DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th October 2022 in the Rankin Room

at the Victory Hall.

**Present** Cllr G Albion, Cllr J Curwen, Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr C Henderson, Cllr J Jardine, Cllr R Kanhai, Cllr S Lane and Cllr I Longworth.

**190/22 Apologies**

**Resolved** to accept apologies from Cllr J Sayers.

**191/22**  **Requests for Dispensations**

There wereno requests for Dispensations.

**192/22 Declaration of Interests**

There were no Declaration of Interests.

**193/22 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.

**194/22 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 August 2022 to be signed by the chairman as a true record.

**195/22** **Chairs Announcements**

The Chairman was extremely concerned about reports of intimidation to the Parish Council, this is unacceptable and will not be tolerated and there will be no more of it.

The Chairman also reported that there was a good attendance for our Moment of Reflection in respect of Her Majesty the Queen.

**196/22 Public Participation**

1. County Cllr was in attendance he reported that there had been a Safer Speeds meeting recently and it was good to see that the Parish Council have two representatives on the group again.

It was a good meeting and need to keep the dialog going and plan for the new authority next April.

He then advised that the Safer Speeds Group is going to be reduced to 4 people, the reason being, highways have said that it is difficult to get everyone together, and there are diary clashes. The clerk asked for clarification as to where the 4 is in addition to the Highways team but was told that the 4 included the Highways team.

Helen who is heading up the group is going to do a low-key site visit. Helen was also out and about with the police recently.

There was a positive meeting on Monday about Duddon Mosses. Natural England have been out and about meeting people and they have hosted a couple of meetings recently. They are not chopping every tree down, only Diseased trees or trees encroaching on the Mosses. People are much more reassured than last year. Repairing the Boardwalk will be on the next agenda.

Future of the Prince of Wales was the subject of another meeting, productive meeting, need to establish dialog with current owners. Everyone would like to see it reopen as a pub.

Extending the footpath on Foxfield Road has been agreed and funding allocated for it. P Hosking

will be designing it.

1. District Cllr was in attendance and reported that there have been no meetings with SDLC since our last Parish Council meeting and no meetings with LDNPA so nothing has progressed. Next meeting dates are SDLC 1st November and 19th October for LDNPA. He will send an update out following those meetings.

Consultation on a public footpath closes tomorrow but noted that the Parish Council have already responded to that. Rights of Way committee will be meeting on 11th October to discuss the footpath.

34 people attended the meeting regarding the Prince of Wales, good attitude about it.

3 options are:

* Not do anything
* Form a group to raise capital
* Look at getting a buyer

There is concern about the state of the building and he also said that the full moratorium period needs to be triggered.

1. Residents were in attendance and advised that SDLC have been notified of the intention to sell the Prince of Wales pub and requested that the Parish Council trigger the period of moratorium.

This needs to be done by 16 October 2022. They need more people with expertise to join the group.

**197/22 Prince of Wales**

Consideration was given to triggering the moratorium period**.**

**Resolved** to trigger the Moratorium period.

Cllr Longworth abstained from voting.

**198/22 Flooding at Birkett Motor Sport on Foxfield Road**

**Resolved** to note that Birkett Motor Sporthad recently been flooded. Cllr J Jardine saw the flooding. Photos have been sent to Highways and the County Cllr. County Cllr Brereton asked if apologies could be passed on to the Mr and Mrs Birkett, he was out of the country at the time.

**199/22 Road Safety**

1. Update on Safer Speed Group meeting:

SIDs were covered in depth but I can save time by leaving it until the next agenda item.

Data Tubes

* Lots of figures offered up from the July collection which will be sent out in due course. Suffice it to say, from a statistical view, the 20MPH can be considered effective.
* Engineer’s visit/Safety Audit for build out at Kepplewray is imminent.
* National Speed Operation 17-30th October. Speed Watch out in force.
* Flashing school sign is still on the “snagging” list.
* Parish Clerk wanted it known that it was extremely disappointing that PC was not made aware of the proposal to close off Wreaks/Church St as no entry before it was presented at the last meeting and that the PC had been excluded from discussions.
* Highways stated they were not aware that the PC had not been aware but would ensure that was corrected.
* Highways welcomed formation of new Road Safety Working Group and offered to work with the group.
* Any Highways proposal would require a large amount of public consultation and support from the community and Cumbria Constabulary.
* Highways unaware of how funding will work with the new Unitary Authority and stated money allocated so far will not give us a full solution to the problem but it will be the starting point.
* Highways will arrange for a visit (not in hi-vis vests as they recognise it has an impact on driver behaviour) after this meeting to discuss matters/concerns while on site. This will be very useful.
* Next Safer Speeds Group meeting in the New Year.
* Cllr Brereton apologised for bringing the Wreaks/Church St proposal up at the end of the last Safer Speeds Group meeting. He saw the look of shock on people’s faces. He stated he was looking to scope out the proposal looking ahead to the new authority.

