DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26 October 2023 in the Rankin Room

at the Victory Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Brakewell, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr J Jardine, Cllr R Kanhai, Cllr I Longworth, Cllr Robertshaw

and Cllr P Robinson.

**200/23 Apologies**

**Resolved** to note apologies from Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr Kirkbride and Cllr Lane

**201/23** **Requests for Dispensations**

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

**202/23** **Declarations of Interest**

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

**203/23 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.

**204/23 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 September to be signed by the chairman as a true record.

**205/23** **Chairs Announcements**

**Resolved** to note that there were no chairs announcements.

**206/23** **Public Participation**

1. Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton was not in attendance but he had sent an email report as follows:

Please accept my apologies, I can’t attend tonight. There isn’t a huge amount to update on since the last meeting really. You will note that signs are out now for overnight closures from early next month along the A595 from Wreaks to Foxfield, to resurface/address the undulating road. Much overdue, and hopefully not too disruptive for local folk.

Re the police being located in Broughton, I am trying to set up a meeting to secure Simon Fell MPs support for this local campaign, as his office can set up an effective petition and also his support will likely carry more weight with the new chief constable. I hope to meet and discuss with him in the next week, as Parliament is in recess prior to the King’s Speech.

I have only just received the combined list of priorities following this summer’s “walk the wards” exercise with Helen Karasalan’s team, so will need to digest that and check which of the local priorities will be getting actioned – I have to say however my top two asks were drainage and resurfacing works along the A595 at Tippins Lane and Gallopers Pool, and both are now scheduled/underway, so that is encouraging. We will see if we can progress the Foxfield Road footpath through this local highways and byways prioritisation as well; in the meantime please flag any other highways or footpaths issues you want to be pursued.

Let me know if you have reported/received any response re the overgrown/overhanging tree in the square; as mentioned at last meeting this could be something I can find locality funding for if the Highways team is adamant it is a PC responsibility. I was speaking to the lads from Greaves Treecare the other day about it and they reckon it would be a quick and simple job to pollard the tree back to rectify this issue, so it might be the best way to do it. I think the smallest grant I can approve is £500, so maybe a general bid for work to tidy up the Square more generally incorporating anything else you can think of, to include the planters, bus shelter, toilets perhaps and approach to Wilson Park?

If anything else arises or questions remain, please let me know. Will hopefully see you in person next month.

1. There were no residents in attendance.

**207/23 Black Hall Farm**

Correspondence had been received regarding Black Hall Farm.

**Resolved** to note that Black Hall Farm does not fall into our Parish.

**208/23 Road Safety Working Group**

Cllr Kanhai advised there has been no further Road Safety Working Group meetings as they are still waiting for a response from Highways following the Safer Speeds meeting. People are getting disillusioned. It is 6 months since the new authority replaced Cumbria Count Council and it is time to

take stock. At the meeting with Safer Speeds back in May a number of achievable “quick fixes” were identified and presented;

  i) The removal of the flashing warning signs approaching the town from Wreaks End - that has been on the “snagging list” since the 20MPH zone was first established;

ii)  Replacing the bollard at the top of Church Street;

iii) Moving the stop sign at the top of Griffin Street to the opposite side of the road, so it is more visible to drivers; and

iv) Moving the Do Not Follow SatNav sign at the turn at Wreaks End so it can be read before drivers

turn off the A595 rather than after they have taken the turn.

v) Investigating the placement of an unofficial road sign by Wreaks End Farm which informs drivers proceeding uphill to stop and give way to opposite direction traffic.

**Resolved** that a follow up letter be sent to Highways and everything on the list of snagging issues to be reported through the HIMS system.

**209/23 Wilson Park**

1. There is still only 1 quote for the tarmacking of the pump track but another one is on the way

within the next week.

1. Consideration was given to the 3 quotes for the slide.

**Resolved** to go with quote 3 which is Sam Eccles.

1. Consideration was given to the flail cutting.

**Resolved** that T Glessal & Co willdo the Flail Cutting.

**210/23 Allotment Field**

Cllr Jardine reported that he and Cllr Kirkbride had done a site visit and were concerned about the

different plot sizes, pricing structure and the general state of the field.

**Resolved** that Cllr Jardine will ask Gary Albion to meet him at the field in order to establish which plots are been paid for but not being used. Letters will then be written to these plot holders advising them that we may evict them from the plots. Once this has been done work can start on the field to either bring all the plots back to the same size or look at changing the pricing structure appropriately.

