

**Minutes of a Meeting of Duddon Parish Council
Held at Duddon St. Peter's School
on Monday 4th April 2016**

Present

Cllr G Goulborne Chairman
Cllr A Green
Cllr J Warburton
Cllr J Leather

Mrs Sandie McBennett Clerk to Duddon Parish Council

04.04.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Cllr Clive Cummins and Cllr Hugo Deynam had been received.

Resolved: that apologies for absence received be accepted.

04.04.02 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr Green reported a conflict of interest in Item 13 due to a personal involvement with the issue.

04.04.03 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2016

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

04.04.04 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 19TH JANUARY 2016

Item 04: The fly tipping had been removed.

Item 05: Back Lane – Cllr Leather had attended the next day and one of the pot holes was repaired immediately. Another was not as deep as first thought and would be monitored in future. Mr and Mrs Smith had received a visit from County Highways Department.

04.04.05 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were able to address the Parish Council or ask a question.

Points of interest:-

- Logo Designs from the children of Duddon St Peter's School
The Years 5 and 6 of Duddon St Peter's School had submitted designs for the future logo of Duddon Parish Council. All of the designs showed great thought and creative flair to incorporate the community and history of Duddon. Cllrs were very impressed with the designs and found it very hard indeed to choose only one. With this in mind, an outstanding design was chosen to be used on headed paper and as the logo for Duddon Parish Council; however, all of the designs would be used and published on the Duddon Parish Council Website in turn and on the Duddon Parish Council Facebook page. All of the designs were fabulous and deserved to be published.
- Planning Obligation by Deed of Agreement - Section 106 – The Former Headless Woman
Cllr Leather had made enquiries to check that the above monies were still available. Confirmation was outstanding. Sarah Dobbins, Senior Localities Officer would confirm the Section 106 availability.
- New Homes Bonus to be published on Duddon Parish Council Facebook page and the Duddon Parish Council website in future.
- PCSO Ryan Reid was not in attendance to report on Traffic Monitoring and Calming.
Cllrs spoke at length and reported traffic was still an issue and not just on the A51, Willington Road and Common Lane were also affected. Cllr Leather informed Cllrs the law changed in 2012 which meant Parish Council could ask the County Council to survey the speed and look at traffic calming.

Action: The Clerk would investigate what the criteria were to have a "pinch point" as a traffic calming measure on the roads.

Cllrs also wished to note their positive feedback to the Highways Agency on traffic calming and speed enforcement initiatives in place to date. It had made a notable difference.

04.04.06 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Leather reported on Cheshire West & Chester matters of interest.

Ongoing consultations included the strategy for playing pitches and housing allocations, which included a review of the criteria for housing need. The criteria included people moving for work purposes which would impact on the economic benefits of offering housing to move for work.

Cllr Leather had attended a Council meeting at the end of February where the Council Tax was ratified. Cllr Leather spoke about the possible ramifications of parking charges in Northwich where there had been a petition against it. Commuter parking and catching bus the rest of the way to Chester was an on-going problem in Tarvin and Kelsall and the wider areas. Motorists had been seen to park out of town because of prohibitive parking charges in the City Centre.

04.04.07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Planning Application – 16/00134/TPE

Leaswood, Tarporley Road, Duddon, CW6 0HA

Fell to ground level sycamore due to disease. Already approved by CWAC.

- 04.04.08 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**
Already discussed.
- 04.04.09 PLAY AREA**
Cllr Leather had attended a meeting which addressed one initiative being taken forward which was to come together for economies of scale on procurement and contracts. Insurance and maintenance contracts could offer cost savings to smaller Parish Councils in the future.
Action: Cllr Leather would include Duddon PC in any information to be circulated.
- 04.04.10 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS**
The Parish Council was asked to authorise payment of the following accounts: -
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| CVS Cheshire East | £ 45.00 |
| Clerk | £480.33 |
| Mid Cheshire Footpath | £ 8.00 |
| ChALC Subscription | £150.15 |
- Resolved: that the above payments be agreed.**
- 04.04.11 CORRESPONDENCE**
The Clerk reported on the following correspondence: -
- New Homes Bonus: a letter from CWAC had been received to report the following: -
“I am writing to inform you that at our full Council meeting last night, it was resolved that the Council will no longer set aside 20% of the New Homes Bonus that it receives into a community fund. Your Council will therefore no longer receive it’s annual allocation. “This represented a significant loss of revenues to the Parish Council.
 - BDO Audit – the annual return had been received for completion by the Clerk.
 - Mr Lockett of Burton – a resident of Burton wished to know why the annual Precept had increased. The Clerk had responded to Mr Lockett.
 - HSBC Closure of Tarporley Branch: notification of closure of the Tarporley Branch had been received.
 - Churchyard Fund: the Churchyard Fund had been applied for previously and was due to be paid.
- 04.04.12 TRANSPARENCY FUND UPDATE**
ChALC had confirmed the application by Duddon Parish Council from the Transparency Fund had been successful. The amount of £1328.72 would be credited to the account of Duddon Parish Council.
- 04.04.13 DOG NUISANCE**
Reports of dog foul on the paths within the village and along the A51 had been reported to the Clerk. A new initiative was required to remind dog walkers to dispose of dog foul and to encourage safe and hygienic disposal of dog waste. Several Dog Waste Bins were provided in the village.
Action: the Clerk would speak with residents to find ways to promote clean pathways within the village.
- A complaint had been received regarding the dogs belonging to Mr and Mrs Caplan whose dogs were often out without supervision and unleashed. In the past, residents had approached the owners of the dogs; the owners were aware the dogs had been causing trouble and had attacked other dogs being walked by their owners. The same dogs had caused harm to a child in the past pushing the child over. The owners had agreed it was the fault of their dogs. They had been reported to the police in the past also when the dogs had caused a dog to drag their owner onto her knees. Mr Caplan would like it recorded that he is aware of the problem and as a first stage, he would fit an automatic electric gate to keep the dogs in the garden. He did not agree to muzzling the dogs. The owner was told about children who walked their dogs on leads along the lane; it would be a danger to those children if the dogs were involved in a fight and a child or adult was bitten.
Action: the Clerk would write to Mr and Mrs Caplan. The Clerk would also seek further advice from the PCSO on how to deal with anti-social behaviour from dogs.
- 04.04.14 CASUAL VACANCY**
No applications received.
- 04.04.15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
None reported.
- 04.04.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**
The next meeting of the Parish Council would be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at Duddon St Peter’s School at 7.30pm.