No intent to railroad anyone. Stated we were not going to get anything done in Broughton without bringing everyone on board. Acknowledges the proposal is controversial.

The Clerk added that it did not look good and out of Courtesy the PC should have been told about the idea. It is important to work as a team.

**Road Safety Working Group**

* First meeting on Tuesday 11th October.
* Groundswell of support. More than 20 registered interest.
* Would have like Annette Carmichael to have joined, continuity and experience would have

played a prominent role but she has declined.

* + - Important the Road Safety Working Group is allowed to function unimpeded and without
    - interference.
    - Look forward to reporting back at the next meeting.

**SIDs.**

* SID locations are determined by a number of factors such as traffic volume statistics and adjacent roads and junctions.
* Only one location has been approved by Highways and Police for a new moveable SID, Kepplewray hill.
* Approval valid for 18-24 months.
* This was provisionally discussed at the last full PC meeting and was not looked upon favourably.
* I suggest this could be part of the Road Safety Working Group’s remit.
* Discuss next week. And then,
* Public consultation should be conducted and then reported back to the PC for final approval/denial.
* Decision would then be passed on to Highways.
* Highways acknowledged that responsibility of all SIDs is totally with the PC.
* Clerk has already spoken to Pandora regarding “ownership” of the Church Street SID and its data.If approved, PC would have to sort funding
* Memorandum of Agreement
* Device approved through Casualty Reduction And Safer Highways (CRASH) Group
* Installation and maintenance costs.
* Highways will work with us for permits for contract installation.
* Location cannot affect pedestrians or streetlights. Must not be a distraction to drivers. Must have CRASH Group approval.

1. **Resolved** to accept the Terms of Reference for the Working Group.

**200/22 SID’s**

**Resolved** to note that at the Safer Speeds meeting Highways have only approved the SID for Kepplewray. The Terms of Reference for the new Road Safety Working Group include working on the new SID and the SID in Church Street including analysing the data on both SID’s. It was also noted that the Parish Council would like to see data collection in both SID’s.

**201/22 Community Resilience Plan**

1. Cllr Henderson reported that the resilience group had a meeting on Tuesday and Tracey from the Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue Team had attended.

The clerk is hopeful to have the Resilience Plan typed up by the next meeting for approval by the Parish Council.

1. **Resolved** to disband the Terms of Reference because it will be the Victory Hall committee applying for any funding required not the Parish Council.

**202/22 Highway Matters**

1. Concern was raised regarding access for wheelchairs and pushchairs at the bottom of Princes

Street not been able to get on to the footpath because of parked cars. Concern was also raised about the yellow lines which have disappeared.

Cllr Albion had already reported this, but nothing has been done. County Cllr will report this and and felt it would be very easily resolved.

1. Concern was raised about fallen trees on pathway from Hawk car park. Cllr Lane has taken a

look and advised that it is passable but not recommended.

**Resolved** that the clerk will report this to the Forestry Commission.

1. A resident has raised concern about his application to have a disabled bay outside his property

taking so long.

**Resolved** to pass the details on to the County Cllr.

**203/22 Dog Poop**

Concern was raised about dog poop and particularly on the old railway line. Consideration was given to any further measures that the Parish Council can take to tackle this problem.

**Resolved** to note that the land is privately owned so the Parish Council cannot do anything along here other than pass the concern on to the land owner.

We can put a note in the Parish Pump requesting that people clean up after their dogs.

**204/22** **Social Media.**

1. Consideration was given to the Social MediaPolicy.

**Resolved** to adopt the Social Media Policy sent out with the agenda

b) Update on new Facebook page from Cllr Kanhai:

* PC FB page is up and running.
* Very rudimentary.
* During my Effective Councillor training I was advised by the instructor who has just set up the Egremont Town Council FB page to have one person as the Administrator.
* Anything for the page should be sent to the Administrator.
* I am prepared to be the Administrator, but will gladly let anyone else take the reins!
* In the event of illness or holidays someone will need to step in. It was noted that the clerk

is already set up as an administrator

* Any suggestions to improve the page please let Cllr Kanhai know.

There was suggested suggestions of authority and groups to follow on Facebook.

**205/22 The Square**

The reason for looking into this is so that we have our own power supply for Christmas Tree lights,

Sound System on Charter Day and it could also be helpful when there are events in the Square.

The Clerk advised that there is no electric in the Square and it would have to be sourced from the other side of the road. She has had a meeting with a company who are approved by Cumbria County Council to dig up the Highway but we would need to apply to County for a permit for this part of the work. There would be a feeder pillar within the Square. The company have provided a quote and the Parish Council will be able to contribute towards it but will not be able to pay the full amount.

**Resolved** to go ahead with this project and apply for funding to fund the difference between what the Parish Council contributes and the total cost.

