DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 March 2023 in the Rankin Room

at the Victory Hall.

**Present** Cllr G Albion, Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr J Jardine, Cllr R Kanhai, Cllr S Lane

and Cllr J Sayers,

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

**049/23 Apologies**

**Resolved** to accept apologies from Cllr J Curwen, Cllr Longworth.

**050/23**  **Requests for Dispensations**

**Resolved** to note that there wereno requests for Dispensations.

**051/23 Declaration of Interests**

**Resolved** to note that there were no Declaration of Interests.

**052/23 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.

**053/23 Minutes**

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

**054/23** **Chairs Announcements**

The Chairman advised he needed to leave the meeting at 8.30pm. If the meeting is not finished Cllr Kanhai will take over as chair as the vice chair has sent apologies.

**055/23 Public Participation**

1. County Cllr was in attendance and reported the following:

Last time here as a County Cllr next time will be a Cllr for Westmoreland and Furness and he will be the only Cllr, no more County or district Cllrs. All officers have been under a lot pf pressure trying to get things done. Officers have been very supportive so credit where credit is due.

Pavement at Foxfield has been cleared this week.

Extension to footpath on Foxfield road has been derailed due to budget and drainage issues.

Bigger piece of work to do on this. Funding will carry through to the new authority.

Attended meeting with new Road Safety Working Group. PCSO was in attendance as well with two colleagues.

Not sure what funding will look like with new authority.

Confusion over Broadband Roll out. Fibruss involved but not going to connect everywhere. Need to get discussions going to see if B4RN become involved again.

New authority may roll back some decisions regarding funding for busses. Such decisions meant that funding could not be given directly to fund charitable bus services.

1. District Cllr was not in attendance and had sent the following email:

Please accept my apologies for this evening.

This would have been my last Duddon PC Meeting before we move onto a new era in Westmorland and Furness and you will be nobly represented by Matt.

Matt will be in a much better place to inform you of the various Government changes.

On April 1st and 2nd, there will be disruption at the Recycling sites due to the changeover of Contractors, cleaning and sign changing, so there will be delays and they will be closed at certain times.

On the Foxfield Road Development, no decision has yet been made. It is beyond the time limit for calling in the application to Committee. The Planning Committee will not be meeting again until post April 1st. Any judgment made by the Committee, or a Planning Officer will be subject to appeal, but this would again only take place after April 1st. Indeed, I doubt if any judgment will be made by SLDC before this date. As my responsibility stops on March 31st, you will have to rely on your duly elected Councillor, Matt Brereton.

This will probably my last act as a District Councillor, and I hope I have served you well. I wish you all and the Community all the best for the future.

Regards

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1. No residents were in attendance.

**056/23 Road Safety Working Group**

**Resolved** to note:

Meetings have been regular and very well attended.

Pleased to welcome PCSO Harris, two members of the Cumbria Constabulary and Cllr Brereton to last night’s meeting.

PCSO Harris stated “enforcement was never the solution to slowing traffic, only engineered solutions would do that".

Cllr Brereton welcomed the initiative of a Parish Council led Working group involving members of the community.

He was pleased to see how involved the public was in traffic matters.

He was keen to work with us to move to the next stages of seeking a solution to traffic issues.

Traffic flow suggestions and other traffic calming measures are being formulated by the Group.

These will be presented to the public in due course for comment.

Once due public consultation has taken place these will be sent to Highways for consideration.

The Group is liaising with the school regarding road safety concerns in the vicinity of the school.

Questionnaire has being drafted for parents and guardians to assess the concerns about road and pedestrian safety.

Questionnaire will be discussed with the Head and signed off by the Head and RSWG.

A wider Parish-wide questionnaire will follow in due course.

Looking forward, dialogue with the new Unitary Authority is imperative.

**057/23 Wilson Park**

Cllr Albion circulated a drawing of a potential pump track in Wilson Park.

**Resolved** that quotes will be sought for the track and sent to the clerk and to note that an enquiry has been submitted to LDNPA to find out if we need planning permission.

**058/23 Community Resilience Plan**

**Resolved** to note

1. A survey needs to be completed but the clerk will take it to the next resilience group meeting.
2. The next resilience meeting will take place next week.

**059/23** **Donkey Rocks**

1. Consideration was given to the correspondence from Kepplewray.

**Resolved** that permission be given to Kepplewray to continue using Donkey Rocks and that

They can expand slightly by clearing some shrubbery and bushes to create a second abseiling point to make it easier.

1. **Resolved** to note that no quotes were available for the tree work required at Donkey Rocks.

**060/23**  **Parish Cllrs Surgeries**

**Resolved** to note that Cllr Glessal and Cllr Edmondson reported no issues arising from the last

Parish Council surgery. The next surgery will be on the 11 April between 10.45 and 12 noon in the Square Café.

**061/23** **Allotments**

There has been a couple of requests for sheds, fencing and a pond to go the allotment plots**. Resolved** tonote that sheds and fences have restrictions on sizes and no ponds are allowed on the site. If any queries are sent to Cllrs or the clerk, they should refer them to the rules which all allotment holders have a copy of.

**062/23 Victory Hall**

**Resolved** to note the new governing document for the hall when the Parish Council take over as a sole trustee. The document mirrors the resolution made by the current committee and has been checked by ACT.

**063/23 Parish Pump Notes**

**Resolved** to note that Cllr Sayers is happy to continue with the parish pump notes. Prior to the notes going to the pump for publication they will be sent to all parish Cllrs and the clerk in order for any amendments to be made. The clerk will then forward the notes to the pump for publication.

**064/23** **Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority’s website)**

**Information only**

Reference: 7/2023/5104

Location: Old Cattle Barn, Woodland, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6AQ

Proposal: Approval of details reserved by condition no 6 (Renewable energy) on planning approval ref 7/2020/5726 for change of use from an agricultural barn to a single dwelling house with additional extension to residential boundary to form parking area and garden

**Planning Applications Granted**

Ref No: 7/2023/5040

Location: Havelock Cottage, Seathwaite, Broughton-in-Furness LA20 6ED

Ref No: 7/2023/5017

Location: Low Bleansley Farm, Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6AR

Ref No: 7/2023/5018

Location: Low Bleansley Farm, Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6AR

**Refused**

Ref No: SL/2023/0039

Location: Land north of Greylags

**. 065/23 Consultations**

1. Westmorland & Furness Validation checklist (planning)

**Resolved** to note that the Parish Council have no comments on the above consultation.

1. South Lakeland Strategic Housing and Economic Needs Assessment Study

Cllr Sayers will draft a reply and send out to all Parish Cllrs before it is submitted.

**066/23 Training**

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

**067/23 Financial Matters**

**Resolved** to authorise the following payments:

Heaths Ltd £ 62.40

Reimbursements £ 230.06

Salary £ 581.40

CALC £ 60.00

J H Barker & Son £ 100.00

Waterplus £ 22.00

NPower £ 48.30

NPower £ 99.75

Chatsworth Signs £ 148.43

Optech Fibres £ 560.13

£ 1,912.58

Receipts

Allotment rent £ 330.00

**068/23 Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next council meeting will be on 27 April 2023.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm