

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church room, Burneside, on Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Tonia Armer, Keith Tondeur, and Derrick Wade, District Councillor Pat Bell, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Councillor Judith Notley arrived at 7.55pm. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Julie Huck.

22/44 Public participation:

It was noted that Gayle Howarth had resigned from the Burneside Parish Residents Association, and Sally Gibson will take on the role of Chairman. There is a meeting, open to all, at Burneside Cricket Club on Thursday of this week at 7.30pm. It was emphasised that the Residents Association and Parish Council aim to work co-operatively for the benefit of the whole community.

22/45 Requests for Dispensations: None.

22/46 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor William Huck declared an interest, as a school governor, should any matters relating to St Oswald's School be discussed. Councillor Wade declared an interest, as a member of the Burneside Parish Residents Association.

22/47 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2022, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22/48 Casual Vacancy:

Paul Senior had resigned as a Councillor and a further Casual Vacancy had been declared. SLDC will notify the Council in due course if this is to be filled by Election or co-option.

22/49 Council Vacancies:

There are now five vacancies. It was agreed that, in September, a flyer will be produced and distributed around the parish, possibly using the Parish News distribution system. The current work load is a large strain for the remaining Councillors and Clerk.

22/50 Council 'working groups':

The following were appointed:

Traffic Management: Councillors Julie Huck and Will Huck.

Play Park: Councillors Julie Huck, Will Huck, Judith Notley and Derrick Wade.

Biodiversity and Sustainability: Councillors Tonia Armer, Julie Huck, Will Huck, and Judith Notley.

Flood Action: Councillors Keith Tondeur and Derrick Wade.

Bryce Institute: Councillor Judith Notley.

Lakes Line Rail User Group/Community Rail Partnership: Roger Leather.

Footpaths group: Stewart Menzies, Councillors Will Huck and Judith Notley.

It was discussed that the groups could be updated as required and interested residents could also join them as non-Councillors.

22/51 Reports:

Councillor Bell said that CCC is catching up with road repairs and things are all moving towards the new Council, Westmorland and Furness, which will come into being on 1st April 2023. The planning department is still significantly behind on applications. She had seen the dismantling today of the Bowston Weir and photographs had recorded the event for posterity.

22/52 Updates:

Councillor William Huck reported as follows:

- a. The Bowston planter has been replanted and a local resident is kindly going to water it.
- b. New plants have been put in the Holme Houses and Hollins planters too.
- c. The Jubilee Mugs were handed out at the school.
- d. The Jubilee Beacon was lit; the certificate is in the Church Meeting room.
- e. Green Canopy for the Jubilee- two new trees will be planted at Holme Houses during the autumn.
- f. Damaged footpath stiles were reported with the help of Stewart Menzies, including issues with stiles between Burneside and Kendal and the damaged ladder stile at Bowston.
- g. The kerb was reported at Holme Houses.
- h. The overhanging tree growing over into the Churchyard was reported to CCC.
- i. The Emergency Plan needs updating again, following recent CALC guidance.
- j. The Burneside and Bowston entry signs are now being made by CCC; it is hoped to have a meeting with the contractor soon and to get them installed.
- k. Highways discussions are ongoing.
- l. The Defibrillator at Sprint Holme needs a software update.
- m. The Remembrance Soldiers have been delivered.
- n. There was also a brief update on the Bowston Weir and an update from John Peatfield for everyone to read.

Councillor Armer reported as follows:

- a. The grassed area at the Bryce Institute has now been cut back; it was left until July, which is beneficial to pollinators. There is a request to plant some native bulbs and the Church would also like to do this. (This will be an agenda item for the next meeting - to consider purchasing some native bulbs)

- b. She wondered if the Parish Council could do anything about the increase in second homes. Councillor Bell confirmed that SLDC has a policy regarding this and it is going through the motions now. The Clerk will write a letter to SLDC as he has done for other Councils with a similar issue.
- c. She asked if CCC could collect and take the grass away after roadside cuttings. This would reduce the nutrient levels on verges and help wildflowers. Councillor Collins will be approached about this.

