

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25th September 2025 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.

Present: Cllr Brakewell, Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr D Hatton, Cllr M Kirkbride, Cllr J Lancaster, Cllr S Lane and Cllr M Ramsbottom

Also present: C Adams (Parish Clerk)

169/25 Apologies

Resolved to accept apologies from Cllr I Longworth and Cllr P Robinson

170/25 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to note there were no requests for dispensations.

171/25 Declarations of Interest

Resolved to note there are no declaration of interests.

172/25 To consider if there are any items on the agenda from which the press and public should be excluded.

Resolved to note there are no items on the agenda from which the press and public should be excluded.

173/25 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th July 2025 to be signed by the chair as a true record.

174/25 Chairs Announcements

Resolved to note there are no chairs announcements.

175/25 Public Participation

- a) Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton was not in attendance.
- b) PCSO Paul Harris was in not in attendance but had sent his apologies:
- c) No residents were in attendance

176/25 Level Crossings and flooding

Resolved to note the following update from the MP:

Michelle has now received an update from Mark Booker, a Highways Network Engineer at Westmorland and Furness Council, regarding the concerns you raised about pedestrian safety and flooding at Skelly Crag.

The Council has confirmed that cleansing of the ACO kerb drains and gullies took place on the 28th and 29th of August. During this work, debris, including stone and pipe fragments, were retrieved from the gully opposite the level crossing. This has led the team to suspect a possible collapse in the gully approximately 15 metres downstream, which may be contributing to the flooding issue.

Further survey works using a camera and sonde are planned in the coming weeks to confirm the

nature and location of the suspected blockage. Once this is complete, the Council will be able to determine what remedial work is required.

On this, Michelle has asked the council to keep her updated, and we will continue to monitor the situation and follow up to ensure that the necessary repairs are progressed without delay.

Michelle is also arranging a site visit to Skelly Crag with Network Rail and will also be inviting a relevant officer from the Council to attend. We'll be sure to keep you updated as plans progress. If you have any further concerns or observations in the meantime, please do let us know.

177/25 Road Safety

Resolved to note Highways have requested an initial meeting via Teams regarding safety concerns on Station Road.

178/25 Electricity in the square

Resolved to note that quotes are being sought to move the cabinets to nearer or within the bus shelter. Should the matter not be resolved in time for Christmas, the Parish Council regret they will not be in a position to organise a Christmas tree for the Square for this year.

179/25 Wilson Park

a) Update on the volunteer's cleanup day.

Resolved to note that Cllr Lane has sent a request to Story's community volunteering hours initiative. The closing date is 10 October 2025. Cllr Lane has also spoken to the Cubs leader and they are also willing to get involved.

b) Picnic Tables

Resolved to note there is an issue getting the disabled table delivered. The clerk will contact CGP to see if they can help out.

Resolved to note

c) Pump Track Funding

Resolved to note Westmorland and Furness have awarded us £5k. An application has gone in to CGP. The Parish Council can increase their contributions if required and applications to other local charities will be submitted.

180/25 Street Lighting

Resolved to transfer all Parish Council owned footway lighting onto Westmorland and Furness Council. The Parish Council consider that the option of Dimming 50% (2100 – 0600) to be the most suitable option for our parish, .

181/25 Progress Updates

a) Donkey Rocks

Resolved to note that the path at Donkey Rocks has been done with extra material from the work at the allotment field.

Update from Chair of Cumbri GeoConservation on the information board:

We're going to struggle to meet the deadline of 20th August for a grant application to the Curry Fund so will prepare everything in time for the next deadline of 20th November. It allows us more time to put a strong application together and to ensure everyone is happy with it.

The Clerk has also put an application to Cllr Brereton locality budget for funding towards the information board but to date has had no response.

b) Allotment Field

Resolved to note that the car park is now complete. The hedge trimming still needs doing together and the drain still needs cleaning out.

- c) **Paddock Wray**
Resolved to note the clerk has emailed the land owner regarding the overgrown vegetation but has had no response.
- d) Bus Shelter at Foxfield
Resolved to note that a sofa has appeared in the new bus shelter.
- e) **Assertion 10**
Resolved to note Assertion 19

182/25 Parish Cllrs Surgeries

Cllr Glessal and Cllr Edmondson had nothing to report from the latest surgery. The next surgery will be on Tuesday 14th October 2015 between 10.45am and 12 noon.

183/25 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)

Reference: 7/2025/5406
Location: Hobkin Ground Farm, Broughton Mills, Broughton In Furness, Cumbria, LA20 6AU
Proposal: Use of land for siting of Yurt, associated storage shed and amenity unit, for flexible use as short term holiday letting accommodation and environmental learning studies

Resolved to note no comments or objections.

