LEG/1604.434 - Tree Preservation Order

Lambgarth, Woodland

138/21 Financial Matters

Resolved to pay the following invoices:

Waterplus	53.42	Receipts	
ICO	35.00	Allotment Rent	60.00
SRCL	96.00	Honesty Boxes	23.18
Hawthwaite Garden Services	480.00	Precept	14367.93
Chatsworth Signs	164.88	E-on	895.87
BHIB	676.37		<u>£15,346.98</u>
SLDC	41.76		
Salary	953.60		
NPower	45.10		
Hygiene Depot	59.50		
Howard Wood	42.00		
Barry Coward	18820.00		
CALC	20.00		
Elegant Windows	2000.00		
D Johnson	150.00		
E-on	102.39		
Reimbursements	67.49		
Westmorland Fire	113.06		
	<u>£23920.57</u>		

139/21 Date of next Meeting

The next Ordinary meeting of the council will be held on 22 July 2021.

