DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

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

at the Victory Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Brakewell, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr J Jardine, Cllr M Kirkbride, Cllr Lane, Cllr I Longworth,

**223/23 Apologies**

 **Resolved** to note apologies from Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr Kanhai and Cllr C Robertshaw

 and Cllr Robinson

**224/23** **Requests for Dispensations**

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

**225/23** **Declarations of Interest**

**Resolved** to note that there are no declaration of interests.

**226/23 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.

**227/23 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th October 2023 to be signed by the chairman as a true record.

**228/23** **Chairs Announcements**

Cllr Jardine expressed concern regarding the lack of Cllr the code of conduct training session. He also advised that if the meeting continues after 8.30pm then the vice chair would be taking over as chair.

**229/23** **Public Participation**

1. Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton’s advised he has been chasing Highways for a

 response to our letter.

 He has asked for the tree in the Square to be looked at again as according to the map provided

 by the clerk the tree does appear to be on Highways land. He has spoken to a tree surgeon and

 it is not a big job but needs to be done by the correct authority.

 He advised that there is locality funding of £1000 available either to 1 body as £1000 or two

 bodies at £500 each but no one is applying for it.

 New owners of Prince of Wales are going to relocate the car park following the purchase of

 some land and he has suggested that they work with Network Rail in order to provide parking for

 the station as well.

 He raised concern at the lack of a parish noticeboard at Foxfield.

 He suggested that the Parish Council write a letter of complaint to Westmorland and Furness

 about the way resurfacing work has been carried out, there are still issues in this parish.

 Westmoreland and Furness have committed to resolving the issues.

 He also advised that a local resident has attended a meeting in Penrith regarding Broadband.

 The police new Chief Officer’s top priority is rural crime.

 MP Simon Fell is on board with the getting funding for having police based in Broughton

 Concerns raised with Cllr Brereton included gritting, including Ulpha where school bus routes are

 not gritted. Grit heaps not getting replenished.

 Large vehicles on our narrow roads, highways were asked to look at this back in May.

 Concerns about busses going up Griffin Street and Church Street.

 Concerns about signage at Duddon Bridge, a sign recently knocked down is going to be

 replaced and now would be a good time to replace the no large vehicles or caravans signage.

1. **Residents.**

There were no residents in attendance

**230/23 Road Safety Working Group**

 **Resolved** to note that the letter drafted by the chairof the Road Safety Working Group has been

 submitted to Highways and we are still waiting for a reply.

**231/23 Christmas Tree and Lights**

 **Resolved** to note that a Christmas tree has been very kindly donated to us this year. The tree lights

will be the same as last year. Hopefully it will be up by 1st December 2023.

**232/23 Gritting**

 **Resolved** to note that any issues regarding gritting need to be reported though the HIMS system.

1. **234/23 Busses**

Consideration to correspondence regarding busses going up the Birker Moor Road.

**Resolved** to note that parishioner who sent the correspondence had also sent it on to the MP.

**235/23 Wilson Park**

 **Resolved** to ask the BHIB if there are any specific standards to be achieved if the track is to be

tarmacked.

1. **236/23 Parish Cllrs Surgeries**

**Resolved** to note Cllr Glessal reported that no issues were raised at the last Parish Council surgery and the next surgery will be on 9th January 2024.

**237/23 Parish Lengths Man**

 **Resolved** to note no further work for the lengths man this month.

**238/23 Policies**

**Resolved** to adopt the following

1. Code of Conduct
2. Volunteer Policy

**239/23 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority’s website)**

Reference: 7/2023/5619

Location: Syke End, Church Street, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6ER

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension

**Permission Granted**

 Ref No: 7/2023/5166

 Location: Blacksmiths Arms, Broughton Mills, Broughton-in-furness, Cumbria, LA20 6AX

 Proposal: Annexed staff accommodation, replacement of small dilapidated timber outbuilding

used for storage, and replacement of septic tank with package sewage treatment plant discharging to a flowing watercourse (Resubmission 7/2022/5085).

**240/23 Consultations**

Westmorland and Furness Council(Various Bridges – South Lakeland Area) (Traffic Regulation Order 20><)

 **Resolved** to note that the parish council have no comments on this consultation.

**241/23** **Training**

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

**242/23 Financial Matters**

1. **Resolved** to authorise the following payments:

CGP Pitstop 10.00

Royal British Legion 25.24

Viking 27.02

Reimbursements 9 .95

Hawthwaite Grden Services 550.00

Npower 220.11

Npower 91.63

Waterplus 27.07

CALC 120.00

SLCC 183.00

Salary 630.00

SRCL 36.00

 £1930.02

Resolved to note the following receipts:

Land Rent 200.00

Allotment Rent 50.00

Honesty Boxes 166.00

Precept 15976.06

 £16,392.06

1. **2024/25 Budgets and precept**.

 The financial meeting was cancelled.

**243/23 Progress Reports**

1. Community Place Plan – No one has come forward to help with the Community Place Plan
2. Bank Mandate – Barclays have written to us for more information.
3. Bus stop at Broughton Mills, no quotes yet for the repairs.
4. Allotment Field – No update.
5. Town Cryer – Still witing for references.

**244/23 Councillors Reports**

 **Resolved** to note there were no Cllrs reports.

1. **245/23 Date of Next Meeting**

 **Resolved** to note that the date of the next council meeting is to be on 25th January 2024 at 7.00pm

 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.

Meeting Closed