

Draft Minutes of 23 January 2014

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 January 2014 in the Rankin Room Victory Hall, Broughton-in-Furness

Present Cllr Albion, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Curwen, Cllr Glessal, Cllr Hannah, Cllr Knowles, Cllr Procter.

001/14 Apologies

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr Burch, Cllr Johnson and Cllr Longworth

002/14 Requests for Dispensations

There were none

003/14 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Knowles declared an interest in item 13b Parish Lengthsman progress report. Cllr Albion declared an interest in planning application 7/2013/5581, The Mountain Centre.

004/14 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 November 2013 be signed by the chair as a true record .

005/14 Public Participation.

- a) Police were in not in attendance.
- b) County Cllr David Fletcher was in attendance. He advised that his concerns regarding the CCC Budget consultation was the withdrawing of student travelling and also the subsidies for bus services being removed. However Community Schemes should be in place. County Cllr Fletcher did not think the Broughton Fire Service would be affected. Cllr Fletcher advised that he will be having a tour of the area with the new Highway steward.
- c) Public – A number of local residents were in attendance and there were many concerns regarding the suggestion of a No entry experimental order at the entry of High Cross, mainly that it would cause the traffic travelling west in Church Street to increase speed. The No entry would have a detrimental effect on the local businesses. There had been an accident in Church Street over the festive season, if there had been a pedestrian there at the time the accident could well have been fatal. Had the speed table been in place the traffic would have been slowed down. Concern was raised regarding the position of the recent speed indicator device in Church Street and the accuracy of the results. Concern was raised about the allotment field being very wet. There was a proposal to help resolve the drainage issue on the allotment field. There was also a thank you to the people responsible for the Christmas lights they were lovely.

006/14 Traffic Calming

The clerk had received a letter from CCC seeking feedback from the Parish Council regarding the following suggestions:

- a) Stop signs at the top of Griffin Street and Princes Street – The Parish Council were in full support of this, however during the meeting County Cllr Fletcher advised that that the Highway agency had said no to this idea.
- b) Gateway Features on the entrance to the village – The Parish Council unanimously disagreed with this idea.
- c) A No entry experimental order at the entry of High Cross end- The Parish Council unanimously disagreed with this idea.

The Parish Council's priority regarding traffic calming is that the speed tables should be put in Church Street. This is not a new suggestion, the tables should have been put in place when the speed bumps were removed back in 2010.

A new suggestion is a 30mph from the Wreaks End junction right. The central white line at Wreaks End farm and Sunnybank should be eroded making the road one lane at that point which will slow traffic down.

007/14 Wilson park

Cllr Albion raised concern about the ramp on the Zip Wire and the state of the climbing frame. Cllr Albion had asked playdale to take a look at the Zip Wire and it is going to cost in excess of £3000 to repair it. The Zip Wire is safe to use and the Parish Council **Resolved** to wait for the playground inspection which is due shortly to see what the outcome is and then consider whether to have it fixed or seek funding to have it replaced. There is no price for having the climbing frame fixed yet. Also new woodbark is needed for the playground.

008/14 Footpath at Foxfield

Cllr Albion suggested that extending the footpath at Foxfield from Bush Green could perhaps be done in stages. The first stage to start from Heather Lea to the recycling bins. The clerk will pass the details on to Highways and seek funding once we have a quote.

009/14 Planning Applications

7/2013/5681 Low Hencroft, Woodland LA20 6AG

Formation of equine manege.

7/2013/5581 Mountain Centre Sports shop, Market Street, Broughton.

Change of use of former shop to dwelling (including increase in roof height) and extensions of two partially completed dwellings within existing building to create 3 dwellings in total - No objections.

SL/2013/1106 The Birches, Foxfield

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling – No objections.

T/2013/ 0189 – The Vicarage, Broughton-in-Furness -Crown Clean 2 Sycamores (T1 and T4) fell 1 Maple (T2) and 1 Scots Pine (T3). Crown raise mixed conifers.

Notice of Grant of Planning Application

7/2013/5489 – The Old Smithy – First floor extension, ground floor single storey extensions and alterations/refurbishment of existing dwelling.

7/2013/5541 – Low Moss House, Seathwaite, Broughton-in-Furness. LA20 6EE
Replace roof with new shape, plus minor alterations to dwelling

010/14 Financial Matters

Resolved that the following Direct Debits and Cheques be paid:- (Dec 13/Jan 14)

E-on (street lighting)	81.91
Clerks wages	384.76
Clerks expenses	5.10
HMRC	87.20
Allotment Society	66.00
J Hillier	206.38
J R Burch Ltd	<u>336.00</u>
	<u>£1167.35</u>

Receipts

CGP	496.81
Wayleave	<u>44.14</u>
	<u>£540.95</u>

011/14 Precept

It was **Resolved** that the precept be £13,500 as per the recommendation from the financial working group. The Council acknowledged that they may have to seek funding from elsewhere for some projects in order to keep the precept as low as possible.

012/14 Correspondence

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

013/14 Clerk and Chairs report and progress report since last meeting.

- a) Obelisk and Fish Slabs – There was a short discussion regarding the fish slabs and how unsafe they are. The anonymous person who was willing to repaint the obelisk is no longer interested.
- b) Parish Lengthsman - The Parish Lengthsman has done some work in the square as the Christmas tree had fallen in the windy weather and caused some damage.

014/14 Cllr Reports

Cllr Albion raised concern about the state of Market Street, it is not fit for cyclists. Cllr Albion advised that the railway line had been tidied up by LDNPA and that the guttering is going to get sorted out.

Cllr Knowles advised that Broughton's status has changed to enabled by the end of the year in respect of broadband and connecting Cumbria. Cll Knowles raised concern about a sign at the bank. She also advised that the street light on the corner of Brade Street/ Princes Street had been repaired.

015/13 District Cllr Curwen

Cllr Curwen advised that a flood officer had been out to Broughton and looked at various drains and culverts some of which are full of sludge and need cleaning out. Cllr Curwen raised concern about overhanging branches and advised that he had spoken to Highways about this. Cllr Curwen has spoken to British Rail about having some banking built up again. Cllr Curwen is extremely concerned about state of the mosses, in particular, if any emergency vehicles are required.

016/13 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held on 27 February 2014.

