DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27 October 2022 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 I Longworth.

and Cllr J Sayers.

**219/22 Apologies**

**Resolved** to accept apologies from Cllr J Curwen, Cllr C Henderson, and Cllr S Lane.

**220/22**  **Requests for Dispensations**

There wereno requests for Dispensations.

**221/22 Declaration of Interests**

There were no Declaration of Interests.

**222/22 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 to be discussed in private.

**223/22 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th October to be signed by the chairman as a true record.

**224/22** **Chairs Announcements**

The Chairman apologised for not responding to emails, he will catch up in due course.

**225/22 Public Participation**

1. County Cllr was not in attendance he has sent his apologies with the following update:

Not much to update on since the last meeting, other than that flooding concerns have been passed along to the relevant teams with a request to come back and follow up on the Parish visit of late 2019.

Also note that the resurfacing around Broughton seems to have been completed.

Anything arising please let me know.

1. District Cllr was in not in attendance but had also sent his apologies and an update via the clerk advising that he will put £500 from his locality budget into Duddon’s bank account but it needs to be split between 3 parishes, the other two parishes being Lowick and Blawith & Subberthwaite
2. Residents were in attendance, and they took responsibility for the big plastic banner on the corner on Station Road asking people to slow down. The banner had been provided by the Speed watch Group. They were also concerned that our local MP Simon Fell had recently been to Broughton but only took part in a speed watch session, it would have been nice if he had spoken to the children and walked up the hill to the school with them to see exactly what the problems are. Cllr Jardine suggested that we ask Simon Fell MP to come back out to Broughton.

Concern was also raised about overnight parking even though there were signs on lamp posts along by the Auction Mart. Cllr Albion suggested more signs, but we will need the permission of the Auction Mart owners. Concern was also raised about dog poop not being picked up.

The clerk will contact SLDC to get the chalk stencils back on the pavements and to see if there are any new ideas we can look at. There is also a note in the November edition of the Parish Pump.

**226/22 Road Safety**

1. New Road Safety Group Meeting

Cllr Kanhai gave an update on the New Road Working Group as follows:

Road Safety Working Group had its first meeting on 11th October. It was well attended and was positively received. To promote transparency and public involvement, the Group decided to make future meetings open to the public to allow the community the opportunity to express any concerns or proposals which, after group consultation, can be presented to Cumbria Highways for advice and guidance. The next meeting is on 9th November.

1. Safer Speeds Group Meeting

At the last meeting the County Councillor briefed the Council that Cumbria Highways Safer Speeds Group wanted to limit future meetings to only four attendees. This was challenged as two Parish Councillors were formally appointed to that group at the meeting on 25th August. Cllr Kanhai informed the Council that he had contacted Highways for clarification. Although it was suggested there was a benefit to keeping to a small number of attendees with the same representatives attending each meeting for continuity, “Attendees to future meetings is not number specific and it will be up to Duddon Parish Council how many representatives are chosen to attend.”

1. Clerks Concerns

The Parish Clerk expressed concerns that the minutes/notes for the Safer Speeds Group were not an accurate reflection. These notes (which were only sent to Highways prior to their release) were produced by a member of the public who does not represent nor have the confidence of the Parish Council.

The Clerk also informed the Council that she has been subjected to intimidation and harassment from a member of the public and Cllr Sayers on the 25th August. On that day she received two telephone calls from the aforementioned both of whom attempted to coerce her to prevent a Parish Councillor being appointment to the Cumbria Highways Safer Speeds Group. Cllr Sayers claimed she did not recall making the phone call.

The Clerk suggested that this member of the public should no longer be part of the Safer Speeds Group and that Cllr Sayers withdraw all traffic groups associated with the Parish Council with immediate effect.

Following on from the Clerk’s concerns of intimidation and interference in Council business Cllr Kanhai suggested that the Chair write formally to all external agencies explaining that the Parish Council was the lead on all traffic matters except for speed gun operations. This would remove any ambiguity.

The Parish Council made a **Resolved** decision that the Chair should write formally to all external agencies to explain that the Parish Council do lead on all traffic matters apart except for speed gun operations.

**227/22 Community Resilience Plan**

There has been no meeting since the last Parish Council meeting. The clerk has requested a meeting

but no date has been set yet.

**228/22 The Square**

The Clerk advised that was very unlikely that the feeder pillar will be in place in time for the Christmas

tree lights this year. We need a permit from Cumbria County Council, and we need to allow 8 weeks.

funding has been sought from Cumbria County Council and CGP Trust together with a contribution

from the Parish Council we will have the required amount.

In respect to the Christmas tree this year.

**Resolved** that Cllr Jardine will ask the owners of the

Manor if they can help with the electricity for the tree lights this year and the clerk will email D Roe

to see if he is ordering the tree.

**229/22 Coronation Day**

It was noted that Coronation Day will be on 6th May 2023.

The clerk advised that if any party is linked to the Parish Council, then the financial transactions will need to go through the Parish Council. If the committee is not linked to the Parish Council then the committee will need to take put an event insurance.

