DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 September 2023 in the Rankin Room

at the Victory Hall.

The Chairman opened the meeting and advised that the meeting is being recorded.

**Present**  Cllr V Glessal, Cllr J Jardine, Cllr R Kanhai, Cllr M Kirkbride, Cllr S Lane, Cllr Robertshaw and

 Cllr P Robinson.

**175/23 Apologies**

 **Resolved** to note apologies from Cllr J Brakewell, Cllr C Edmondson, and Cllr I Longworth

**176/23** **Requests for Dispensations**

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

**177/23** **Declarations of Interest**

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

**178/23 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.

**179/23 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27 July 2023 to be signed by the chairman as a true record.

**180/23** **Chairs Announcements**

The Chair read out an email received from Westmorland and Furness Lieutenancy Office regarding Charter Day. Broughton-in-Furness is a fantastic place, everyone was so welcoming. Everyone worked well together, and Charter Day was a cracking day from start to finish. They look forward to the 431st Fair next year.

The Chair also advised he needed to leave at 8.30pm. As Cllr Longworth (Vice Chair) was not in attendance it was agreed that Cllr Kanhai will take over as chair should we run out of time.

**181/23** **Public Participation**

1. Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton was in attendance, he had no progress reports

from the Safer Speeds team at Highways.

He also advised that the cost for the footpath extension on Foxfield Road to Bush Green is higher than anticipated and has been timed out as his was something that Cumbria County Council were looking at before the Unitary authority came into force in April.

He advised that there is now a new chief constable, he will be writing to him to push for a permanent police presence in Broughton-in-Furness as we do qualify geographically. He is also

trying to get the school involved in the Mini Police scheme.

There is no progress on the tree in the Square as Westmorland and Furness claim it is not on their land and he suggested that we report it again.

No news on the mirror issue on the A595 but he has made his feelings known and has suggested that the residents change it to a convex mirror.

Requested that people report highway matters through the HIMS system.

Westmorland and Furness are committed to doing a full survey on signs covered by vegetation.

He also raised concern about the new Stagecoach X7 service running again as it is competition to the Friends of the X112 bus.

1. There were no residents in attendance.

**182/23 Road Safety Working Group**

Cllr Kanhai to 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. As chair to the group he is going to draft a letter to Highways requesting an update. This will be forwarded on to Highways through the clerk.

**183/23** **Community Place Plan**

 **Resolved** to note that CALC have updated the training. The clerk is booked on the training on 2nd October 2023. She also has a template from Westmorland and Furness

**184/23** **Wilson Park**

1. **Resolved** to note that the signage is now in place at the pump track. Cllr Jardine suggested that the cost of the grass cutting should be reduced as the area that is cut has been reduced. He also advised that he had met someone at the track to get a quote for having the track tarmacked.
2. **Resolved** to adjourn considering quotes for the slide until the next meeting in order to get further quotes.

**185/23** **Allotment Field**

 **Resolved** that Cllr Kirkbride and Cllr Jardinewill take a look at the field and report any issues at the next meeting.

**186/23 Town Cryer**

 **Resolved** to note that Cllr Kirkbride is in the process of helping the Town Cryer to register with the.

 Ancient & Honourable Guild of Town Criers. If there is any requirement or fee needed from the Parish Council, then this will be on the next agenda.

 **187/23** **Poppy Wreath**

 **Resolved** that the clerk will order the poppy wreath online from RBL.

**188/23** **Power in the Square for the Christmas lights**

 **Resolved** to keep theexisting sockets as they are but to add a low voltage outlet within the box.

**189/23 Volunteers and Volunteer Policy**

Two volunteers have come forward to empty the dog bins subject to bin bags and gloves being provided. **Resolved** to use Volunteer policy provided by the clerk and the clerk will order some bags and gloves.

**190/23** **Parish Cllrs Surgeries**

**Resolved** to note that no one had attended the latest surgery. The next surgery will be on 10 October 2023 in the Square Café between 10.45am and 12 noon.