**206/22 Parish Lengths Man**

The Lengths man was asked to redo the quote we received last time so that the work is within our parish and not encroaching on Kirby Ireleth Parish but to date he has not resubmitted it. Consideration was given to further jobs the Parish Lengths man can do.

**Resolved** to get quotes for tidying up the telephone boxes at Broughton Mills and Woodland and to remind the Parish Lengths man split the previous quote.

**207/22 Wilson Park**

The clerk continues to apply for funding with lots of further applications to do following the funding fair

she had recently attended. It was disappointing that we did not get a grant from the Walney

Extension Community fund but the clerk had been informed that fund was extremely oversubscribed.

**Resolved** to note that we have received an award from Awards for all England in the sum of £10,000

which is already in the bank account. We have 12 months to use this money which must be put

towards the Skateboard Park.

**208/22 Parish Council Surgeries**

This months Parish Council surgery had been cancelled.

The date of the next surgery is on Tuesday 11th October 2022 in the Square Café between 10.45

and 12 noon.

**209/22 Poppy Wreath**

It has come to our attention that rather than give a donation of £25 to Royal British Legion for the poppy wreath. This year we have to buy a poppy wreath which could cost around £15 but may be a little more. If we want to make a donation, then we can still do so but it needs to be done in a separate payment.

**Resolved** to buy the Poppy Wreathand to make an additional donation so that the total cost is £25.

**210/22 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority’s website)**

Reference: 7/2022/5423

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

Proposal: Conversion of redundant cottage into self-catering holiday letting accommodation

**Resolved** that there are no objections by the Parish Council as a whole but Cllr Henderson felt it should be residential and not holiday letting accomodation.

Reference: T/2022/0150

Location: 7, Broom Close, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6JG

Proposal: Fell two rowan trees and one flowering cherry tree

**Planning Applications Granted**

Reference: SL/2022/0569

Location: Brockbank Ground BROUGHTON-INFURNESS LA20 6B

Reference: 7/2022/5330

Location: Borderiggs House, Broughton in Furness LA20 6BP

Reference: 7/2022/5432

Location: White Moss and Heathwaite Moss. Wreaks Causeway LA20 6BS

**211/22 Consultations**

1. To give consideration to the Review of South Lakeland Local Plan – Have your say

**Resolved** to note that there are no additions for Broughton.

1. LDNPA – What design features in the Lake District make it special to you?

**Resolved** that Cllrs will do this as individuals should they wish to.

**212/22** **Civility & Respect Pledge**

To give consideration to taking the pledge:

“To treat other councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner

organisations and volunteers with civility and respect within their roles” and also to consider how the culture can be changed.

**Resolved** to take the pledge

**213/22 Public Toilets**

Consideration was given to a cable below ground which is not as much below ground as it should be.

The Clerk was due to attend a meeting regarding this bt the meeting was cancelled. Two Cllrs were of the opinion that this is nothing to do with the Council.

**Resolved** that the Clerkwill attend the rearranged meeting and put this on the next agenda.

**214/22 Training**

Cllr Lane requested the clerk to send dates for the next Effective Cllr Training.

**215/22 Financial Matters**

1. To authorise the following payment

Hawthwaite Garden Services £ 960.00 (2 months)

Victory Hall £ 1,475.13

NPower (Public toilets), £ 91.34

Npower (Street lighting) £ 1,194.28

Waterplus £ 25.71

Victory Hall (Room Hire) £ 43.80

Salary £ 682.20

Clerk Reimbursement £ 155.04

SRCL £ 36.00

Allotment Refund £ 30.00

£4,693.50

Receipts

E-on £ 1,475.13

Precept £13,578.09

Grant £10,000.00

£25,053.22

**216/22 External Audit**

**Resolved** to note that the External Auditor had sent an Interim Report.

The report acknowledged that the Council had sent everything in on time but the auditors were

unable to complete on time.

**217/22 Clerks Reports and Progress Reports**

1. Levelling up – Update has been received by Tim Farron and sent out to everyone and put on the website.
2. Derelict Buildings – No response from LDNPA
3. Friends of X112 Bus – Newsletter received, sent to everyone and put on website.
4. Complaints – It was noted that there had been a complaint about a Parish Cllr but it was something she had done on her own initiative and had not been discussed within a Parish Council meeting. The Clerk has sent an apology.
5. Parish Pump – No notes had gone in the Parish Pump last month. The Clerk will do the notes for this time with input from Cllr Kanhai regarding the new Road Safety Working Group.
6. Lakeland Housing Trust – The Trust has fulfilled its promise to their benefact mark soon after the sale Of Middle Bleansley in that they are completing the purchase of two properties in Broughton which will then be advertised for people with local connections.
7. Duddon Sustainable – The clerk has once again asked them for the bank details but has received no response.
8. Historical Exhibition – This is the exhibition that was in the Square on Charter Day. It has been collected from the library and will be stored at the Victory Hall. It will be used for a local history group open day in November.

**218/22 Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next council meeting will be on 27 October 2022