

Draft Minutes for 25 October 2012

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25 October 2012 in the Rankin Room Victory Hall, Broughton-in-Furness

Present Cllr Albion, Cllr Barker, Cllr Burch, Cllr Curwen, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Glessal, Cllr Hannah, Cllr Knowles.

Also Present C Adams (Clerk)

Prior to the meeting starting the Chair advised the council that there would be no in inappropriate behavior at the meeting.

173/12 Apologies

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr J Johnson, Cllr I Longworth

174/12 Requests for Dispensations

The clerk reported that there were no requests for dispensations.

175/12 Declaration of Interests

Cllr L Burch and Cllr E Knowles declared an interest in Agenda item 18 Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

176/12 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2012 be signed by the chair as a true record.

177/12 Public Participation.

- a) **The police** were in attendance and reported that there had been 1 crime since the last meeting and a suspect had been identified. Anti Social behavior is low and the priority is speeding vehicles. The results of the recent traffic survey were discussed and a request to put the results of the survey on to the Duddon Parish Council website.
- b) **County Cllr Claire Salisbury** had sent her apologies.
- c) A local resident advised the council that Burlington Slate could supply 2 tone square slates in the square to create a chess board. The chess pieces could be stored at the Square Café and also at the Manor public house and the public would be able to use them for a small deposit. The resident was seeking permission only from the council and was not looking for funding.
At a previous Parish council meeting concern had been raised about a tree on Foxfield Road and a resident was seeking a progress update.

178/12 Chess set in the square

The Council took a vote on the proposal of a chess set in the square as described in Public Participation. **Resolved** that the council give permission for the chess set.

179/12 Fireworks and Christmas tree

- a) Cllr Longworth was not in attendance but had sent a message to the clerk advising that she would be able to purchase a tree for about £50. **Resolved** that Cllr Longworth should make the arrangements for the Christmas tree.
- b) **Resolved** that the council apply to the CGP for funding for this year's firework display.

180/12 Winter Gritting.

There was a discussion about Cumbria County Council Highways winter service 2012/13 and enabling willing volunteers to become involved. The Parish Council feel that it is up to Cumbria County Council to ensure the gritting is done. Locals pay council tax for such services.

181/12 Public Toilets

- a) Cllr Knowles advised that the cleaner was willing to clean the toilets more often.
- b) The Council discussed the idea of running the toilets as a charity. Cllr Knowles, Cllr Burch, Cllr Albion, and the clerk are willing to set up a committee of the council to run the charity.
- c) As a gesture of goodwill SLDC will clean out the area, paint it with anti-fungicidal paint to reduce the mould growth. They will also add one or two air bricks to improve ventilation. **Resolved** to accept the proposal from SLDC.

182/12 Planning Application

SL/2012/0855 – 1 Foxfield Road, Broughton in Furness.
Amended detail to single storey extension app SL/2009/0912. – No objections
SL/2012/0877 – Bush Green, Broughton in Furness
New ancillary dwelling and treatment plant. – No Objections.
SL/2012/0891 – Coalgate Farm, Broughton on Furness
To remove condition 2 from planning application SL/2012/0343 – No objections
7/2012/5571 – Pickthall Ground Farm, Broughton-in-Furness
Sheep Housing and lambing building – No objections.

Application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development - proposed building – Information only

7/2012/5555 – Manor Farm, Broughton in Furness

183/12 Financial Matters

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

E-on (street lighting)	40.43
Clerks wages	186.83
Clerks expenses	29.71
HMRC	46.80
J Burch	55.00
Royal British Legion	25.00
T Glessal & Co	<u>1665.60</u>
	<u>£2049.37</u>
Reciepts	
CGP	600.00
CGP	<u>820.00</u>
	<u>£1420.00</u>

184/12 Correspondence

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

Cllr Cooper requested that he could leave the meeting.

185/12 Grievance Procedure

Prior to the meeting the clerk has circulated the following:-

- a) Model Disciplinary Procedure
- b) Model Grievance Procedure
- c) Acas Code of practice Disciplinary and Grievance procedures
- d) Model Dignity and Work/bullying Harrasment policy.

The clerk was tasked with drafting up the above for Duddon Parish Council to be adopted at the next parish council meeting and signed. The Clerk requested that the council pay particular attention to the definitions of Bullying and Harrasment in the Dignity and Work/bullying Harrasment policy.

186/12 Clerks Report

- a) **Duddon Community Led Plan** – Cllr Knowles advised that the meeting on 17 October 2012 had been successful and a steering group has been created but new members are still required. The steering group will have a meeting on 8 November and anyone interested in joining the group is welcome to attend.
- b) **Highway Matters** – The Clerk advised that the request for a speed limit extension at Foxfield needs to put on a request for small improvements form. The funding for such schemes is very limited and Highways can give no firm indication of when the funding might be available.
- c) **Shop Frontage Scheme** – The clerk advised that the scheme can be extended for rest of this financial year. The Village Bakery had taken part in the scheme and a thank you letter was read out.
- d) **Stone Sign at Bush Green** – The clerk has now received the permit for the stone.
- e) **Allotment Field** – The meeting between the people interested in allotments and Alan Hull has not yet taken place.
- f) **Assets Register** – The clerk had received confirmation from the Land Registry office of what land is registered to Duddon Parish Council. It appears that there is still land which needs registering. Thomas Butler & Son are in the process of registering some land for the council. Once this is complete the Assets working group will have another meeting.
- g) **Precept** – The financial working group have had a meeting in respect to the 2013/14 precept. This will on a future agenda for approval. In the meantime the council should consider whether any funding for ongoing or new projects should be added to the precept.
- h) **Street Lights** – The clerk advised that work has started on the connection of the street light on the Garner House.

187/12 Cllr Reports

Cllr Barker reported that a street light at Keppleway had not been working, but had been repaired within a couple of days. Raised concern about a seat on Foxfield Road not been visible as it was buried in overgrown vegetation. Advised the council that the bus shelter at Broughton Mills had been repaired.

Cllr Barker raised concern about the road sweeper coming out on Mondays and Tuesdays which are market days. The clerk was tasked with writing a letter to SLDC regarding this. Raised concern about dog fouling on the pavements. Cllr Barker also advised that he had been to the Meanfield charity meeting. He advised that Mrs Lynn Burch will replace Joan Morgan as a trustee on the charity and also that the charity had given out £850. Cllr Barker had also been to the Education Trust meeting and advised that 17 students had been benefited and a total £2450 had been given out. Cllr Barker requested that the clerks office number be put on Duddon Parish Council's letter headed paper. The clerk reminded everyone that between 9.00am and 5.00pm she worked for Bryan Redhead & Co and should not be disturbed between those hours for Duddon Parish Council business.

Cllr Albion raised concern about flooding on the road between Broughton and Coniston, particularly because the school bus travels on this road . The clerk was tasked with writing to the local MP to not only in respect to the flooding on this road but also regarding the overhanging vegetation not been cut properly and also gritting throughout the parish.

Cllr Hannah raised concern about a blocked drain at Lane End.

Cllr Glessal raised concern about water running into Wilson Park.

188/12 District Cllr Curwen

Cllr Curwen raised concern about a number of drains which need cleaning out. Advised that British Rail will be out every 6/7 weeks to jet out the drain at Foxfield. Cllr Curwen gave an update on SLDC'S land allocation.

189/12 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held on 22 November 2012 at 7.30pm.

Cllr Barker requested that he could leave the meeting.

Part two

190/12 Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

The clerk gave an update on the parish lengthsman agreement.

The meeting was closed at 9.37pm