

Minutes of a Meeting of Duddon Parish Council
Held at Duddon St. Peters School
on Tuesday 7th July 2015

PRESENT

Cllr G Goulbourne Chairman
Cllr J Warburton Vice Chairman
Cllr C Cummins

Mrs Helen Connolly Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Resolved: That apologies for absence be accepted from Cllr Green and Cllr Leather.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of pecuniary interest were reported.

3. MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th May 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

Representatives for Anesco attended the meeting to present their report on the plan for a solar farm in Duddon. The company were keen to work with the local community; since the plan was in the early stage of proposal plans, they can be reshaped consider the opinions of the community. A map of the intended site was produced. The proposed site was on a public footpath and along Eddisbury Way public footpath. The land they propose to use is owned by Duddon Hall. The solar farm would consist of approx. 12000 panels of 18 acres. The height of the perimeter fence would be 2.2m (deer fence); there would be a 150m gap for small mammals. A fund for the community of between £3000 and £5000 were suggested, this would preferably be for a long term project; possibly for the village hall/ school/ play area.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Missing Grid on Footway: This is deferred until the next meeting. Councillor Cummins will look into it in the meantime.
- Skip on footpath at Duddon Common has now been removed.
- Stiles needing repair: This was reported to be in hand and is deferred until the next meeting.
- Hedges and Trees to rear of Summer Lea: No breach of planning permission occurred. Mr and Mrs Daniels have been updated.
- Nuisance Dogs: Dogs are reported to be more under control.

6. ACCOUNTS

The Clerk reported that the balance remaining at the bank was £7055.91. The following payments were accepted by the Parish Council:

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Details	Amount
07/07/15	616	CWAC	Election Recharge	£181.00
07/07/15	617	Mrs H A Connolly	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£386.64

7. CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

A Chairman's Discretionary Fund of £250 had been suggested.

Resolved: That the Councillors agreed the Chairman be given the Discretionary Fund of £250 annually.

8. PLANNING

The following planning application was received by Cheshire West and Chester Council:

Address	Details	Application Number	Comments
Aspen Grove Tarporley Road, Duddon	2 storey rear extension	15/02540/FUL	No objections
27 Greenacres			No objections

9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Pothole at A51/Willington Road Junction had been reported as sunken. It has now been repaired.

10. PLAY AREA

The play area was reported to be undergoing repair after damage by children. Cllrs would source new chains to complete the repairs.

11. FUNDING FOR CCTV AT VILLAGE HALL.

Funding for CCTV for the Village Hall would be deferred until the next meeting.

12. CASUAL VACANCY

No applications had been received.

13. VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK

Resolved: That Cllr Goulbourne would be responsible for recruitment.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council Meeting would be Monday 14th September 2015.

Signed..... Dated.....