DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 May 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 M Kirkbride

Cllr S Lane, Cllr I Longworth and Cllr Robertshaw.

 Prior to the meeting started there was a round of applause for Cllr John Jardine and Alfie Rousseau Thorpe

for their fabulous achievement in completing the Brathay 10 in10 challenge, Well done to both of them.

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

**114/23 Apologies**

 **Resolved** to note that apologies from Cllr P Robinson for personal reasons.

**115/23** **Requests for Dispensations**

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

**116/23** **Declarations of Interest**

 **Resolved** to note that there were no declaration s of interests.

 .**117/23 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.

**118/23 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the AGM meeting held on Thursday 10 May 2023 to be signed by the chairman as a true record.

**119/23** **Chairs Announcements**

The Chair had no announcements this month, but he did comment on how good it is to be back up to a full council of 10 Parish Cllrs and looks forward to making progress on different projects in this next year.

**120/23 Public Participation**

1. Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton was not in attendance but had sent his apologies

with the following report:

*I think most pressing issues we touched on yesterday ie highways and charter day, and there is nothing else from my side arising since the last meeting I attended.*

*As usual please pass any urgent or other outstanding matters along*.

1. A member of the public was in attendance and raised concern about the allotment field now that Mr G Albion has retired from the Parish Council. He also raised concern about a vehicle being stuck in a ditch as he struggled get down Occupation Lane with a delivery.

**121/23** **Road Safety Working Group**

The Road Safety Working Group met with Westmorland & Furness Highways and the Community Development Officer and Cllr Brereton to discuss the next phase of the traffic management issue facing Broughton and the Parish as a whole. On the whole, the meeting was positive with all parties eager to work together to resolve road safety concerns facing the community. It was agreed that the best ways to provide safe and effective traffic calming would be to change or modify the traffic flow through the town and/or use “engineered solutions” (buildouts, speed tables, etc) to physically slow vehicles down. And so, with budgets for the new authority yet to be awarded we are unfortunately playing the waiting game before we can discover what measures are financially and logistically feasible to eradicate rat-running and anti-social driving habits.

**122/23** **Community Place Plan**

**Resolved** thata working group be set up to produce a new updated plan.

**123/23 Power in the Square.**

**Resolved** to purchase an adapter in order to program the electricity for the Christmas lights using a laptop which should make things easier to manage in future.

**124/23** **Parish Council Surgeries**

Concern was raised about various potholes.

 **Resolved** that Cllr Kirkbride will get the exact locations using the what3words app and the clerk will then report them to Westmorland and Furness.

The next surgery will be on 13 June at 10.45 in the Square Café.

**125/23 Parish Lengths Man**

Consideration was given to work for the Parish Lengths Man.

 **Resolved** to ask for quotes for:

 Painting the slide in the playground;

 Repairing the bus stop at Broughton Mills;

 Cutting back the vegetation around the streel light on Foxfield Road.

**126/23 Street Lighting**

. **Resolved** that the clerk will get the contractors out to sort out the street light in New Street which appears to be blacked out on one side and also needs a good clean.

**127/23 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority’s website)**

Reference: 7/2023/5292

Location: Hole Beck Farm, Woodland, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6AH

Proposal: Extension to existing building for farm storage

Reply by: 14 June 2023

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

**128/23 Training**

 **Resolved** to note a reminder that Code of Conduct training is on 5th June 2023.

 New Cllrs will take a look at the CALC Schedule and let the clerk know if they would like to be booked on any training sessions.

**129/23** **Financial Matters**

 **Resolved** to pay the following payments:

 Waterplus £ 26.71

 Quartz Acoustics £ 34.92

 TEEK £ 72.00

 Npower £136.71

 Npower £ 82.92

 Salary £630.00.

**130/23 Progress Reports**

1. Wilson Park – The chosen company have been instructed to start work on the Pump Track
2. Charter Day – The clerk has a meeting next week with Westmorland and Furness
3. Solar Panels on the Public toilets – No progress to report to date
4. Victory Hall – We are still waiting for a response from the Charity Commission
5. Website – Cllr Kanhai will update the Cllrs page with phots of all Cllrs
6. Town Cryer – Advertisement to go in Parish Pump. In the meantime, Cllr Kirkbride

 will look into how to register with the Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Cryers;

1. Volunteer Policy – No update to date.

**131/23** **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next council meeting will be on 22 June 2023 at 7.00pm in the Rankin Room.

Meeting Closed.