

Draft Minutes July 2013

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 July 2013 in the Rankin Room Victory Hall, Broughton-in-Furness

Present Cllr Burch, Cllr Curwen, Cllr Glessal, Cllr Hannah, Cllr Knowles
Cllr Longworth and Cllr Procter.

109/13 Apologies

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr Albion, Cllr Cooper and Cllr Johnson.

110/13 Requests for Dispensations

There were none.

111/13 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Knowles and Cllr Burch declared an interest in item 11. The Parish Lengthsman scheme.

Cllr Glessal declared an interest in item 6 a) Consider the quotation for excavating ramp down to ditch for access to water.

112/13 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27 June 2013 be signed by the chair as a true record.

Cllr Curwen arrived.

113/13 Public Participation.

- a) The police were in attendance and reported that there had been 23 calls for service including 1 anti social behavior, 1 crime in Woodland, 2 domestics and other traffic offences. In other local areas gas bottles have been stolen and there is a trend for scrap metal thefts although not in this area. PC Baldwin gave a report on the data collected by the Speed indicator device which had recently been in Market Street. It is hoped that the data will be available on Duddon Parish Council's website soon. PC Baldwin advised that it is intended to bring the SID back into Broughton and put it in Church Street. PC Baldwin advised that it is not a criminal offence to drive on occupation lane.
- b) County Cllr D Fletcher was not in attendance
- c) 8 Members of the public were in attendance and concern was raised about traffic going through Broughton Park to reach the allotment field particularly as there are children and pets around the area. Cllr Knowles read out a letter that the council had received from Thomas Butler & Son regarding the right of way for allotment holders. Concern was raised regarding rumors that the 30mph speed limit through Foxfield may be discounted. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that the 30mph speed limit should remain through Foxfield.
Concern was raised regarding speeding traffic through Church Street and also the narrow footpaths not leaving enough room for pedestrians and pushchairs .

114/13 Allotments

The clerk advised that the allotment holders had now formed an allotment association. There was a discussion about the allotment field and it was

- a) **Resolved** to excavate a ramp down to the ditch for easier access to water.
- b) **Resolved** to engage Thomas Butler & Son to respond to a number of letters received from residents in Broughton Park.
- c) The clerk read out an e mail from Cumbria County Council advising that the gate which had been removed does belong to the allotment field on the occupation lane side. The clerk advised that the gate is to be returned.

115/13 Traffic Calming

- a) There was no update from the latest traffic calming meeting however there was a discussion regarding traffic calming. The clerk was tasked with pursuing the speed tables in Church Street as they should have been replaced before the traffic calming group was created. The clerk was also tasked with writing to Highways in regard to having the sign at the top of Griffin Street changed from a give way sign to a stop sign on PC Baldwin's recommendation and also to have the sign in a more appropriate place. In addition to this the parish council would like a stop sign at the top of Princes Street.
- b) **Resolved** that the council unanimously support a 20mph zone although they would prefer a 20mph speed limit.

116/13 Footpath at Foxfield

Natural England have funding available which could help to fund extend the footpath at Foxfield to Bush Green. The clerk was tasked with looking into this further and to see if the project would be eligible for funding.

117/13 Picnic tables in Wilson Park

There was a short discussion about having a disabled picnic table in Wilson Park. **Resolved** that the Council will provide a picnic table suitable for the disabled. The clerk will look into this further.

118/13 Planning Applications

7/2013/5369 – 1-12 Broughton Tower, Broughton in Furness

Internal Alterations – No objections

7/2013/5368 – Walk Mill House, Broughton Mills

Rebuild existing conservatory and enlarge – No objection

7/2013/5392 – Far Kiln Bank, Broughton in Furness

Erect general purpose building extension – No objection

119/13 Parish Lengthsman

- a) The Parish Lengthsman has not done the second part of the training yet but he will be booking it very shortly.
- b) Cllr Hannah and Cllr Longworth are to give the lengthsman a call and organize some quotations for the next meeting.

120/13 Strimmer

The council gave consideration to purchasing a new strimmer. Various quotes for Renting and buying were considered. **Resolved** to purchase a strimmer but perhaps purchase one can have different heads. Cllr Albion to arrange on his return.

121/13 Financial Matters

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

E-on (street lighting)	40.43
Clerks wages	190.63
Clerks expenses	15.85
HMRC	43.00
Pitcaine Ltd	<u>154.00</u>
	<u>£443.91</u>

Receipts

Rent	105.00
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122/13 External Audit

The External Audit has not yet been returned so this item was adjourned until the next meeting.

123/13 Correspondence

Resolved to note items of correspondence received since the last meeting. In particular 5 letters from local residents were noted. As discussed in item 6b) Thomas Butler & Son will be asked to respond to these.

124/13 Clerk and Chairs report and progress report since last meeting.

- a) Community Led Plan – No community led plan meeting had been held but Cllr Knowles advised that she and another member of the group will be going around Broughton with a clipboard to try and get some response from the public.
- b) Toilets – Cllr Knowles advised that the cleaner is happy for the council to advertise for a cleaner to clean the public toilets.

125/13 Cllr Reports

Cllr Burch advised that Charter on 1 August 2013 will involve both the Black Cock and The Manor this year and it is nice to see the Manor involved as it always used to be in the manor.

Cllr Longworth raised concern about trees on Duddon Bridge not been cut. Also raised concern about a collapsed drain. A large tree need cutting back. Cllr Longworth raised concern about a road been closed but there was a lack of communication to the residents effected by the road closure. Cllr Curwen will look into this.

Cllr Glessal advised that Hill Bridge has been fixed.

Cllr Procter raised concern about overgrown vegetation.

Cllr Knowles advised that CGP would like to hold the football tournament in Wilson Park again ad they did last year.

126/13 District Cllr Curwen

Cllr Curwen advised that he is still looking into flooding issues in Broughton. Cllr Curwen also advised that he to receive £1000 that will be split between Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council and Duddon Parish Council.

127/13 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held on 22 August 2013.

