

DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 24th September 2026 in the Rankin Room
at the Victory Hall.

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

Also present: J Acott (Parish Clerk)

160/26 Apologies

Cllr I Longworth, Cllr J Lancaster and Cllr P Robinson.

161/26 Requests for Dispensations

Resolved to note there were no requests for dispensations.

162/26 Declarations of Interest

Resolved to note there are no declaration of interests.

163/26 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 which the press and public should be excluded.

164/26 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd July 2026 to be signed
by the chair as a true record.

165/26 Chairs Announcements

Passing thanks from previous Clerk for the lovely send off, gift and card.

166/26 Participation

- a) Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton was not in attendance and sent no report
- b) Local Police were not in attendance but had sent the following report:
A number of RTCs over the summer.
Mid-August a walker got lost in Broughton Mills and became abusive when asked what they were
doing on someone's land.
After speaking to Fire, I've started making use of Broughton Fire Station during my shifts.
- c) Two public members were in attendance, one was previous Parish Clerk to pass on her thanks
personally for the lovely send off, card and gift. The other public member had nothing to discuss,
just wanted to see what went on at the meeting and at the end of the meeting passed on his
business card.

167/26 Community Led Plan

Resolved to note Cllr Lane reported lots of questionnaires were filled in and returned. All needs
going on a spreadsheet. However main points were regarding post office to stay. Going forward
Victory Hall is booked on 14th November 11am – 1pm to present information and show what we
have done since the last questionnaire. Broughton School are to give drawings of what they want.
Would be really helpful if all Cllrs could be present. Also, it is not just a Parish Council event, it
should be about the community and would be beneficial to have more of the local groups in
attendance. Cllr Kirkbride is to ask the Brownies group to do a cake stall.

Event to be added to October and November Parish Pump.

168/26 Wilson Park

Resolved to note Cllr Lane is still getting quotes, and will report back next meeting.

169/26 Allotment Field

Resolved that all requests from the allotment holders have been discussed and will be communicated to appropriate people.

170/26 Parish Cllrs Surgeries

Resolved to note Cllr Edmondson reported issues raised at the parish council surgery were as follows:

Concern raised that the ladies public toilets door has no automatic closer, so just left wide open, please can this be addressed? To be added to next agenda to discuss.

The next surgery is on 13th October 2026 in the Square café between 10.45am and 12 noon.

171/26 Ground Maintenance

Resolved to note have received another quote, Cllr Lane had someone in mind also, so is going to contact them, will be added on agenda for next meeting.

172/26 Civility and Respect Pledge

Resolved we are already signed up to this, so just a reminder on what this entails.

173/26 Bus Stop Signage

Resolved to note all councilors agreed the bus signage in the square is in the wrong place, currently in the bus shelter. They would like it to go where the buses actually stop, and could it possibly be put on the sign that is already there, for directing to certain places in the town, opposite Manor Arms.

174/26 LDNP Parish & Town Council Forum

Agreed that one of the Councilors should attend, Cllr Hatton has said that he will attend the LDNP Forum meeting on 6th October. Confirmation to be sent regarding attendance and agenda to be sent out to Cllr Hatton. If he cannot make it the Chair will attend.

175/26 Community Resilience

Cllr Lancaster is doing independently.

176/26 Tour de France 2027 – Community Interest and Event Planning

Resolved to note all councilors agreed that as the route does not come through or near Duddon Parish, they will not be taking part in any event planning.

177/26 Barrow Job Centre Mobile Outreach

Resolved to note Cllrs wanted more clarity on what they needed from us. Also, that they felt that the Victory Hall would be a better location. Cllrs also mentioned that advertising is key for this events and that they felt this needed to go in the Parish Pump. Clerk to go back to them and see what it is they want us to do to help facilitate this.

178/26 Financial Matters

Resolved to authorise the following payments:

TEEC	£ 28.80
Redhead Accountancy Ltd	£ 75.00
Tesco	£16.96
Everflow	£82.03

Hawthwaite Garden Services	£1,475.00
Victory Hall	£29.00
Yorkshire Gas and Power	£106.69
Npower	£73.78
Happy Go Cleaning	£520.00
SRCL	£72.00
Moore	£504.00
Salary	£536.05
Reimbursements	£111.98
Mircosoft	£84.99
Manor Arms	£617.70

179/26 Audits

External Audit – **Resolved** to note there were no issues arising from the external audit.

180/26 Consultation Westmorland & Furness Local Plan

Resolved to note Cllr Ramsbottom has been reading through and monitoring progress, will report back in next meeting.

181/26 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority's website)

Reference: 7/2026/5480

Location: Hobkin Ground Farm, Broughton Mills, Broughton In Furness, LA20 6AU

Proposal: Retention of Yurt, 2 associated buildings and access

Reply by: 01 October 2026

Resolved to support the application as a valued educational facility.

Reference: 2026/1543/FPA

Location: Eccle Riggs Cottage Eccle Riggs Lane Broughton In Furness LA20 6BW

Proposal: Installation of 18 ground mounted solar panels in garden

Reply by: 26th September

Resolved to support the application.

Planning Applications Granted

Reference: 7/2026/5261

Location: 11, Princes Street, Broughton in Furness, LA20 6HQ

Proposal: Change of use from retail (Post Office) to fully domestic dwelling. Modifications to shop windows and doorway to facilitate conversion of shop to lounge.

Application Number: 7/2026/5342

Location: 1 Peel House, Church Street, Broughton-in-furness, LA20 6HA

Proposal: Installation of an electric vehicle (EV) charge point on the side external wall of the dwelling

Application Number: T/2026/0122

Location: 8, Broom Close, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6JG

Proposal: Sycamore tree (marked as T1 in application) - Reduce and reshape by up to 3m.

Non Consultation

Reference: T/2026/0133

Location: West Park, Broughton In Furness, Cumbria
Proposal: 1x Horse Chestnut - fell to ground level - 5 day notice

Reference: 7/2026/5423

Location: Hobkin Ground Farm, Broughton Mills, Broughton In Furness, LA20 6AU
Proposal: Steel framed agricultural building

182/26 Policies

Resolved to note Grievance and Disciplinary procedures signed off.

183/26 NALC – 2026-2027 National Salary Award

Resolved to note agreed on the pay rise in line with the new pay scales for 2026/27.

184/26 Training

Resolved to note Chair is booked on training in October and Clerk booked on training October/November. No further training requested.

185/26 Councillors Reports

Cllr Edmondson reported whoever cutting grass on Foxfield road, is not doing the overhang, is this going to get done? To report to Westmorland and Furness via website.

Cllr Lane reported that the giveway sign is missing from High Cross to Showfield junction. To report to Westmorland and Furness via website.

Cllr Lane confirmed no additional items for next parish pump

186/26 Date and time of Next Meeting

Resolved to note the next council meeting which will be on 22nd October 2026 in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall at 7.30pm.