

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 March 2016 in the Rankin Room Victory Hall, Broughton-in-Furness

- Present** Cllr G Albion, Cllr J Curwen, Cllr A Downe, Cllr E Knowles, Cllr J Johnson, Cllr G Pitts.
- 43/16 Apologies**
To receive apologies from Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr V Glessal, and Cllr I Longworth and Cllr L Burch.
- 44/16 Requests for Dispensations**
There were none.
- 45/16 Declaration of Interests**
Cllr Knowles declared an interest in item no: 16 - Parish Lengths man.
- 46/16 To consider if there are any items on the agenda from which the press and public should be excluded.**
Resolved that no items are to be discussed in private. The Clerk advised that when discussing the tribunal the appellants name should not be mentioned.
- 47/16 Minutes**
Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on Thursday 25 February 2016 be signed by the chair with the following amendment:
Minute No 24/16: Cllr Burch was not in attendance and therefore did not declare an interest in item 13 – Parish Lengths Man.
- 48/16 Public Participation.**
- a) Police were not in attendance.
 - b) County Cllr David Fletcher was in attendance and talked about Council Tax increases. There is a lot of pressure on County resources due to the winter flooding. More money has been promised but has not yet been finalized.
Cllr Downe reminded County Cllr Fletcher that several months ago he was tasked with asking Cumbria County Council to write to the Parish Council and explain why Cumbria County Council sell off assets from within our Parish but nothing comes back into the Parish. Cllr Downe requested a response by the next meeting. Cllr Curwen raised concern about a culvert.
 - c) Public- Concern was raised about the state of the recycling site on Foxfield Road
There was a suggestion that perhaps there should be a notice with a telephone number on at the site so that the public can report it.
Concern was raised about the timing of the proposed pylons clashing with the LDNPA application to become a world heritage site. Other areas are having pylons removed. County Cllr Fletcher suggested that the public lobby LDNPA as they have grave concerns about the pylons. The public would also like to see the Parish Council to lead the community in this matter.
Mr Duncan Peak was in attendance and gave some background on the planning application for Burlington Stone.

49/16 Occupation Lane

There was a discussion regarding making an application for a Modification Order to make the lane a Public Bridleway. **Resolved** to ask Thomas Butler & Son to submit the application and to serve the notice on the land owners.

50/16 Litter Bin on Foxfield Road

Resolved to ask SLDC to move the bin from the Church Street to Foxfield Road as this will have no cost to the Parish Council. To have a new bin installed with have required funding. Outside the vets, next to the Public toilets and the railway line were suggested sites for DOG poop signs.

51/16 Wilson Park

a) Top Soil for Wilson Park – **Resolved** to adjourn until next meeting as we are waiting for the 3 quotations.

b) **Resolved** to give permission for the ATV3 event to take place at Wilson Park. The Clerk was tasked with sending an agreement to the organisers.

The chair was in receipt of another application for activity in the Park. The clerk was tasked with sending out an agreement.

There was a suggestion that donations should be made towards the upkeep of the Park and the clerk was tasked with including this in the letter to the organisers.

52/16 Public Toilets

Resolved to accept the contract with Healthmatic and for the clerk to sign the contract.

53/16 Website and Twitter

Resolved to update the Parish Council website in order to meet requirements of the transparency code for smaller authorities and also to include twitter.

54/16 Training

None of the Cllrs agrees to go to the training courses on offer from Calc. Cllr Downe would like to know about the Powers of the Parish Council and how these can be implicated and also when the power is not a Parish Council matter how do the Parish Council progress matters.

55/16 Duddon Estuary Partnership

a) The partnership will be refocusing on matters which effect people and communities around the estuary. **Resolved** that the Parish Council are in support of the partnership refocusing.

b) **Resolved** that both Cllr Pitts and Cllr Curwen will be nominated attendees to go to the partnership meetings.

56/16 National Grid

The next round of consultations will be starting around the beginning of June. **Resolved** that the Parish Council will lead the community and the community by initially requesting a meeting with NWCC, but with format dictated by the Parish Council not NWCC.

57/16 Victory Hall

Cllr Knowles advised that volunteers are needed to tidy up both inside and outside the Victory Hall Cllr Knowles also advised that the AGM is coming up and more volunteers are need to form a committee.

58/16 Tribunal Case

The clerk gave a brief update on the tribunal case and advised that the witness statement And a letter from Thomas Butler & Son have now been submitted to the tribunal.

58/16 Parish Lengths Man

Consideration was given to jobs for the lengths man. There are no further jobs for the Parish Lengths Man for this month.

59/16 Planning Applications

Cllr Curwen declared an interest in SL/2017/0042

SL/2016/0042 – Butts Wood, Brockbank Ground, Broughton-in-Furness

Single Storey rear extension – no objections.

7/2016/5093 – Riverside Cottage and Duddon View, Hall Dunnerdale, Cumbria

Replacement of the existing septic tank with a new package treatment plant – no objections.

JP_5/16/9002 & 5/16/9003 – Kirkby Slate Quarry, Kirkby-in-Furness LA17 7UN

Consultation on Mineral County Matter Applications for Planning Applications for planning permission accompanied by an environmental impact assessment (EIA) – No objections.

The Parish Council are in full support of the Kirkby Slate Quarry application.

60/16 Financial Matters

Resolved that the following Direct Debits, Standing Order and Cheques for February 2016:

C Adams	225.00
C Adams (expenses 6 months)	114.36
HMRC	51.60
E-on	61.59
J D Hillier	<u>154.54</u>
	<u>£607/09</u>

No receipts this month

61/16 2016/17 Proposed Budget

The 2016/17 proposed budget was adjusted to take into account decisions made tonight.

62/16 Correspondence

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

63/16 Cllr Reports

Cllr Albion raised concern about litter between Broughton and Barrow. Cllr Albion also Raised concern about the lack of signal for mobile phones. Also raised concern about the state of the kerbs at Keppleway.

Cllr Downe reported that the benches outside the TIC and the snooker room are looking good and thanked Cllr Albion for doing them. Cllr Downe advised that the reason for no church bells ringing is because there is a shortage of bell ringers. Cllr Downe also advised that the tower clock has a mechanical fault. Cllr Downe raised concern about a strange young man in the area. Cllr Downe advised that she had tried to retract the Parish Pump article for the Parish Council but it was too late.

Cllr Johnson raised concern about pot holes in Woodland

Cllr Knowles advised that she had attended a meeting with Stage Coach regarding the buses coming down Church Street. The bus route will stay the same as Stage Coach have a policy where they prefer the buses not to reverse and they would have to do so if the route was changed. Cllr Knowles reminded the Council that she had some old paperwork that needed going through. Raised concern about the obelisk.