

## Draft Minutes for 23 August 2012

### DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 August 2012 in the Rankin Room Victory Hall, Broughton-in-Furness

**Present** Cllr Albion, Cllr Barker, Cllr L Burch, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Glessal, Cllr Hannah, Cllr Johnson, Cllr I Longworth.

**134/12 Apologies**

**Resolved** to accept apologies from Cllr E Knowles and Cllr I Longworth.

**135/12 Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Burch declared an interest in item 8, Parish Lengthsman Scheme

**136/12 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2012 be signed by the chair as a true record.

Cllr Curwen and Cllr Barker entered.

**137/12 Public Participation.**

- a) **The police** were not in attendance but had sent an e-mail to the clerk advising that the policing priority for our area is speeding vehicles and it is the NPT's plan to run an enforcement and education campaign in the area to coincide with "Road Safety" week.
- b) **County Councillor Claire Salisbury** was in not in attendance but had contacted the clerk prior to the meeting to advise that there will be a traffic calming meeting shortly to look at draft plans she also advised that Greenodd roundabout will be going ahead. County Cllr Salisbury is supportive of Duddon Parish Council's proposal for the footpath from Bush Green.  
Carol Last from Cumbria County Council was in attendance. Carol advised that concern had been raised regarding the cost of the Village Wheels service and also that it had to be prebooked. For a trial period the bus will a 10-16 seater and prebooking will be dropped. CCC are also looking at ways to try and reduce the cost.
- c) **Residents** - Concern was raised about Village Wheels service and people who do not use the service now may need it in the future. The service needs to be well publicized. The council were asked how allotment holders will exist from the allotment field. The council were also asked if there were any plans for a Christmas Market this year.

**138/12 Assets Register**

The working group have had a meeting since the last Parish Council meeting. The clerk advised that for a small fee the council can apply to the land registry office and find out exactly what land is registered to the Council  
**Resolved** that the clerk to complete and submit the forms to the registry office to find out exactly what is registered to the council.

**139/12 Victory Hall**

There are some issues which need attention from the Fire safety inspection.

**Resolved** that the council will pay the work to be done from the Sunshine Fund.

**140/12 Public Toilets**

The dryer in the public toilets is broken. **Resolved** that if the dryer is not repairable a new one should be fitted.

**141/12 Parish Lengthsman Scheme**

Since the last meeting, one of the applicants has withdrawn. **Resolved** to offer the Parish Lengthsman to the remaining applicant.

**142/12 Shop Frontage Scheme**

The clerk was tasked with writing to the interested parties to remind them of the closing date. Nominating a panel to deal with applications was adjourned.

**143/12 Consultations**

a) Removal of statutory requirements around cheque payments.

**Resolved** that the council are happy to leave things as they are and will not respond to the consultation.

b) HMRC proposal to allow the use of red diesel in tractors for gritting as and when conditions demand. **Resolved** that the council agree it would be beneficial for rural communities to use red diesel in tractors and the clerk to respond to the questions in the consultation.

**144/12 Charities**

At the July meeting, Cllr Barker had requested that the charities be on the next agenda and the balances gone through. However Duddon Parish Council are not the sole trustee to any charity. It is up to the trustees of the charities to have their own meetings with their own agendas and minutes.

**145/12 Foxfield Road**

Cllr Albion raised concern footway at Foxfield being in a mess, grass is overgrown and has pebbles in it. Cllr Albion was also concerned about the road cracking.

Cllr Albion proposed that the council to try and get an extension on the speed restrictions at Foxfield (Bush Green to Furness Supply). Resolved that the clerk write a letter to Highways to ask for the extension to the speed limit.

**146/12 Planning Application**

T/2012/0071 – High Syke House, Church Street, Broughton-in-Furness

Remove low branch over garden and shorten branches over roof - Passed comment deadline

7/2012/5273 – Troughton Hall, Woodland – Shed to house animals – passed Comment deadline

**Notice of Grant Of Planning Permission**

7/2012/5314 – Little Pickthall Ground, Broughton-in-Furness – New treatment plant

7/2012/5182 Greenslack Farm. Broughton-in-Furness – Change of use of land to domestic garden and extension and internal refurbishment to existing house.

7/2012/5265 – Hobkin Ground, Broughton Mills – Provide roof to existing open slurry store

7/2012/ 5176 – Ground Floor, Bellman House, New Street, Broughton-in-Furness  
Convert garage workshop and store below Bellman House to provide flat for  
disabled persons use.

7/2012/5301 – Black Cock Inn, Broughton-in-Furness – Removal of dilapidated roof  
slates and replacement of similar second hand locally sourced slates.

7/2012/5142 – Allotment site, Greenslack Farm.

#### 147/12 Financial Matters

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

Clerks wages	180.09
Clerks expenses	22.84
HMRC	45.20
E-on Street Lights	41.48
United Utilities	101.01
N Power	78.58
J Clucas	36.00
BDO	342.00
Freedom Agrilek	1500.00
Hawthwaite Garden Services	265.00
Pitcaine Ltd	561.00
Pyroaristry	<u>720.00</u>
	<u>£3893.20</u>

#### Receipts

E-on (Fit plan)	1659.15
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#### 148/12 Audit

Following the External Audit opinion the annual was presented to the council and  
advised that no matters had come to their attention which required a separate  
additional issues arising report.

**Resolved** to accept and approve the annual return.

#### 149/12 Correspondence

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

#### 150/12 Clerks Report

The clerk advised that in order to put the register of Interests forms on the  
website. The site would need a small amount of maintenance. The work can only be  
done by Red Abbey who host the website and would cost about £100 plus vat.  
The AGM was in May. The ordinary Council meeting was a continuation of the  
AGM and so the minutes were approved at the next ordinary meeting being  
June 2012

- Street Lighting – The pillar work is now complete on the Garner House and we  
are just awaiting North West Electricity to come and connect the light. The light  
opposite the Doctors and behind the Firestation has now got a lantern and  
although workmen have been seen working on the light, it still is not working.
- Duddon Community Led Plan – Next meeting will be held on 11 September 2012.
- Highway Matters – Keith Masser is contacting County Cllr Claire Salisbury  
regarding the Parish Council's proposal of a footpath from Bush Green.
- Allotment Field – The planning application has been passed. Cllr Cooper will seek  
new quotes so that we can apply for funding to progress this project.

**151/12 Cllr Reports**

Cllr Albion advised that the drainage work in Wilson Park will begin once the children are back at school.

Cllr Cooper asked what is happening with the land allocations project.

Cllr Glessal raised concern about the congested parking at bottom of new street making it difficult to turn up there from Griffin Street.

Cllr Burch raised concern regarding the allocation of housing possibly going to non local people.

Cllr barker apologized for being late. He advised he had been to look at the overgrown trees at occupation lane at foxfield. Cllr Barker requested that the public toilets be put on the next agenda. Cllr Barker raised concern about the possibility of the road being closed when the Barn at Grizebeck is rebuilt.

Cllr Barker then launched a personal attack on the clerk. Cllr Burch (Chair) said that Cllr Barker cannot keep doing this month after month and he should resolve his differences.

**152/12 District Cllr Curwen**

Cllr Curwen advised that he had contacted BT about a drain they had damaged at Woodland.

**153/12 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the council will be held on 27 September 2012 at 7.30pm