

Draft Minutes October 2021

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 October 2021 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.

Present Cllr G Albion, Cllr J Curwen, Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr Gibbard-Thompson, Cllr V Glessal and Cllr C Henderson.

In the absence of the Chair and the Vice chair Cllr P Gibbard-Thompson was nominated to chair the meeting.

Chair opened the meeting.

202/21 Apologies

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr A Coles, Cllr J Jardine, Cllr I Longworth and Cllr J Sayers All apologies were in writing with reasons for their absence.

203/21 Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for Dispensations.

204/21 Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests.

205/21 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.

206/21 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 September 2021 to be signed by the chair as a true record.

207/21 Chairs Announcements

The Farmers Arms at Lowick are starting a Crake Valley Wednesday Community Lunch It's a new regular weekly feature of the Stable Bar programme and people are welcome to come to as many or as few as they like. It's just £5.00 per person and their ambition is to reach people in the community who might be a little isolated.

208/21 Public Participation

a) County Cllr was not in attendance but had sent the following report:

Highways:

Work to implement the 20mph scheme is nearly complete, there has been a (not surprising) extension to the build-out work on Keppleway owing to the terrible weather this week; also some lining and signing to complete once that is done. Then we need to wait to see how it begins to take effect; the closure extension and now the uncertainty around Duddon Bridge may at least give some short term respite at least in terms of volumes of traffic.

Bridges:

Repairs were due to complete at Shop Bridge by the weekend but not sure how things have progressed with all the water around this week. They were on course when I was last up inspecting things a week or so ago, so fingers crossed.

Duddon: A 21 day closure has been imposed as of today but I hope this is just to allow an inspection to ensure no scouring has taken place or damage to the structure owing to the unprecedented rainfall and high tides. All being well the closure will not need to be extended under the emergency TRO.

We are having a member workshop with officers and members from Copeland, South Lakes and Barrow areas of county council on the wider issue of bridge maintenance at Duddon next week, which has been called at my request. This should lead to a better management strategy for Duddon Bridge going forwards, so this closure while worrying is in fact timely and will hopefully raise the priority level for County.

Foxfield and Wrecks Causeway A595: Major resurfacing is planned for Wrecks Causeway and I have asked that officers consider moving planned resurfacing work from elsewhere in the division if it is found that the main road from mid-Foxfield to Bush Green is more urgent. This should take place in the next few months, weather depending and closures to be advertised.

Flooding issues on the highways have all been raised and/or action is being taken – a gulley wagon was out at the Showfield and also I saw highways workers addressing the flood on the corner by Skelly Crag rail crossing earlier today. The recurrence of flooding at low Keppleway and Foxfield Rd has been flagged, again, and I have had a resident today flag up some issues at Low Kiln Bank.

B4RN: We have had a bit of a setback regard the voucher scheme being “paused” while DCMS and County try to administer the supply side incentives; we are frustrated but not deterred and the Duddon Parish Action team is meeting with other Furness action groups ASAP to discuss next steps. I will update when I have more information at the next meeting.

Buses: I have a meeting with Austin Shields about the County’s TWIP integrated transport plan, and how the county can use the community transport budgets to dovetail in with existing services. I continue to support the extended X7 service and will be seeing if County can create a new link between Millom, Broughton and Ulverston, to complement and link in with existing services like the X7 and X112 and the rail connections.

I spoke with Chris Gill this week about the Mountain Rescue plans to create a new dedicated base close to the existing one, leased from SLDC, in Foxfield. They are looking to get moving ahead and wanted my help with some issues over access and a land purchase, so I will assist however I can.

I am also happy to continue to support the Duddon greening campaign in whatever way I can; was very impressed by the turn-out and obvious impetus created by the public meeting the other Sunday.

I continue to join Simon Fell’s regular CWIP calls about local cycling, walking, horse-riding and integrated transport. This is a multi-agency group and we continue to push for progress on new and upgraded routes for getting around Broughton, Foxfield, Kirkby, Duddon Bridge and the valley route to Coniston. Again progress has been slow over the past 18 months mainly owing to Covid but time to really push on now I feel.

