

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held by ZOOM on Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Pennie Ridyard (Chairman), Phil Alder, Julie Huck, Will Huck, Judith Notley, Paul Senior and Brian Smith, District Councillors Pat Bell and Hazel Hodgson, five members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted (leave of absence) from Councillor Derrick Wade.

Public participation: Professor David Williams spoke on behalf of the residents of Bowston regarding the proposed Weir removal.

Mr John Peatfield outlined the current priority habitats present around Bowston Weir and some of the wildlife that they support.

Minutes: It was resolved to add a paragraph to minute 21/71e, in order to clarify the power under which the Council had made this contribution (for the work on the field drain at Carling Steps)

Council Vacancies: Two expressions of interest had been received since the last meeting and it was resolved to co-opt Tonia and Keith Tondeur to the Council.

Finance: The cash and budget statements to 30th November 2020 were noted and any retrospective payments were approved.

The Budget Report was considered and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council for the financial year 2021-22 in the sum of £27,764. There is therefore no increase in the Parish element of the Council Tax again.

Updates: The Clerk reported as follows:

Memorial bench. The Clerk has been in touch with CCC Highways, and has sent them a draft agreement.

A letter has been sent to our student, Adam Ford, thanking him for his work in the parish and he had replied, expressing appreciation.

The Hon. Robert Jenrick had been advised of the Council's feelings that, in the current pandemic situation, it is not a suitable time to be considering the formation of a Unitary Authority in Cumbria.

An email had been received from Jannice Wilkinson, thanking the Council for supporting the Millennium Green, and indicating that the Green is now, at last, fully accessible again.

An email had been received from Gordon Lawson of the Bryce Institute, thanking the Council for support and the increased grant last year.

The Clerk thanked Councillor Will Huck for the help given him in connecting his new printer, when the old one failed.

Councillor Will Huck reported as follows:

Councillor Collins has kindly donated £500 from his allowance for the provision of the village entry signs (minute 20/71b refers) and this project was formally approved by Council. A firm order will now be placed for them.

Potholes at Steeles Row have been reported.

The Biodiversity Group have begun the pollinator project. Tonia gave a brief update on the work that she and Claire have been doing on this.

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Burneside Church & Community NEWSLETTER January 2021

Our Vicar writes...

In all our Christmas services we will have read the beginning of St John's Gospel. It doesn't start with an account of the birth of Jesus but rather with a reflection on who Jesus is. In the passage, Jesus is described as the light coming into the world: 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.' (John 1:5).

Christmas reminds us each year that the light of God's love has come into the world and the darkness will not overcome it. I think given the year we have had with the coronavirus pandemic, it is particularly important to remind ourselves of this fact. In a way it's a bit like the sky at night; even the stars in our own galaxy are many years away yet the vast empty darkness of space cannot quench their light, they are still visible to us here on earth.

No matter what happens to us the love of God for us cannot be quenched!

You will probably be reading this letter just before or just after the beginning of 2021. As we meet people for the first time in the New Year the greeting will be 'Happy New Year'

Yet as we say it, we know that this New Year as well as hoping for a fresh start we will be largely stepping out into the unknown with many of us carrying fears and uncertainties despite the hope of vaccinations around the corner.

Instead of letting the possibility of darkness overwhelm us let us hold on to the hope of the light that shines through it

As Minnie Haskins wrote in 'The Gate of the Year',

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

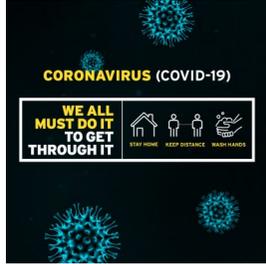
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

As we look forward we need re-commit ourselves to allowing the light of his love to shine into the dark corners of our lives. We will then be able to share that light with those around us and make the world a brighter place.

