

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26 November 2010 in the Rankin Room Victory Hall, Broughton-in-Furness

Present Cllr Albion, Cllr Barker, Cllr Burch (chair) Cllr Curwen, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Kirkbride, Cllr Knowles, Cllr Longworth, Cllr Warwick

Cllr Burch (chair) was a little late and Cllr Knowles (vice chair took the chair until Cllr Burch arrived).

198/10 Apologies

There were none.

199/10 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2010 be signed by the chair as a true record.

200/10 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Glessal declared an interest in item 14 - Victory Hall.

201/10 Local Police Report

The police were in attendance and apologized for not been in attendance at Octobers meeting. The police reported that two vehicles had been damaged and an update was given on anti social behavior.

The police also gave an update on restructuring the police service following the government cuts.

202/10 County Cllr Salisbury

County Cllr Salisbury had sent her apologies together with the following information:-

1. Cumbria County Council are willing to release the field which the Parish Council had shown an interest in for allotment use. The Parish Council need to confirm their view on suitability for allotment use before this is progressed. The parish council would be responsible for obtaining change of use and there are a few minor issues to clarify.
The Council agreed the land is suitable for allotments and wish to progress this.
2. There was a brief update on the woodlands that were planned to be felled.
3. Advised that Cumbria County Council own a Farm (Greenslack) and would be pleased to hear any ideas from the parish council or individuals.
The Parish Council would like to see new farming tenants sought for Greenslack.
The clerk will pass the comments on to County Cllr Salisbury.

203/10 Public Participation.

Electors present were given an opportunity to make comments, the following concerns were raised:-

1. Concern was raised with the public participation section of the parish meetings.
2. Concern was raised regarding the precept increasing to keep the public toilets open.

Cllr Burch entered and took over as chair.

3. Concern was raised regarding the speed bumps being removed but to date there are no replacements.
4. Concern was raised about field X178 which LDNPA have identified as a further Site for allocation of land for development and employment use. Concern was also raised regarding LDNPA's consultation regarding this matter.
5. Concern was raised about the Rankin room being so cold.
6. The public asked if any activity had started in the field which has been proposed for allotment use.

204/10 Clerk and Correspondence

To note items of correspondence received since the last meeting.

The clerk was tasked with writing a letter to Defra in respect of the governance consultation.

205/10 Planning Applications

SL/2010/0904 – Eccle Riggs, Foxfield Rd, Broughton-in-Furness

Alterations to sewage system. – No objections

LDNPA – Boothwaite Nook, Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6BP

Erect ground floor kitchen extension – No objections.

Notice of Grant of Planning Permission

Carter Ground Barn – change of use of land from pasture to domestic.

Withdrawn

Brockbank Ground Farm – Drainage to field 0346

206/10 Financial Matters

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

E-on	40.12
Clerks wages	
Including expenses	190.01
HMRC	41.80
BDO	158.63
GE & PE Dawson	199.75
Pyroaristry	799.00
H Pescod	142.00
D Cooper	495.00
	<u>£2066.31</u>

207/10 Wilson Park

At Octobers meeting it was agreed that a new bench would be put in Wilson Park.

Resolved that M Knowles be asked if he would given the job so the bench so that it will be the same as the other three benches which have just been replaced by Martin.

208/10 LAP Meetings

Cllr Knowles and Cllr Warwick gave an update on the recent LAP meeting and a discussion took place as to where we might need new grit bins.

209/10 Annual Return

The clerk advised that the annual return has been completed and two points were brought to our attention which need to be addressed.

The Annual return was accepted and **Resolved** that the necessary action would be taken to rectify the points.

210/10 Traffic calming

Cllr Curwen raised concern regarding some of the proposed traffic calming measures including the removal of kirbs.

There is a traffic calming meeting coming up and it was agreed that Cllrs attending the meeting will look into Cllr Curwen's concerns.

Cllr Kirkbride also raised concern as some of the photographs are misleading.

211/10 Victory Hall

Cllr Burch gave an update from the recent Victory Hall Management meeting.

The Clerk advised that the Fit Plan has been received. The income from the solar panels will be paid into the Duddon Parish Council Bank account.

212/10 December Meeting

Resolved that there will be no Duddon Parish Council meeting in December 2010.

It was agreed that the clerk would inform Cllr Burch (chair) of any urgent matters.

Cllr Burch was given delegated authority for the payment of any invoices which may need paying before the January meeting.

213/10 Public Toilets

The clerk advised that if the Parish Council did not agree to take on the responsibility of the Public Toilets then toilets would be closed.

The council did not make any decision regarding the toilets other than to leave things as they were for the time being and to put the toilets on the agenda for the January meeting.

214/10 New Street Light

It was agreed that to have one street light erected at the present time and to see how effective the light is. The Council agreed that Agrilek would given the job. The clerk advised that not all of the quotes are in. The clerk also advised that a letter had been received from the Auction Mart and that they would require some wayleave.

215/10 Bus Shelters

Cllr Burch advised that the damaged bus shelter at Foxfield had been repaired.

Cllr Burch also suggested that the bus shelter in the square be put on the agenda for the January meeting.

216/10 Allocations Of Land – Further Issues and Options from LDNPA

There was a discussion regarding the field which has been identified by LDNPA for the possibility of development. In particular the concerns raised by the public.

The Clerk was tasked with writing a letter to LDNPA objecting to any development on this field and requesting that the field be left as an open space.

217/10 Land Registry

The clerk gave an update on the land at Foxfield and advised that there are three other pieces of land in the same area which are not registered to the Council.

Resolved that council agree to progress this matter as per the letter from Thomas Butler & Son dated 19 October 2010, but to include the 4 pieces of land on the land registry application.

218/10 Health and Safety at the Railway Line at Foxfield

Cllr Curwen raised concern about the safety of people crossing the railway line at Foxfield. The Clerk was tasked with writing a letter to Network Rail requesting a telephone be placed at either side of the crossing.

219/10 Cllrs Reports

Cllr Curwen reported that he had marked drains ready for them being cleaned out. He also advised that the clerk would be notified when the work will take place so that we can ensure no cars are parked in that area on the relevant day. Cllr Curwen also raised concern about the removal of bunding near the Prince of Wales.

Cllr Burch advised that Cumbria Life magazine will be in Broughton-in-Furness on Friday. Cllr Burch also advised that she had been invited to a carol service.

Cllr Barker advised that there will be a CGP meeting after the Council meeting. Cllr Barker advised that a charity had not received a letter from the clerk following his re-election as a trustee at the previous meeting. The clerk advised that the letter had been written and she would send a copy of the original letter to the charity. Cllr Barker raised concern about a street light not working. Cllr Barker advise the council that Broughton-in-Furness Educational foundation have donated a total of £2682 to students.

Cllr Glessal raised concern about the length of time that tonight's meeting had taken. Cllr Glessal advised that the sweeper was needed in Woodland and Cllr Curwen agreed to arrange this.

Cllr Longworth raised concern about the theft of a Woodsplitter. Cllr Longworth also raised concern about a drain at Ulpha Bridge being blocked.

220/10 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held on 27 January 2011 at 19.30 pm