**191/23** **Parish Lengths Man**

**Resolved** to ask the lengths man if he is able to remove damaged picnic tables and an old shed form the allotment field.

1. **192/23 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority’s website)**

 Ref**:** SL/2023/0535

 Location: Unit 4 Foxfield Business Park, Foxfield, Broughton-in-Furness

Proposal**:** Variation of condition 3 (Approved plans) attached to planning permission (Erection of two-storey building for Duddon & Furness Mountain Rescue, including parking area and new vehicular access road)

**Resolved** to note that the Parish Council have no objections or comments

Ref**:** SL/2023/5520

Location: The Kepplewray Project, The Kepplewray Centre, Broughton-InFurness, 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.

**Resolved** to note that the Parish Council have no objections or comments

**Planning Application Granted**

Ref No: 7/2023/5343

Location: Old Cattle Barn, Woodland, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6AQ

Proposal: External landscaping works within the barn yard, including timber greenhouse, raised planters, log store, fireplace, wildlife pond, grassed areas, seating areas and confirmation of the use of reclaimed cobbles at the site entrance.

 Ref No: 7/2023/5413

 Location: 1 and 2 Kepplewray Annexe, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6BD

Proposal: Single storey extension to existing dwelling, internal alterations to combine two properties into one dwelling and construction of a new outbuilding in the garden.

Ref No: 7/2023/5344

Location: Lind End Farm, Broughton Mills, Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6AU

Proposal: Part convert and erect two storey extension to farmhouse, install air source heat pump

 and install sewage treatment plant and install photo-voltaic panels on S W roof - following

 withdrawal of application ref 7/2022/5793

**193/23 Consultations**

1. Levelling up and Regeneration Bill
2. Invitation to take part in a new national data collection on the 2023 local elections
3. LDNPA – Visitor Management Questionnaire
4. NALC - Financial Regulations Consultation

**Resolved** to note that the Parish Council have no comments on the above consultations.

The chair requested that Cllrs should read the consultations ahead of the meeting and have any comments they wish to make ready on meeting night. The reason for this is because the consultations are time consuming and there is not always enough time to go through them on the night.

1. **194/23 Meanfield Charity**

Consideration was given to the nomination of a Cllr to be a trustee on the above named charity.

**Resolved** that the clerk will find out more about what is involved and put this on the next agenda.

**195/23 Training**

 **Resolved** that Cllr Kirkbride and Cllr Robinson will attend the Effective Cllr module 1 training on the

20th November 2023.

**196/23 Financial Matters**

1. The following payments were authorised for payment:

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 N Power 4.33

 N Power 129.72

 N Power 75.19

 Waterplus 54.14 (2 months)

 Salary 1,260.00 (2 months)

 Hawthwaite Garden Services 1,375.00 (2 months)

 Moore 378.00

 Npower 127.20

 Get Dirty Gardening 337.97

 N Power 83.08

 SRCL 72.00

 Reimbursements 104.32

 Fuel for strimmer 5.00

 £4005.95

1. Precept

 **Resolved** to note that the clerk advised we need to be thinking about next year’s precept.

There are damaged picnic tables which need to be replaced and we will be looking for a cleaner for the toilets.

**197/23 Progress Reports**

1. Community Resilience Plan – Still Work in progress

Bank Mandate – All the forms have with the clerk so the mandate form can now be sent off to Barclays.

1. Community Place Plan – Covered in 183/23.
2. Bus stop at Broughton Mills – Still looking for quotes for the repairs.

**198/23/ Councillors Reports**

Cllr Robertshaw advised that he had received an email from someone who has done work in Wilson Park and he is available to continue doing so. The same person is on the verge of abandoning.

 organising the firework display. The clerk advised that the firework display is nothing to do with the Parish Council.

 Cllr Kanhai raised concern about double decker busses coming down Church Street.

**199/23** **Date of Next Meeting**

 To note that the date of the next council meeting is to be on 26th October 2023 at 7.00pm

in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.