

Draft Minutes for 25 August 2011

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 August 2011 in the Rankin Room Victory Hall, Broughton-in-Furness

Present Cllr Albion, Cllr J Barker, Cllr L Burch, Cllr J Curwen
Cllr Glessal, Cllr Hannah, Cllr Johnson, Cllr, Longworth.

Prior to the meeting starting, the leader of Cumbria County Council spoke about issues in Cumbria, He spoke about how the priorities should be children and old people he advised that he was in support of local communities having the power and freedom to do their own thing. He spoke of other issues including: Budgets, Highway matters, Sheltered Housing, and the need for a neighbourhood care scheme.

140/11 Apologies

Cllr E Knowles
Cllr M Cooper

141/11 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2011 be signed by the chair as a true record.

142/11 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Glessal declared a personal interest in item 13 Victory Hall.

143/11 Local Police Report

The local police were in attendance and reported that there had been a theft of lead from the builders yard in Foxfield. They also advised of dog bite incident. Their priority is still off road vehicles and fixed penalty tickets have been issued. Partnership working is going very well and there will be more operations following its success.

144/11 County Cllr Salisbury

County Cllr Salisbury was in attendance and advised of the relaunch of Better Highways, County Cllr Salisbury also advised that the Coniston Lengthsman is voluntary. County Cllr Salisbury advised that there is to be a drop in session at the Victory Hall and information will be available on Keppelway, Woodland Management, Traffic Calming and allotments and also Greenslack Farm.

145/11 Public Participation.

Comments were made about how nice Wilson Park is at the moment, its nice to see everything working and clean. Concern was raised about the lack of a hearing loop in the Rankin Room. Concern was raised regarding the style of the new street lights on station level.

146/11 Clerk and Correspondence

To note items of correspondence received since the last meeting. The clerk was tasked with writing to John Woodcock regarding the government's proposals to increase the length of HGV's.

147/11 Planning Applications

7/2011/5415 – Low Kiln Bank, Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6EB
Photovoltaic Electricity Installation – No Objections.

Notice of Grant of Planning Permission

7/2011/5233 – Bracken Barn, Low Whinnery Ground

7/2011/5285 – 1 Timber Hill, Broughton.

7/2011/5237 – Low Kiln Bank – Ulpha, Broughton-in-Furness

7/2011/5263 – 2 GRP Kiosks

7/2011/5148 – Ulpha School, Broughton-in-Furness

148/11 Financial Matters

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

Clerks wages	180.29
Expenses	57.36
HMRC	45.00
E-on Street Lights	40.12
BDO	342.00
United Utilities	86.86
J Clucas	40.00
N Power	81.35
	<u>£872.98</u>

Received

CGP	4000.00
E-on	1201.35
	<u>£5201.35</u>

149/11 Street Lights

A discussion took place regarding the position of the new street lights on Station Level. The clerk was tasked with finding out why the street lights were so far away from the wall and why there was no sign of any holes being dug near the wall.

A discussion took place regarding the faulty street light at Keppleway and the quotations were discussed. Cllr Barker will find out if Estuary Electricals will deduct the previous payment from the quote which has been submitted to repair the light.

150/11 Bus Stop at Broughton Mills

The quotations were discussed in respect to the repair of the bus stop.

Resolved Hugh Pescod be asked to repair the bus stop as per the quote 2.

151/11 Victory Hall

A Discussion took place regarding the broken lift in the Victory Hall.

The clerk advised that over £2000 had been received into the Council's bank account from the Solar Panels on Victory Hall.

Resolved Duddon Parish Council will pay for the repair.

152/11 Allotment Field

There was a discussion regarding the draft lease in respect of the proposed allotment field. Concerns were raised regarding the funding of work needing to be done i.e. the water supply and the area for parking.

Cllr Curwen was tasked with getting some estimates.

153/11 Grit Bins and Plant Pots

A discussion took place regarding the moving of the grit bin situated in the square . It was agreed to ask if it can be moved to Meanfield Corner. Further discussion took place about the plant pots in the village and it was agreed the clerk would apply to Highways for a permit.

154/11 Parish Pump

There was a discussion regarding putting updates in the parish pump. The clerk suggested putting the minutes on the website earlier, however some of the Cllrs felt that the Minutes should not be made public until after they have been approved at the next meeting.

155/11 Wilson Park

Discussion regarding the upgrading of the footpath at Wilson Park to accommodate disabled people. It was decided to set a meeting up with Mr Parsons, Cllr Albion, Cllr Knowles and Cllr Burch.

156/11 Charities

Cllr J M Hannah was nominated to represent Duddon Parish Council on the Gunson Almhouses charity.

157/11 Annual Return

The Annual Return has been returned from the external auditors with no issues.

Resolved to accept and approve the Annual Return.

The clerk was asked to leave a copy in Broughton Information Centre.

158/11 Cllr Reports

Cllr Burch raised concern regarding the toilet roll holder in the public disabled toilets. There does not appear to be a key that fits.

Cllr Hannah raised concern about the blocked drain at Ulpha Bridge.

Cllr Johnson advised that one of the new grit bins had been put in place.

Cllr Johnson also advised that cutting back the hedges in Woodland has started but it is not a good job.

Cllr Albion raised concern about the tap in the church yard not working.

Cllr Barker advised that Bush Green had not been cut back. Cllr Barker asked where the speedgun was.

Cllr Glessal raised concern about the notice boards, the boards should be used for local events. Cllr Glessal also raised concern about the posters going up on telegraph poles.

Cllr Longworth advised that the bins at Ulpha were been emptied twice a week now bit raised concern about the amount of rubbish being piled on top of the bins.

Cllr Curwen gave a report on a meeting he had been to in Manchester about Local Council Partnerships.

159/11 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held on 22 September 7.30pm