

## Draft Minutes November 2015

### DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the AGM meeting held on Thursday 26 November 2015 in the Rankin Room Victory Hall, Broughton-in-Furness

**Present** Cllr G Albion, Cllr Burch, Cllr J Curwen, Cllr Downe, Cllr E Knowles, Cllr V Glessal, and Cllr I Longworth.

**215/15 Apologies**

To receive apologies from Cllr Edmondson, Cllr J Johnson and Cllr G Pitts.

**216/15 Requests for Dispensations**

There were none.

**217/15 Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Knowles and Cllr Burch declared an interest in item no: 11 - Parish Lengths man.

**218/15 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 October 2015 be signed by the chair.

**219/15 Public Participation.**

- a) Police were in attendance and reported that there had been reports of sheep on the road. The police advised that it will be in the New Year before SID will be available. Cllr Curwen raised concern with the police about a red van and a green van bringing foxes into the area.
- b) County Cllr David Fletcher was in attendance and advised that Cumbria County Council continues its re-organization and they still have to make yet more savings, there will be a loss of fire stations including Staveley and Windermere. He advised that the County Council can now precept an extra 2% but it must be spent on Social Care. Concerns were raised with County Cllr Fletcher regarding the A595 and the amount of accidents. He suggested that the accidents are caused by dangerous driving. Several suggestions were made by the Parish Council i.e. put the chevrons back at Wrecks End, crash barriers be extended. He was asked what progress had been made regarding his liaising with the highways team to find a way forward to reintroduce traffic calming in Church Street. His suggested that the Parish Council have got their priorities wrong.  
Cllr Downe requested that County Cllr Fletcher ask Cumbria County Council to write to us and explain why they consistently refuse to spend money in our Parish and yet they spend money elsewhere on footpaths going from nowhere to nowhere.  
Cllr Downe requested that that we have a response by our next meeting.
- c) Public- Concern was raised about a culvert flooding.

**220/15 Wilson Park Trees**

Cllr Albion advised that residents had raised concern about some very tall Aspin trees in Wilson Park leaning towards their properties and should it get very windy they may fall on their properties. Cllr Albion advised that there would be no cost to having the trees felled. The Clerk advised that no planning permission was needed as Wilson Park is not in the conservation area. **Resolved** that Cllr Albion will arrange for the trees to be felled.

**221/15 Larch Trees**

Consideration was given to a request to fell and remove some Larch trees and to replant the area with native, deciduous trees in the Duddon Valley near the Newfield Inn.

**Resolved** that the Parish Council have no objections are comments.

**222/15 Trial Weekend**

Cllr Downe raised concern about vehicles parking dangerously at the weekend of the trials making it difficult for pedestrians. **Resolved** to ask the organisers to ask Broughton Information Centre for permission to use the field behind the Victory Hall for parking and ask the police if Keppleway can be coned off.

**223/15 Consultations**

- a) Electoral Review of South Lakeland – No comments
- b) Annual Review of Constitution – No comments
- c) Cumbria County Council – Health and Wellbeing – No Comments
- e) Town and Village Greens –

**Resolved** that the Chair and the Clerk will complete this survey

- f) Development Management Policies Development Plan Document – Issues and options discussion paper – No comments.

**224/15 Communication and Social Media**

Cllr Downe proposed that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting are summarized and put in the Parish Pump but concern was raised regarding the timing as the minutes will be two month behind in the parish pump. The clerk advised that the minutes could be released in draft form as soon as they are available as they cannot be changed, any errors and amendments are recorded in the minutes of the following meeting. **Resolved** that Cllr Downe will summarise the minutes in newsletter format to go in the Parish Pump after liaising with the clerk. Cllr names will be included and an advertisement for the allotments will also be included.

**225/15 Parish Lengths Man**

The Parish Lengths Man has not completed any further jobs as he is not aware of any that need doing. **Resolved** Cllr Downe was tasked with going back over the minutes for this current year and e-mailing the lengths man with jobs that have not yet been done.