APP REF: 2025/1623/HRN
LOCATION Access track north of Angerton Hall Farm KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS LA17 7XA
PROPOSAL: Hedgerow Removal Notice 322730, 483839 Removal of less than 6m of hedgerow is sought to facilitate the entry of plant required to carry out essential refurbishment work upon the steel tower structures which form the AF Route 132kV overhead powerline. Condition based assessments upon the AF028 tower have determined that the structure is at the end of its functional life and in need of urgent upgrading. Currently an existing 10ft gate provides access into agricultural grounds, with a further 12ft gate proposed to increase this to a double gated entrance.

Resolved to note no comments or objections

Reference: T/2025/0150
Location: The Square, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6JF
Proposal: T1 - Horse Chestnut. The tree is infected with Phytophthora. However, to prolong the life of the tree, we would like to crown clean the tree removing all dead wood from the canopy, along with an all round 4 metre crown lift to clear the shelter and parking bays.

Resolved to note no comments or objections

Applications Granted

App Ref: 7/2025/5309
Location: Tynashee, Church Street, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6HJ
Proposal: Proposed kitchen extension & alterations

Hedgerow Removal Notice –

APP REF: 2025/1387/HRN
PROPOSAL: Area proposed for the removal of c. 6m of hedge to increase existing gateway connecting the A595 road to an agricultural field Foxfield BROUGHTON-IN FURNESS LA20 6BX Area proposed for the removal of c. 6m of hedge to increase existing gateway connecting the A595 road to an agricultural field.

APP REF: 2025/1384/HRN
PROPOSAL: Areas proposed for the removal of c. 6m of hedge to increase existing gateway connecting the A595 road to an agricultural field KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS LA17 7XA 322722, 483311 The proposed removal of less than 6m of hedgerow is sought to facilitate the entry of plant required to carry out essential refurbishment work upon the steel tower structures which form the AF Route 132kV overhead powerline. Condition based assessments upon the AF030 tower have determined that the structure is at the end of its functional life and in need of urgent upgrading. Currently an existing 12ft gate provides access into agricultural grounds, with a further 12ft gate proposed to increase this to a double gated entrance.

App Number: 7/2025/5315
Location: Troughton Hall Farm, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6AH
Proposal: Conversion of barn to create additional domestic accommodation for existing dwelling

App no: T/20250132
Location: Church Of St Mary Magdalene, Church Street, Broughton-in-furness, Cumbria LA20 6HA
Proposed: Works Yew tree (marked with red pin in notification) - Fell to ground level. Thank you for notifying us of your intention to carry out work on trees within Broughton-In-Furness Conservation Area.
(No tree preservation order)

Non Consultation

Reference: 7/2025/5487
Location: Parcel of land East of Back Lane, Boothwaite Nook, Broughton West, Broughton in Furness
Proposal: Erection of a steel framed agricultural building for storage of equipment, animal food and bedding.

Reference: 7/2025/5439
Location: Ash Crag, Hall Dunnerdale Farm, Seathwaite, Broughton-in-furness, LA20 6ED
Proposal: General agricultural lean-to

Reference: 7/2025/5422
Location: Land off Back Lane, Boothwaite Nook, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6BP
Proposal: General purpose agricultural building for the storage of machinery and agricultural equipment etc

Prior Approval Not Required

App Number: 7/2025/5439
Location: Ash Crag, Hall Dunnerdale Farm, Seathwaite, Broughton-in furness, LA20 6ED
Proposal: General agricultural lean-to on.

Planning Application Refused.

App Number: 7/2025/5301
Location: Troughton Hall, Woodland, Broughton-in-Furness, LA20 6AH
Proposal: Roof over existing concrete farmyard area

184/25 Consultation

- a) Westmorland & Furness- proposed amendments of Public Space Protection Orders
Resolved that Cllrs will complete this as individuals should they wish.
- b) Adoption of Marina Village Residential Opportunity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)
Resolved that Cllrs will complete this as individuals should they wish.

185/25 Neighborhood Policing Pledge

Resolved that the clerk will register to attend the twice-yearly virtual meetings.

186/25 Training

Resolved to note the Community Led Plan Training Cllr Lancaster was booked on has been cancelled. Cllr Lancaster will hopefully attend when it is rerun.

187/25 Financial Matters

Resolved to make the following payments:

Hawthwaite Garden Services	1375.00
Happy Go Cleaning	1040.00
SRCL	72.00
NPower (The Square)	3.00
NPower (Toilets)	312.36
TEEC	554.39
Salary	1387.62
Reimbursements	191.46
Clark & Kent	24,600.00
Npower (Street lights)	1566.84
T T Kirkbride	15920.00
Waterplus	24.95
YGP	271.13
Everflow	72.99
Unity Trust	12.00

188/25 Local Government Services Pay Agreement for 2025/26

Resolved to increase the clerks salary according to the Local Servies Pay Agreement and backdate it to the 1st April 2025.

189/25 Councillors Reports

Concern was raised regarding boulders at the roadside near the showfield.
Cllr Lancaster recommended the Lake District National Park planning event, it was very worthwhile.

190/25 Date and time of Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the date of the next council meeting which will be on 23rd October 2025 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall at 7.30pm.