**Resolved** that the clerk will check with the PC’s insurance as to whether the insurance will cover the event if the committee is not linked to the parish council.

**230/22 Parish Lengths Man**

Consideration was given to the quote received by the Parish Lengths Man.

**Resolved** to go ahead with strimming and cleaning the drains on Broughton side of Woodland (£750) and also clearing and cleaning the cleaning the two Telephone boxes (£40 per telephone box).

**231/22 Wilson Park**

1. Cllr Jardine advised he is still working with Skatepark Cumbria charity and is still hoping we can get some funding from there. He also advised that we will need planning permission. Cllr Longworth suggested that a Notice of Intent be submitted to LDNPA.

The clerk still continues to seek funding

**Resolved** that Cllr Jardine will organise a plan to be submitted to LDNPA

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1. Consideration was given to the £10,873 the parish council received from the sale of land last year.

which has to be used for a capital asset.

**Resolved** that the £10,873 be allocated to the Skatepark funds subject to the rest of the funds

been raised.

1. Consideration was given to the CIL tax which is due to the Parish Council totalling £3473.73

**Resolved** that the £3473.73 can also go towards the skatepark subject to the rest of the funding

been raised.

**232/22** **Parish Council Surgeries**

Cllr Glessaladvised that no one had come to this month’s surgery. The next surgery is on 8th November 2022 from 10.45 until 12 noon and will be in the Square Café

**233/22 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority’s**

**website)**

No planning applications for discussion

**Planning Applications Granted**

Reference: 7/2022/5527

Location: High Kiln Bank, Ulpha, Broughton-in-Furness LA20 6EB

Reference: 7/2022/5175

Location: Upper Hawthwaite Farm, Hawthwaite, Broughton-in-Furness LA206AD

**Cumbria County Council (Granted)**

A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme. Comprising the construction of a new 1.4km two-way, single carriageway replacement section of A595 incorporating a new A595/A5092 junction with bridge widening works; new or modified road junctions/access arrangements and agricultural access tracks; a new overbridge; shared use (cycleway/footway) paths; an underpass; plus additional modifications to the existing highway network; creation of drainage infrastructure (including drainage basins); landscaping (including habitat mitigation works) and associated engineering and ancillary operations. Land between villages of Grizebeck and Chapels, Cumbria. Grid Ref: Easting 323620 Northing 48461

**Planning Applications Refused.**

Ref: 7/2022/5531

Location: Old Syke House and Syke House Cottage, Church Street, Broughton in Furness

**Information Only**

Reference: 7/2022/5633

Location: Barn at Lower Bleansley, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6AR

Proposal: Certificate of Lawful (Existing Use) for use of a barn as mixed use of offices, workshop and storage of motor vehicles etc. associated garden/amenity are

**No Intention to serve a Tree Preservation**

Reference: T/2022/0150

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

**235/22 Public Toilets**

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

The Clerk attended meeting regarding this with a local resident and Electricity North West

**Resolved** to note that at that meeting Electricity North West were of the opinion that this matter is nothing to do with the Parish Council.

**236/22 Training**

Cllr Lane has advised the clerk that she would like to attend the Effective Cllr Course. In addition to

this the Parish Council as a group would like Code of Conduct training.

**Resolved** that Cllr Lane may attend the Effective Cllr courses. It was also **Resolved** to have code of

conduct training as a group.

**237/22 Financial Matters**

1. Resolved to authorise the following payments:

Hawthwaite Garden Services £ 480.00

NPower (Public toilets), £ 84.64

Npower (Street lighting) £ 134.23

Waterplus £ 25.43

Salary £ 606.40

SRCL £ 36.00

CALC £ 60.00

Heaths £ 57.60

£ 1,484.30

Receipts

Honesty Boxes £ 65.00

Land Rent £ 150.00

£ 215.00

1. To note that Cllr Henderson has checked the cash book for the first 6 months, and everything is in order.
2. The clerk advised that it is time to look at the budget for 2023/34. Cllr Longworth suggested that a few get together to go through he budgets.

**Resolved** that Cllr Longworth, Cllr Glessal and Cllr Sayers will get together with the clerk to draft a budget to bring back to the full parish Council meeting.

**238/22 External Audit**

**Resolved** to note that the full External Auditor has not yet been received.

**239/22 Website**

Consideration was given to the website administrators and contents of the site given that it is more of a community site and could be used for the Victory Hall information and an online booking system.

The Clerk is the administrator for the site but it was **Resolved** that Cllr Kanhai can also be a second administrator in case the Clerk is unavailable for whatever reason.

**240/22 Clerks Reports and Progress Reports**

1. Derelict Buildings – No response from LDNPA
2. Duddon Sustainable – The clerk has still not received the bank details. Cllr Sayers advised they are in the process of trying to set up an account with NatWest.
3. Prince of Wales. – The moratorium period has been triggered and concludes on 23 April 2023.

Cllr Sayers advised that a small group of people have had a meeting with a worker from the company that owns the Prince of Wales and it needs a lot of work doing which will cost thousands and thousands of pounds.

**241/22 Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the next council meeting will be on 24 November 2022