**226/15 Planning Applications**

7/2015/5655 -The Vicarage, Broughton-in-Furness - Provide disabled access and 3 parking spaces (including disabled) – No objections.

SL/2015/0969 - Field adjacent to A585, near Keppleway, Broughton in Furness Erection of sheep building – No objections.

SL/20150993 – Foxfield Business Park, Station Road, Broughton-in-Furness.

Extension of 2.4 high steel palisade security fence around unfenced section of objections.

**Letter** regarding planning application 7/2015/5589, High Cross Inn.

**227/15 Street Lighting**

Consideration was given to changing supplier for the maintenance of the Street Lighting from Cumbria County Council.

**Resolved** to change supplier to Agrilek as there are communication problems with Cumbria County Council and no way of checking the invoice that they send every year is correct. It was also **Resolved** to ask Agrilek to do a survey on the street lighting.

**228/15 Public Toilets**

Consideration was given to the frequency of the cleaning of the toilets and consideration was also given to a quote given by a professional company. **Resolved** to invest more into the toilets and to change cleaners to Healthmatic, the reasons being that it will be slightly cheaper and the change will ensure that they get cleaned every day. They will also be able to provide controlled waste slightly cheaper than what the Parish Council pay now.

**229/15 Financial Matters**

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

C Adams	225.00
HMRC	51.80
E-on	65.23
J D Hillier	108.00
Hawthwaite Garden Services	420.00
N Power	85.34
United Utilities	75.43
Pyroartistry	840.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	77.00
LDNPA	48.50
	<u>£1996.30</u>
<u>Receipts</u>	
CGP	9068.00
E-on	1061.91
	<u>£10129.91</u>

**230/15 Precept**

Consideration was given to the recommendations from the Financial Working Group for a precept of £16,000. The clerk suggested a few amendments to the proposed budget but still a total of £16,000. **Resolved** that the 2016/17 precept will £16,000 and to use the clerks suggested amendments.

**231/15 Correspondence**

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

**232/15 Cllr Reports**

Cllr Longworth advised she had spoken to Highways regarding the line at Duddon Bridge and whilst it may not be possible to move it as the detector loops for the lights have been cut. However, highways will take a look. They will also take a look at trees at the roadside which need cutting. Cllr Longworth raised concern about locks on cattle grids missing and also raised concern about gutters not been cleaned out. Cllr Longworth advised that the Christmas Tree will be going up on Sunday 30/11/15 at 10.30am.

Cllr Albion raised concern about the street sign at the top of Princes Street is still missing. Cllr Albion requested that the MP is asked to attend a Parish Council meeting. Cllr Albion also raised concern about Cumbria County Council selling off more assets with our Parish. Cllr Downe raised concern about blocked drains outside the Post Office and also a drain towards Wilson Park . Cllr Downe also raised concern about uneven surfaces in Church Street and also raised concern about water coming down Tower Drive which runs into the Square and freezes.

Cllr Glessal raised concern about holes on the road at 5 Arches. Cllr Glessal advised that the uneven surface in Church Street is not registered to anyone. Cllr Glessal asked if there

is any progress with the flooding area at Follygates. Cllr Glessal advised that the street light on Syke House needs further investigation as there is no electricity supply to it. Cllr Glessal also would like the Parish Council to write a letter of support for the tunnel. Cllr Burch raised concern about a blocked drain outside Thomas Butlers in Church Street.

**233/15 District Cllr Curwen**

Cllr Curwen raised concern about there still being no lollipop lady and also raised concern about dog poop. If anyone sees anyone not cleaning up after their dog, please take picture and give it to Cllr Curwen. Cllr Curwen raised concern about the trees on Foxfield road still not being cut and they catch the double decker buss. Cllr Curwen advised that he had requested that the road sweeper come out. Cllr Curwen is raised concern about heavy vehicles crossing a bridge when they are over the weight limit.

**234/15 Date of next Meeting**

To note that the next Ordinary council meeting is 28 January 2016.