

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22nd January 2026 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall.

Present: Cllr J Brakewell, Cllr C Edmondson, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr D Hatton, Cllr M Kirkbride, Cllr J Lancaster and Cllr I Longworth.

Also present: C Adams (Parish Clerk)

001/26 Apologies

Resolved to note apologies from Cllr M Ramsbottom.

Absent

Cllr M Kirkbride and Cllr P Robinson

002/26 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to note there were no requests for dispensations.

003/26 Declarations of Interest

Resolved to note there are no declaration of interests.

004/26 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.

005/26 Mintes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 27th November 2025 to be signed by the chair as a true record.

006/26 Chairs Announcements

Resolved to note there are no chairs announcements.

007/26 Public Participation

- a) Millom Town Council Presentation was postponed until 26th March 2026
- b) Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton was in attendance and reported Doom and gloom financially, could be a 40m shortfall over next 3 years. He is going to report the A593 to highways as it has almost disappeared. Advised there is still either £500 or £1000 funding available from locality funds.
- c) Local Police Report were not in attendance but had sent the following report:
I will be at the next one.
6 Jan - Forged notes used at Pitstop and the Bakery (though that was reported on the 30 Dec).
1 Jan Biking in vicinity of Hare Hall.
9 Dec Burglary at Cockley Beck Cottage
And assorted 'Drag Hunts' reported.
- d) Residents were in attendance but raised no concerns.

008/26 Wilson Park
Resolved to note the clerk has asked Westmorland and Furness Council if the presentation for the funding cheque for the pump track can be done in half term but has not had confirmation yet.

009/26 Supermarket Deliveries
Cllr Longworth raised concern about supermarket vans speeding around the parish.
Resolved to write a letter to the supermarkets politely requesting they ask the drivers to drive respectfully when out on deliveries.

010/26 Street Lighting
Resolved for the clerk to sign the Legal agreement from Westmorland and Furness Council to hand the street lights over to them.
It was noted that the parish council will still have 4 street lights to maintain

011/26 Progress Reports

a) Black Box in the Square

Resolved to note that the contractor is hoping to move the box next week.

b) Skelly Crag crossing

Update from MP's office as follows:

The caseworker for the MP has sent the following update:

I'm just following up as Michelle has now received an update regarding Skelly Crag from Mark Booker, the Highways Network Engineer who previously responded.

Please find this copied below

I met with Network Rail on the 17th of December to discuss the proposed works. The works have been agreed, and we are now waiting on Network Rail to fill out the necessary forms so we can a programme a date.

Until Network Rail have got back to us, I want to manage expectations. We hope we'll be able to provide a date of works in the next month or two.

Michelle has said that she will write to Network Rail to stress the importance of these works and ask that all required paperwork be completed as soon as possible. As always, any update Michelle receives, we will pass on to you.

In the meantime, please feel free to get back in touch if Michelle and the office can assist with anything else.

c) Road Safety on Station Road

Resolved to note we have not received any feed back from the data collected from Station Road yet,

d) Donkey Rocks Information board

Resolved to note Cumbria GeoConservation are submitting a funding application with a deadline in February in respect to the information board for Donkey Rocks.

012/26 Parish Cllrs Surgeries

Cllr Glessal and Cllr Edmondson reported a resident would like to purchase a bench to replace one in Wilson Park which has disintegrated.

The next parish surgery will be in the Square café on 9th February 2026 between 10.45am and 12 noon.

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

Non Consultation

Reference: 7/2025/5666

Location: 2, Timber Hill, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6HX

Proposal: Replacement of existing windows and doors to the front elevation and large utility room doors with window/door combination frame. Installation of flue for log burner, replacement of external wrought iron railings/timber fencing with new w l'm just following up as Michelle has now received an update regarding Skelly Crag from Mark Booker, the Highways Network Engineer who previously responded. Please find this copied below wrought iron railings

Granted

Reference: 2025/2037/

Location: 8 BROUGHTON PARK BROUGHTON-IN FURNESS LA20 6HB

Proposed front porch Easting Northing 321197 487330 Elegant Products

Reference: 2025/1983/FPA

Location: Greety Gate Land and Buildings Foxfield BROUGHTON-IN FURNESS LA2 6BY

Proposal: Alterations to levels and reconsolidation of farmyard & erection of agricultural building (Part retrospective)

Reference: 2025/1984/FPA

Location: Greety Gate Land and Buildings Foxfield BROUGHTON-IN FURNESS LA2 6BY

Proposal: Erection of new agricultural building

Refused.

Reference: 7/2025/5604

Location: Mire Side Farm, Woodland, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6DJ

Proposal: Proposed change of use from agricultural unit [part complete] to B2/B8 commercial use

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Consultations

a) Public Space Protection Orders Consultation

Resolved to note the Parish Council have no comments on the above consultation.

b) The Lake District National Park Partnership Plan

Resolved to note the Parish Council have no comments on the above consultation

c) Westmorland and Furness Call for sites

Resolved to note the Parish Council have no comments on the above consultation.

d) Hardknott & Rainsbarrow forest plan

Resolved to note the Parish Council have no comments on the above consultation.

e) Community Governance Review (2nd round opens 28th January)

Resolved to note the parish council are happy with the way things are and no changes required.

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Training

Resolved to note no training requirements this month.

Cllr Lancaster is attending Community Engagement on 26 January 2026

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Parish Clerk Position and Equipment & WFH Allowance

a) Clerks position

Resolved for the clerk use the templates provide by CALC for the advertisement for the upcoming clerks vacancy. The advert will bent to Cllr Ramsbottom for checking before it goes out.

b) New Computer

Resolved to note the clerks computer had crashed and the chair authorised the purchase of a new one.

c) Working from home allowance.

Resolved to note that from April the working from home allowance cannot be coded into the clerks tax code and the allowance will need to be paid from the parish councils directly.

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Financial Matters

Resolved to authorise the following for payment:

NPower	£292.47
N Power	£145.50
Salary	£711.25
Reimbursements	£305.97
Allotment Society	£ 84.00
Scribe	£414.72
Everflow	£ 36.76
Yorkshire Gas & Power	£ 65.73
SRCL	£ 36.00
Victory Hall	£ 52.00
Bank Charges	£ 6.00
HMRC	£192.85
Everflow	£ 35.19
Happy Go Cleaning	£520.00
Happy Go Cleaning	£520.00
Yorkshire Gas & Power	£ 69.89
Salary	£711.45
Bank Charges	£ 6.00

Receipts

Kirkby Moor Wind Farm	£5000.00
Brown Cow Institute	£2500.00
Vodafone	£22.87
Bank Interest	£45.76
Electricity North West	£39.41
Honesty Boxes (toilets)	£36.01
VAT Refund	£4477.89

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Councillors Reports

Concern was raised regarding scam emails which appear to come from the chair.

Concern was raised about a sign in the wrong place at Broughton mills. This will be report through the HIMS system together with a request for a new sign pointing to:

Burlington, Broughton Moor Quarry and Torver.

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Date and time of Next Meeting

Resolved to note that the date of the next council meeting which will be on 26th February 2026.

Meeting closed.

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