

## Draft Minutes of 24 October 2013

### DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 October 2013 in the Rankin Room Victory Hall, Broughton-in-Furness

**Present** Cllr Albion, Cllr Burch, Cllr Curwen, Cllr Glessal, Cllr Hannah, Cllr Johnson  
Cllr Knowles, Cllr Longworth.

**167/13 Apologies**

**Resolved** to accept apologies from Cllr Cooper and Cllr Procter

**168/13 Requests for Dispensations**

There were none

**169/13 Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Knowles and Cllr Burch declared an interest in item 9. The Parish Lengthsman scheme.

**170/13 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 August 2013 be signed by the chair as a true record and it was noted that minute number 156/13 (Agenda item 10 flooding) had been adjourned until Cllr Curwen arrived later in the meeting.

**171/13 Public Participation.**

- a) Police – The police were not in attendance but had sent an e-mail to the clerk Sending their apologies and the following update:  
24 calls for service in the last month, with the exception of one domestic and one accidental discharge of a shotgun in a farmhouse the rest of the calls have been related to traffic sheep on the road and traffic lights stuck on red and minor accidents.
- b) County Cllr David Fletcher was in attendance and gave an update on re-organisation of Better Highways. He advised that at present there are 50 vacant positions in Highways including 27 in Southlakeland and it may take until the spring to fill the vacancies. County Cllr Fletcher advised that when reporting highways issues press for reference number.  
County Cllr Fletcher advised that the Neighbourhood forums will be taking a new format. High Furness will have a grants panel so that the meetings can focus on issues. The panel will consist of District Cllrs and County Cllrs and parish reps. Also, Cumbria County Council will be bringing out their budget consultation document.
- c) Public – Concern was raised regarding the validity of the speed indicator device which had recently been in Church Street due to parked cars outside Thomas Butler & Son. There was a suggestion that Highways should visit Church Street.

**172/13 Victory Hall**

There was a short discussion regarding using some of the sunshine fund to pay for roof repairs for the Victory Hall. **Resolved** to use up to £5000 towards the roof repairs.

**173/13 Parish Lengthsman**

The Parish Lengthsman has completed his training. It was **Resolved** to ask the Parish Lengthsman to spend a day per month in different locations in order to progress this project. The first location is in Broughton Mills.

**174/13 Charities**

**Resolved** that Cllr Knowles will replace Cllr Barker as trustee on the following charities-

- a) Broughton Education Foundation
- b) Meanfield Estate

**Resolved** that Cllr Burch will replace Cllr Barker on the following charity

- a) Edward Postlethwaite & Mabel Barker Grave Fund

**175/13 Planning Applications**

T/2013/0135 – Church Fields, Broughton-in-Furness  
Crown reduce by a maximum of 20% - No objections

**Notice of Grant of Planning Permission**

7/2013/5439 - Greenfold, Seathwaite, Broughton-in-Furness –

Replacement of existing garage with new single garage.

7/2013/5392 – Far Kiln Bank, Ulpha, Broughton-in-Furness, Erect general purpose building.

**Notice of Intention**

7/2013/5562 – Holebeck, Woodland, Broughton-in-Furness LA20 6AH  
General Purpose Building

**176/13 Christmas Tree**

Cllr Longworth advised that this year's tree has been picked out but help will be needed to transport it into the square. **Resolved** to ask Martin Knowles to help with the transport and that Cllr E Knowles will contact D Roe regarding the lights.

**177/13 December Meeting**

It was **Resolved** not to have a meeting in December. The clerk will contact the chair should there be any urgent matters arising and the clerk will ensure that any financial matters are in kept up to date.

**178/13 Financial Matters**

**Resolved** that the following Direct Debits and Cheques be paid:-

E-on (street lighting)	40.43
Clerks wages	192.38
Clerks expenses	8.79
HMRC	43.60
Julie Clucas	91.46
Derek Ratcliffe Electrical Services Ltd	87.00
Royal British Legion	25.00
Shop Frontage Scheme	500.00
Victory Hall	76.25
	<u>£1583.86</u>

**Receipts**

SLDC £500.00

**179/13 Correspondence**

**Resolved** to note items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

**180/13 Clerk and Chairs report and progress report since last meeting.**

- a) Allotments – Concern had been raised about the drainage in the field. The clerk was tasked with bring this up with the allotment association to see if they could source funding to improve the drainage.
- b) Obelisk and Fish Slabs- We are still waiting for the confirmation of the materials to be used for repointing the obelisk. In respect to the fish slabs the clerk will complete the application for listed building consent.
- c) Traffic Calming- The clerk read out a letter From Cumbria County Council advising that there was very limited funding and that the speed tables in Church Street maybe considered for a Future traffic calming scheme.

**181/13 Cllr Reports**

Cllr Hannah raised concern about a collapsed road.

Cllr Albion rasied concern about the lack of signal for mobile telephones. He also raised concern about the Broughton to Coniston road flooding.

Cllr Burch raised concern about the street light in Princes Street not working.

Cllr Longworth raised concern about blocked drains, flooding vegetation not been cut back far enough and stolen sheep.

**182/13 District Cllr Curwen**

Cllr Curwen raised concern about spay/water on a road and flooding. Cllr Curwen advised he is working closely with John Woodcock MP on a number of issues and asked if there was any other matters the parish would like him to take up with our MP. Cllr Curwen has spoken with the Environmental Agency regarding the state of the road on the mosses.

**183/13 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the council will be held on 28 November 2013.