**211/23** **Town Cryer**

1. **Resolved** to approve the application for submission to the Ancient & Honourable Guild of Town Criers. It was noted that two references and photos are needed to go with the application.
2. **Resolved** to pay the £50 fee which will be due on approval the membership application followed by £30 for subsequent years.

**212/23** **Parish Cllrs Surgeries**

Cllr Glessal reported that at the latest surgery concern had been raised regarding horses coming from Occupation Lane to Sation Road to go up the railway line on the horses. Traffic is coming to fast and is frightening the horses.

Suggestions to resolve this are to ask Highways or LDNPA if it is possible to have signage put up

to warn drivers of the horses.

Other suggestions were to have a zebra crossing form Cinder Hill to the Railway line.

The next surgery is on 14th November 2023 in the Square Café between 10.45am and 12 noon.

Concern was also raised about the tree in the Square, the resident was advised to take this matter up

With Cllr Matt Brereton.

**213/23 Parish Lengths Man**

**Resolved** to note that er is no work for the lengths man this month.

**214/23 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority’s website)** Reference: 7/2023/5537

Location: Lathom House, The Square, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6HZ

Proposal: Change of use from ancillary accommodation to holiday let and alterations to outdoor spaces

**Resolved** to notethat parish council have no objections or comments.

Reference: 7/2023/5539

Location: Lathom House, The Square, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6HZ

Proposal: Change of use from ancillary accommodation to holiday let and alterations to outdoor spaces.

**Resolved** to notethat parish council have no objections or comments.

Reference: T/2023/0141

Location: 1, Broom Close, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6JG

Proposal: Reduction of 1 oak by 3-4m

**Resolved** to notethat parish council have no objections or comments

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**Permission Granted**

Reference: 7/2023/5520

Location: The Kepplewray Project, The Kepplewray Centre, BroughtonIn-Furness, LA20 6HE

Proposal: Erection of an open-sided shelter comprising wooden uprights on a concrete base with a

metal roof to allow guests of the centre to enjoy the outside space in a sheltered

environment.

**215/23 Consultations**

1. National Park is looking for views on the management of Bassenthwaite Lake National Natu **Resolved** to notethat parish council have no comments.
2. Westmorland and Furness Licensing and Gambling Policies

**Resolved** to note that parish council have no comments.

**216/23** **Climate and Ecology Bill**

**Resolved** to notethatthe parish council are not getting involved with the requests from the Zero Hour Team.

**217/23 Meanfield Charity**

**Resolved** to note thatit has very recently come to the attention of the parish council that the responsibility of nominating trustees for the above charity is theirs. It was noted who the current trustees are and the new secretary from the end of January. The clerk will write a letter to the new

Secretary at the end of January acknowledging that we do have that responsibility and that we are happy to nominate trustees in future. An annual report and the annual accounts will also be requested.

**218/23** **Training**

**Resolved** that Cllr Brakewell will attend the Effective Cllr Module 1 course on the 20th November

**219/23 Financial Matters**

1. Resolved that the following payments were authorised for payment:

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Locks Express £200.16

Npower £193.24

TEEC £295.19

Npower £ 77.27

Waterplus £ 26.71

SRC £ 36.00

Salary £630.00

Optech £192.00

J Harrison £150.00

Heaths Ltd £ 71.40

£1,871.97

1. 2024/25 Precept

**Resolved** that the Finance working group will have a meeting next week to look at the budgets and discuss the precept for next year.

**220/23 Progress Reports**

1. Community Resilience Plan – It was noted that the template has now ben updated by Westmorland and Furness
2. Community Place Plan – No one is coming forward to help with the plan, there was a suggestion that a simple questionnaire might be a better option with subjects that we are working on at present
3. Bank Mandate – The forms for updating mandate have been sent in to Barclays but to date there has been no response from them.
4. Bus stop at Broughton Mills – There is still no quotes to repair the bus shelter at Broughton Mills.

**221/23 Councillors Reports**

Cllr Longworth reported that cattle grid had been cleaned out.

Cllr Brakewell raised concern about the white lines on Market Street stopping where the Square starts

so it looks as though the road ends. He suggested the lines should continue right round the Square.

**222/23 Date of Next Meeting**

**Resolved** to note that the date of the next council meeting is to be on 23rd November 2023 at 7.00pm

in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.

Meeting Closed.