I wish you all a Happy Bright New Year

Tricia





COMMUNITY NEWS

Any community information that you wish to be added within the Parish News needs to be submitted by the 3rd Sunday of the month to Amanda : amanda@dashaw.co.uk
Any Church queries please contact Liz on lizbingham@talktalk.net

St Oswald's Services for January

- 3rd 10.30am Holy Communion (Epiphany)
- 10th 10.30am Holy Communion
- 17th 10.30am Morning Prayer
- 23rd 10.30am Holy Communion
- 31st 10am Beacon Service at St Georges Kendal



RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION:



Again, for the second year, the Residents Association have raised funds for and supplied a large Christmas tree on Millennium Green. Decorated and lit thanks to all your kind donations. Although there was no actual event this year we feel its presence is even more welcome than usual.

We have just had a very successful raffle to fund next year's tree.

Our aging foodshare box has been kindly replaced by South Lakes Housing. Big thanks to them for doing this FOC. As you know, there are some issues with the lid, but that will all be sorted ASAP.

Every one of the kids in school received a chocolate advent calendar from the RA and a limited edition giclée print by Phillip Alder has been donated to raise funds for the RA and the school. These prints are of Beckmickle Ing (alongside the river between Bowston and Staveley). They are signed and numbered /95 and double mounted. £50 each (see the RA facebook page to view). phillipalder@gmail.com

BURNESIDE PARISH COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING



On Saturday 5th December 30 saplings were successfully planted on the Parish land at Low Taggleslaw on Potter Fell. Burneside Parish Council would like to thank the Woodlands Trust for supplying us with the saplings and the volunteers who helped us plant them.



Reports: Councillor Bell said it is 'business as usual' at SLDC. The proposals put forward for 'The Bay' option for a future Unitary Authority have been submitted and a government decision will be made in due course.

She said a number of potholes and damaged culverts had been reported and attended to. She encouraged residents to report these matters on the website.

Councillor Hodgson said she had donated some money to the Resident's Association towards a Christmas tree. She has been working on wayleave issues in the area, as well as road repairs/blocked culverts. She asked for clarification on the Burneside Regeneration Group, as there appeared to be some confusion about it. However, this is not a Council initiative but one being led by 'IGLOO' and Ann Hall would be the contact for further information.

Planning: The following applications were considered:

SL/2020/0823 Howgills View, Burneside. Single storey side extension to form home office.

Whilst the Council does not object as such to this application, the proposals seem very large for a home office, like more of a living area than an office space and there is concern that the use will be altered to this.

SL/2020/0807 Gilthroton, Cowan Head, Burneside. Erection of two dwellings.

The Council decided that Councillors will email the Clerk individually with their views once they had had time to digest the proposals sufficiently.

SL/2020/0817 Bowston Weir, Bowston. Removal of Bowston Weir, re-naturalisation of the channel through the installation of a stepped rock ramp design and upstream re-profiling of right and left river banks.

Refusal is recommended, on the grounds that the Council thinks the plan to remove the weir is not fully developed and does not take into account all considerations. Also, that if permission is granted there must be a stipulation that there is a habitat retention/mitigation plan implemented alongside.

Traffic issues: Councillor Ridyard has been informed that the plan will be with her by 2nd December. She will send this to Councillors when it is received and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Emergency Plan: A volunteer is needed to lead on this project. The Clerk will forward the present plan to the new Councillors.

Tree planting project on Potter Fell and elsewhere:

Councillor Notley said that the tree planting would take place this coming weekend.

Re-claiming of disused/underused buildings in the parish:

County Notley cited several buildings in the parish that might be suitable to be designated as Community Assets. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan: Councillor Ridyard said that a bespoke Community Needs Assessment, including housing, is awaited and ACT has been approached for help with this, as the organisations previously approached no longer carry these out.

Allotments in Burneside: There is not a lot to report and there is at present no suitable land available. However the local landowner has been approached and hopefully something will materialise in due course.

Community fridge: Someone is required to lead on this. Councillor Notley said she is willing to help and Councillor Ridyard will supply her with the details. Councillor Alder also said he would like to be involved and suggested this could be a project undertaken together with the Resident's Association.

Open Forum: Some more hand sanitizer is to be ordered for parish use.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 7pm by ZOOM.