22/53 Living Memorial':

There is a firm interest in this venture, proposed by Mr Geoffrey Marvin but it was felt that it is not a project the Council could undertake at this moment, due to having so many vacant seats. It will become an agenda item again when some new Councillors are co-opted.

22/54 Community Plan:

Councillor Tondeur has been in touch with those who have set up the Staveley Community Plan; there, free meals were offered in order to encourage residents to attend meetings in preparation for the plan, and to give their views. Survey Monkey was also used to collect views digitally. From data gathered, working groups were then set up. It was agreed to ask if representatives from Staveley would attend a meeting to explain the process they have gone through; other stakeholders will be invited.

22/55 Handy person scheme:

Councillor Tondeur has been in touch with CALC and obtained the relevant details that will enable the Parish Council to employ a handy person, and a local person has been found who is keen to take the job on. It was resolved that there will be a trial period commencing on 1st August 2022.

22/56 Recordings Policy:

An enquiry had been made via the Burneside Residents Association regarding the recording of Council Meetings. The Clerk explained that, when meetings had been held by ZOOM, they had been recorded and then deleted as soon as the minutes had been produced. Any member of the public is free to come and record a meeting if they so wish. Some Councils have a 'Recordings Policy' but the Clerk recommended that this Council does not adopt one. This was accepted unanimously.

22/57 Finance:

- a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

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| John Peatfield | 397.32 | Sandbags |
| HMRC | 567.75 | PAYE |
| Lakes Line Rail user Group | 13.00 | Subscription |

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| K M Price | 98.94 | Reimbursement for print contract (January to June) |
| K M Price | 192.69 | Quarterly expenses to 30th June, including use of home office and travel. |

b. *The following payments, made since the last meeting, were approved:*

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| BHIB | 529.99 | Insurance premium |
| Chris Rabone House & Garden | 180.00 | Grasscutting |
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| Chris Rabone House & Garden | 168.00 | Grasscutting |
| Chris Rabone House & Garden | 168.00 | Grasscutting |
| Andrew Thould | 60.00 | Window cleaning bus shelters |
| K M Price | 20.80 | Salary (underpayment by bank) |
| Friends of St Oswald's School | 300.00 | Grant |
| Communicorp | 12.00 | Subscription |
| Julie Huck | 63.88 | Planters |
| R B L Industries | 350.00 | Soldiers |
| Residents Association | 250.00 | Grant |

- c. The report from the Internal Auditor had been circulated and the audit is now complete. The Council expressed its thanks to Mrs Pat Turton for her work in this respect.
- d. Hedgehog signage: It was resolved to purchase 12 hedgehog signs for use around the parish.
- e. Hardship Fund: It was agreed that the best way of taking this proposal forward would be to work with the Residents Association on this, it was suggested that food vouchers could be an option. This will be taken away and discussed via email. Councillor Tondeur will lead on this.
- f. Parish Map: It was resolved to go ahead and print 500 copies of the Parish Map at a cost of £295. Councillor Notley is to place the order and make arrangements for distribution.

22/58 Planning:

The following applications were considered:

SL/2022/0558 Plantation Filling Station, Plantation Bridge. Existing forecourt canopy raised from 3.9m to 5.0m between ground level and underside of canopy. Approval recommended.

SL/2022/0559 Plantation Filling Station, Plantation Bridge. Installation of 30,000 litre above ground diesel tank. Approval recommended, subject to the proposed development being screened.

SL/2022/0574 Burnside Convenience Store, 2 New Road, Burnside.
Extensions and alterations to building and existing apartment to form additional first floor apartment. Approval recommended.

22/59 Open Forum:

- a. The Council made a vote of thanks to all who had been involved in any way in the recent celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, especially Lynda and Kirsty.
- b. The AGM of the Bryce Institute is on 26th July at 8pm.
- c. Surveys for the Clean River Kent campaign are available at the Bakery and online.

22/60 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burnside.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed:

Dated: