

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th March 2026 in the Rankin Room
at the Victory Hall.

Present: Cllr V Glessal, Cllr D Hatton, Cllr Kirbride, Cllr J Lancaster, Cllr Lane, Cllr I Longworth
Cllr M Ramsbottom and Cllr P Robinson.

Also present: C Adams (Parish Clerk)

040/26 Apologies

Resolved to note there were no apologies.

Absent

Cllr J Brakewell and Cllr C Edmondson

041/26 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to note there were no requests for dispensations.

042/26 Declarations of Interest

Resolved to note there are no declaration of interests.

043/26 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.

044/26 Mintes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th February 2026 to be signed by the chair as a true record.

045/26 Chairs Announcements

The Chair reminded everyone of the Code of Conduct

046/26 Public Participation

- a) Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton's was in attendance and reported there are no timescales for resurfacing works as yet.
He also advised that Westmorland & Furness Community Grants have been paused as we move into the next financial year.
Concern was raised with Cllr Brereton regarding the lack of road sweepers.
Concern was also raised with him regarding a drain cover on High Cross Hill.
- b) Local Police were not in attendance but had advised by email that other than tourists getting lost/stuck in the passes nothing of interest.
There has been a meeting regarding off roaders and the police encourage the public to get as many details as possible and report incidents on 101 or email
101emails@cumbriapolice.uk using the reference Op Lantern.
- c) No residents were in attendance.

- d) The Chair of Millom Town Deal was in attendance and gave a presentation on the Town Deal project which focused on the 4 projects included in the project which are:
The Iron Line, The Old Bank, Activating Community Health and connecting Millom and Haverigg.
He also gave an update on the BEAT route, the aim of which is to provide safe active travel from Barrow to Eskdale. his matter can be progressed

047/26 Wilson Park

- a) **Resolved** to note there had been a meeting between Cllr Lane, the Clerk and a young Mum regarding the issues in the playground. The plan is for a small group of Mums to get together with Cllr Lane to look into ways to improve the playground. The clerk will help with contact details and setting up an initial free consultation with Playdale.
- b) **Resolved** to note Mrs Barbara Rigg has very kindly made a donation to replace the bench in the playground. The bench has been ordered as per Mrs Rigg's requests.
- c) **Resolved** to note that the price for grass cutting has been increased this year. Quotes will be sought for grass cutting next year.
- d) **Resolved** to note completion forms from the funders of the track should be imminent. The clerk will get a quote for a new sign to include the logo's of the funders.

048/26 Public Toilets

Resolved to note the clerk managed to get a quote to replace the lighting and the hand dryers and submitted an application for funding to Westmorland and Furness.
There are complaints about the toilets at present. Cllr Robinson will take a look tomorrow to see if anything has tripped causing electricity issues.

**049/26 Progress Reports
Skelly Crag**

- a) **Resolved** to note the following update Michelle Scrogam MP has received from Highways
"We now have permission for the works to go ahead. We have a meeting on Thursday where we will programme these works.

I will be able to update you next week".

b) **Donkey Rocks**

Resolved to note there are no update on the Donkey Rocks information board.

b) **Supermarket Deliveries**

Resolved to note no response from Tesco or Asda to correspondence sent to them regarding the speed of delivery vehicles throughout the parish. Morrisons did respond but need more details regarding incidents to take matters any further.

050/26 Parish Cllrs Surgeries

Resolved to note Cllr Glessal advised no one had attended the latest surgery. The next surgery will be on Tuesday 14th April in the Square café between 10.45am and 12 noon.

051/26 Planning Inspector items

a) **Coniston Fell, Dunnerdale Fell, Seathwaite Fell & Torver High Common**

Resolved the parish council have no comments on the above.

a) **Occupation Lane.**

Resolved to note the Full Confirmed Order, Notice & decision letter regarding the

052/26 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)

053/26 Listed Building Consent

APP REF: 2026/0489/LBC

LOCATION: Wrecks End Causeway Bridge on the A595 Broughton-in Furness LA20

PROPOSAL: repair of damage to the upstream and downstream parapet walls, re-using the original slate stone material and slate stone inscribed coping stones in lime mortar

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on the above application.

Reference: 7/2026/4004

Location: Black Hall Farm, Seathwaite, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6EQ

Proposal: The works consist of several river restoration features, no building infrastructure will be constructed altered or removed

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on the above application.

Reference: 7/2025/5691

Location: Troughton Hall, Woodland, Broughton-in-furness, Cumbria, LA20 6AH

Proposal: Roof over existing concrete farmyard area (retrospective)

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on the above application.

Reference: 7/2026/5081:

Location: Sykehouse Cottage, Church Street, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6ER

Proposal: Replace wooden conservatory with an aluminium conservatory

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on the above application.

Listed Building Consent application

Reference: 7/2026/5082

Location: Sykehouse Cottage, Church Street, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6ER

Proposal: Replace wooden conservatory with an aluminium conservatory

Resolved to note the parish council have no comments on the above application.

Non Consultation

Reference: 7/2026/5088

Location: Green Bank Farm, Broughton Mills, Broughton-in-furness, LA20 6AY

Proposal: A new storage agricultural building, steel portal frame

Reference: 7/2026/5042

Location: The Barn, Middle Bleansley, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6AR

Proposal: Approval of details reserved by condition 4 (i) (window details) and 4 (ii) (shutter & screen details) on application 7/2024/5665 - Change of use of part of dwelling to self-contained annex / holiday let

054/26 Training

Resolved to note no training requirements this month.

055/26 Parish Clerk Position

Resolved to note no applicants as yet for the position.

The parish council will consider using a locum clerk if necessary.

056/26 Financial Matters

Resolved to make the following payments:

Victory Hall	£1000.00
Westmorland & Furness	£ 484.80
Happy Go Cleaning	£ 520.00
Everflow	£ 34.71
NPower (Street Lighting)	£ 53.54
Costcutters	£ 694.68
Yorkshire Gas and Power	£ 42.16
SRCL	£ 36.00
Salary	£ 711.25
Reimbursements	£ 20.48
Tesco Mobile	£ 8.00
Unity Trust	£ 6.00
Altitude	£2599.20

Resolved to note the following receipts:

Westmorland & Furness	£1000.00
Donation from Barbara Rigg	£578.90
Allotment Rent	£510.00

057/26 Working From Home Allowance

It was noted that from April 2026 the working from home allowance cannot be coded into the clerks tax code.

Resolved that the parish council will share the £26 allowance proportionately with the other parishes she clerks for.

058/26 Internal Audit

Resolved to appoint Charlene Iredale as the internal auditor for the 2025/2026 financial year.

059/26 Assertion 10

Resolved to adopt the IT Policy.

060/26 Councillors Reports

Concern was raised about the grass been cut up and drainage issues at Wilson Park.

Concern was raised about a tree being reported to Westmorland and Furness but it fell on someone's car before the council came out to sort the matter out.

Concern was also raised about road closures and lack of access.

061/26 Date and time of Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the date of the next council meeting which will be on 23rd April 2026 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall at 7.30pm.