I will leave it there for now but if any specific matters come up that haven’t been covered here please just pop me an email.

Thanks,

Matt

The clerk was tasked with asking the County Cllr for an update on the possibility of having a police presence based in Broughton and for an update on the footpath being extended on Foxfield Road to Bush Green.

b) District Cllrs were not in attendance but had sent their apologies and the following report:
LOCALITY GRANTS £500 of the District Councillor budget has been allocated to Duddon, to be shared with Lowick and Blawith. £170 will be used to set up your Greening Campaign. This should be paid to you shortly.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM Cumbria County Council is legally challenging the Government decision to split Cumbria. In the mean, due to time pressures, the process is still going ahead. The various District and County Councils have been meeting and have put a project plan together to facilitate the division of the County. This will result in a Structural Change Order, which will be submitted by the end of this year. Currently, we have 3 District and 1 County Councillor for the whole of Broughton and Coniston ward. It looks like the ward will be split into two, probably East to West, with one Councillor for each ward. However, nothing is certain and we will have to wait for the outcome of the Judicial Review. The timescale for the transition to the new Unitary Authorities is still April 2023 and there are still elections planned for May 2022, where the new Council will be elected as a Shadow through the transition phase.

CONSTITUENCY REFORM It seems like this is on hold until reshaping of Cumbria(s) is more advanced.

FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS South Lakeland District Council was due to meet this month, but Full Council has been cancelled until 11th November.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS There has been one or two people who have been frustrated by the slow progress of planning applications. This applies to SLDC and the National Park. I am aware that both Authorities are desperately trying to clear the backlog, but please pass anyone with such a problem to us.

COVID BOOSTERS

There is an Autumn campaign for Booster jabs. There has also been a certain amount of negative publicity about the vaccination program. District Councillors are being trained as Community Vaccine Champions. So, if you know of anyone hesitant to get either the vaccine or booster, we can provide support and assurance and dismiss some of the urban myths that have arisen. This is extremely important in view of the current high level of infections.

NATIONAL PARK The National Park has just completed its' 5 year Partnership Plan. It was agreed by the Authority last week after major consultation with the Public and various stakeholder organisations.

There are 5 main aims.

1. Vibrant communities and prosperous economy
2. Climate action – achieving net zero and adapting to climate change
3. Future of farming and forestry, nature recovery and climate change
4. A Lake District for everyone
5. Sustainable travel and transport

Details will be available on the LDNPA website shortly.

A new Member has now joined the Authority.

Contact me on 077784 30926, if you have any queries/concerns or would like any more information.

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tracy.coward@southlakeland.gov.uk

Stay Safe, Keep Healthy
Ian, Heather and Tracy

The clerk was tasked with asking for an update on the wall which was built in the parking area opposite the Old Kings Head.

c) Residents

A local resident was in attendance and asked the Parish Council if they would consider relocating the defibrillator in the Victory to a wall on the outside of the building at a cost of around £520 plus a small amount of electrical work which may cost just over £100.

209/21 Victory Hall

Consideration was given to relocating the defibrillator in the hall a wall on the outside of the building.

Resolved that the defibrillator will be moved to an outside wall and the Parish Council will fund this. The funding will come from the Sunshine Fund.

210/21 Greening Campaign

In the absence of Cllr Sayers, no update was available, so this was adjourned until the November meeting.

211/21 Tree Felling on Duddon Mosses

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212/21 Radioactive Waste Management

Consideration was given to the fact that the site for such waste could be as close as Millom and neighbouring parishes will not be invited to take part in any consultation.

Resolved that the clerk will raise concern with Radioactive Waste Management Ltd regarding this issue.

213/21 Lack of Parking and Trading Restrictions in the Square

Consideration was given to the lack of parking and trading restrictions in the Square.

Resolved that as the land used for parking and trading belongs to County Council and not Parish Council it is not appropriate for the Parish Council to form an official opinion on this at the present time.

214/21 Parish Council Surgeries.

