

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th February 2025 in the Rankin Room
at the Victory Hall.

Present: Cllr J Brakewell, Cllr Edmondson, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr M Kirkbride, Cllr J Lancaster, Cllr S Lane,
Cllr I Longworth (Chair).

Also present: C Adams (Parish Clerk)

024/25 Apologies.

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr P Robinson

025/25 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to note that there were no requests for dispensations.

026/25 Declarations of Interest

Resolved to note that Cllr Kirkbride has declared an interest in item 10, Allotments.

027/25 Items on the agenda from which the press and public should be excluded.

Resolved to note there are no items are to be discussed in private

028/25 Chairs Announcements

The chair reminded everyone of the code of conduct.

She also reminded everyone that the meeting should be finished by 9.00pm

029/25 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd January 2025 to be signed
by the chair as a true record.

030/25 Public Participation

a) Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton's was not in attendance

b) Local Police had sent their apologies and the following report by email:

31 Jan – Key safe damaged on Church street.

7 Feb – A rather strange report of a theft in Broughton Mills from a car with a lot of missing
details and it seems we're not even sure what's happened. Caller never got back
to us so it was closed.

16 Feb – An elderly man decided to have a tour of the grounds at Broughton Towers in his
car.

26 Feb – Sheep worrying at Greenbank.

26 Feb – False alarm at GP surgery.

The police are also looking at an idea for Snow gates at Cockley Beck due to the hard of
thinking ignoring the signage and then getting stuck.

The parish council agree with the idea of Snow gates in principle.

c) Residents were in attendance and raised concern about the increasing noise levels from
a business on Foxfield Road. It was also noted that Highways have said there must be no
lane or path until the application has been granted but the path is already there.

Residents had taken part in the recent clearance at Donkey Rocks and advised that the
Geographical society have suggested that there could be school party visits to Donkey
Rocks in the future but raised concern regarding the lack of a footpath extension to Bush
Green.

- 031/25 Budget**
Resolved to note that due to lack of progress in projects the budget needs to be amended to ensure projects are completed.
- 032/25 Wilson Park**
Resolved to adjourn until the next meeting.
- 033/25 Allotment Field**
Resolved to go with quote 4 to reinstate the car park and footpath through the middle of the field. The quote also includes cutting the hedge back down the left side of the field and clearing the drainage out down that side to help with the drainage issues.
- 034/25 Bus Shelters**
Resolved to go with quote two which is a local contractor.
- 035/25 Website**
Resolved to remove the old contents from the community page and replace with more up to date content including consultations and frequently asked questions including how to report highway matters.
- 036/25 Charter Day**
Resolved to note that a note has gone in the parish pump to generate interest in perhaps having stalls at this year's Charter Day.
- 037/25 Parish Cllrs Surgeries**
 Cllr Glessal and Cllr Edmondson advised that no one had attended the latest surgery
 The next surgery date will be 11th March 2025 between 10.45 and 12 noon.
- 038/25 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)**
- Granted**
 Application Number: 7/2024/5733
 Location: Duddon Bridge, Broughton in Furness, Cumbria
 Proposal: Carry out repairs to the upstream and downstream parapets
- Refused**
 Application Number: 7/2024/5566
 Location: Aitken House, The Square, Broughton In Furness, LA20 6JA
 Proposal: Proposed replacement windows
- Prior Approval Notification**
 Application No: 2024/2388/PACOU
 Location: Agricultural building to 1 dwellinghouse Barn Adjacent to Coal Gate Farm (West) BROUGHTON-IN FURNESS LA20 6BP
 Proposal: Change of Use Prior Notification under schedule 2, part 3, class Q, for change of use of an agricultural building to 1 dwellinghouse Barn Adjacent to Coal Gate Farm (West) BROUGHTON-IN FURNESS LA20 6BP

- 039/25 Training**
Resolved to note that there are no training requirements this month.
- 040/25 Consultations**
 To consider the WAF Electric Vehicle Infrastructure - Public Questionnaire
Resolved that Cllrs can complete this consultation as individuals. The Parish Council as a corporate body have no comments on it.
- 041/25 Co-option of new Cllrs**
Resolved to co-opt Mr David Hatton on to the Parish Council.
- 042/25 Charles Baker 13th Edition**
Resolved to purchase the latest edition of the Charles Baker Local Council Administration book..
- 043/25 Financial Matters**
Resolved to make the following payments:
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| ENW | £2325.89 |
| Salaries | £ 708.58 |
| Reimbursements | £ 1.70 |
| NPower | £ 120.24 |
| SRCL | £ 36.00 |
| Victory Hall | £ 48.00 |
| Professional Fees | £ 72.00 |
| CALC | £ 50.00 |
| Happy Go Cleaning | £ 520.00 |
| Bank Charges | £ 6.00 |
- 044/25 Internal Auditor**
Resolved to appoint Mr C Moody as the internal auditor for the financial year end 2024/25.
- 045/25 Councillors Reports**
 Concern was raised about the trees on Foxfield Road needing cutting back all the way along.
- 046/25 Clerks Progress Report**
- Childrens Playground – Interest has been shown from residents to look into improving the playground for the younger children .
 - Tree in Square – Westmorland and Furness have delayed the work on the tree in the Square until after nesting season.
 - Electricity in the Square – We are waiting for the pre work to be done before ENW make the connection.
 - Princes Street & Church Street – Highways have added Princes Street, Church Street and Griffin Street on to the list of roads to be assessed this year.
- 047/25 Date and time of Next Meeting**
Resolved to note that the next meeting will be on 27 March 2025 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.