DUDDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25th April 2024 in the Rankin Room

at the Victory Hall.

**Present:** Cllr Brakewell, Cllr Edmondson, Cllr V Glessal, Cllr Kirkbride, Cllr S Lane,

Cllr C Robertshaw and Cllr Robinson.

**072/24 Apologies**

**Resolved** to note apologies from Cllr R Kanhai and Cllr I Longworth

**073/24** **Requests for Dispensations**

**Resolved** to note that there was no request for dispensations.

**074/24** **Declarations of Interest**

The chair reminded everyone to ensure their declarations of interest forms are up to date.

**Resolved** to note that there was no declaration of interests.

**075/24 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 are to be discussed in private.

**076/24 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28th March 2024 to be signed by the chairman as a true record.

**077/24** **Chairs Announcements**

**Resolved** to note there are no chairs announcements this month**.**

**078/24 Public Participation**

1. Westmorland and Furness Cllr Matt Brereton was not in attendance but had sent the following report via email:

Several pieces of road resurfacing work are underway, have been completed or are scheduled to be carried out shortly. The upcoming one is centred on Church Street and a much-needed repair of major potholes and surface delamination.

Great news that the funding gap has been resolved re the road upgrade for the A595 at Grizebeck, this mean that the Council can now move towards implementation phase and it is anticipated shovels will be in the ground before year’s end.

I have just given my approval to a major funding request from the operators of the Friends of X112 group which should sustain the group and the services it operates for the foreseeable future.

I am planning to organise a group meeting some time in the next few weeks to look at next steps to joining up a number of local walking, wheeling and riding routes to better connect Duddon Bridge, Kirkby, Foxfield, Broughton, Torver and Coniston. Parish councillors may remember the conversations we had about this in 2019 and which were put on hold during the pandemic. I would like to invite a couple of volunteers from Duddon Parish to make themselves known as being keen to join any such meeting, hopefully some point during May. Members of the Duddon Valley History Group have been instrumental in getting things moving again and I am keen to involve the National Park, Cumbria Tourism, neighbouring parish and W&F Councillors and other interested parties.

I attended the drop-in session this week hosted by Charge My Street to talk about the EV Charging points with interested local parties. Dan and Eamonn from CMS were in attendance to talk about the scheme in general, and took several queries, including technical issues that have been experienced recently by users.

If anything else is arising or outstanding, please let me know by return and I will try to respond either by email or at the next meeting.

With thanks,

Matt

1. PCSO Paul Harris was in attendance and advised that the SID (Spee Indicator Device) had been

situated on Foxfield Road and has now been moved to Market Street. He will send the data over to us in due course but it was noted that the maximum speed on Foxfield Road (both directions) was 40mph.

He also advised there has been an incident involving a kid taking something in a vape

**079/24 Road Safety Working Group**

Cllr Robertshaw that there had recently been a road safety meeting but there were lots of apologies

So Cllr Kanhai had sent an update to all members of the group which will also be in the Parish Pump.

Cllr Kanhai wants to step down as chair from the group and Cllr Roberstshaw is willing to chair these

meetings moving forward.

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**080/24 Wilson Park**

1. Pump Track – Resolved to adjourn util the next meeting.
2. Potential Pollinator Site – Cumbria Wildlife Trust are interested in using a section of Wilson Park as a pollinator site. They have had a site visit and took some soil samples but would like the permission of the parish council before progressing this any further.

**Resolved** that the parish council give their consent to this and are happy to be part of this project.

**081/24 Allotment Field**

**Resolved** to note that the clerk had been to the field and noted that a lot of work needs to be done as there are no boundaries between plots, it is also obvious that there is no work going on several of the plots. It was agreed to set up a meeting with the tenants.

**082/24 D DAY**

**Resolved** to note that the Town Cryer will be taking part in the D-Day 80 Proclamation.

**083/24** **Parish Lengths Man**

**Resolved** to note that there are no further jobs for the lengths Man this month.

1. **084/24 Parish Cllrs Surgeries**

**Resolved** to note that Cllr Glessal and Cllr Edmondson reported the following concerns raised:

Concern had been raised regarding car parking on the corner of Broom Close.

The next surgery date is 14th May 2024 between 10.45 and 12 noon in the Square Cafe.

**085/24 Street lighting**

**Resolved** that the parish council are in agreement for Westmorland and Furness to decommission the streetlight on the corner of Foxfield Road/Cinder Hill which belongs to the parish council. The reason for this is new streetlights have been erected on Kepplewray Hill.

**086/24 Public Toilets**

**Resolve** to note that two Cllrs will have a chat with any potential cleaners for the public toilets.

**087/24 Planning Applications (Planning applications can be viewed on the relevant authority’s website)**

Reference: 7/2024/5123

Location: Broughton Auction Company Limited, Broughton Auction Mart, Station Road, Broughton in Furness, Cumbria, LA20 6HQ

Proposal: Replace sections of roof with single roof extension, including gable wall.

**Resolved** to note that the parish council have no comments or objections.

Reference: 7/2024/5165

Location: Brookside, Woodland, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6DJ

Proposal: Siting of 18 solar panels, each on individual, ballasted mounts in field immediately adjacent to curtelage of garden. Site will be levelled prior to installation and will be fenced using electric fencing to protect from livestock afterward. Electrical cabling will run underground from the installation to the barn beside the house where the invertor and batteries will be sited. Current grazed use of field will continue around the development once completed.

**Resolved** to note that the parish council have no comments or objections.

Reference: T/2024/0059

Location: The Vicarage, Broughton-in-furness, LA20 6HS

Proposal: Fell 3 spruce (T1, T2 & T3)

**Resolved** to note that the parish council have no comments or objections.

**Non Consultation**

Reference: 7/2024/5147

Location: Latham House, The Square, Broughton In Furness, LA20 6HZ

Proposal: Approval of details reserved by condition on listed building application 7/2023/5539 (Change of use from ancillary accommodation to holiday let and alterations to outdoor spaces); condition 3 relating to gates and landscaping.

**Retrospective (Granted)**

Reference: 7/2023/5793

Location: Wall End Farm, Broughton-In-Furness, LA20 6DE

Proposal: Retrospective planning application for the retention of building used for 10 stables, six for general livery, and a menage.

**088/24 Cllr Vacancy**

**Resolved** to note thatany potential candidate for the Cllr vacancy should submit a written application to the clerk which can then be distributed to the rest of the council and a decision made at the next

Parish council meeting.

**089/24 Financial Matters**

**Resolved** to authorise the following payments:

Npower 15.71

Npower 3.00

Hawthwaite Garden Services 275.00

Npower 249.25

Npower 96.51

HMRC 6.40

Waterplus 27.69

SRCL 36.00

CALC 296.60

Salaries 662.84

**£ 1669.00**

**090/24 Councillors Reports**

**Resolved** to note that Charter day is fast approaching

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**091/24 Date and time of Next Meeting**

To note that the next full parish council meeting will be on 23rd May at 7.00pm

in the Rankin Room at the Victory Hall and will also be the AGM.

Meeting Closed.