Parish Council surgeries took place on 12 October 2021. Residents did attend and the following issues were raised:

- Speeding vehicles and vehicles parked on Foxfield Road inappropriately.
- Vegetation covering traffic signs.
- Lack of parking at the railway station.

The next surgery will be on 9 November 2021 at the Square Café between 10.45am and 12 noon.

215/21 Wilson Park

- a) Update on Skateboard Park - Cllr Jardine was not in attendance so this was adjourned until the next meeting.
- b) Cllr Albion advised we are looking at recycled picnic benches from Solway that look like wood. Suggestion was two ordinary and two disabled. The clerk advised that the skateboard park does not fit into the criteria for the NFU Funding and was asked to ask NFU if that meant we could replace more benches.

216/21 Street Lighting

The clerk advised that there is a streetlight out in New Street which is unrepairable and the people who repair our streetlights are of the opinion that the owners of the property it is on do not want it replaced.

Resolved that the clerk will speak to the people concerned and put it on the next agenda for further discussion.

217/21 Christmas Tree

It was noted that D Roe will make the arrangements for the tree as indeed he does every year.

218/21 Training

Resolved that the clerk can attend 4 training courses, 2 of which are refreshers, the total cost will be approximately £75. There were no requests from Cllrs for training.

219/21 Parish Lengths Man

The clerk advised that Archie is reducing not increasing the number of parishes he works for. The other person who may be interested has not yet responded to the clerk.

Resolved to put a note in the Parish Pump looking for someone and put a notice on the notice board and website etc.

220/21 Potential Joint Project

A chance comment by the headteacher suggested that part of a field had been offered for a car park for the school. The landowner then asked county about this possibility, but County showed no interest. Cllr Longworth then had a meeting with the head of the school to ask if the landowner was open to the parish and the school looking into to having a joint car park, which he is. So now the question is;

Is the parish council interested? Would it be possible with highways and planning?

Resolved that the parish Council would very much like to pursue this and the clerk will start some conversations to see if it is possible.

221/21 Charities

There are a number of charities which need new trustees who need to be nominated by the Parish Council. The nominees do not necessarily have to be parish Cllrs.

Resolved to put a note in the Parish Pump to see if anyone public are interested in this.

222/21 Consultations

Consideration was given to the following consultations

- a) Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan
The chair had sent a draft response to the Cllrs before the meeting in order that Cllrs have the opportunity to amend/add any comments. The draft was read out at the meeting and There were no other comments or changes suggested
Resolved to submit the response as it per the draft.
- b) Local Nature Recovery Strategies
It was noted that the closing date for this is in the next few days and there is not enough time to put a response together.

223/21 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)

7/2021/5758 - Rock Lee, Woodland, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6AE Proposal: New dwelling in the grounds of the existing property and the change of use of the existing house to become storage/workshop – No comments or objections.

7/2021/5777 - The Keppleway Project, The Keppleway Centre, Broughton-InFurness, LA20 6HE

Proposal: Erection of bouldering wall – No comments or objections

SL/2021/0976 - Wreaks End Farm, Broughton in Furness LA20 6BS
Erection of ancillary building in connection with holiday let business

Planning Permission Granted

T/2021/0138 - Broomhill, New Street, Broughton-in-Furness LA206JD

T/20210149 Tynashee, Church Street, Broughton-in-Furness LA20 6HJ

224/21 Financial Matters

Resolved that the following Direct Debits, Standing Order and Cheques be paid:-

Payments

Teek	151.19
Optech	156.00
SRCL	48.84
E-on	116.95
Hawthwaite Garden Services	480.00
Steelway Fensecure	19017.65
Salary	576.00
NPower	47.18
Reimbursements	95.46
Luscumbe Plant Hire	900.00
PKF Littlejohn	360.00
CALC	30.00
Lowick PC	165.00
Blawith & Subberthwaite PC	165.00

£22,309.27

Receipts

Allotment Rent	60.00
Honesty Boxes	23.18
Precept	14367.93
E-on	895.87
CAFS	325.00
	<u>£15671.98</u>

225/2 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held on 25 November 2021

