

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Tonia Armer, Julie Huck, Judith Notley, Keith Tondeur and Derrick Wade, District Councillors Pat Bell, Hazel Hodgson and Ali Jama, Councillor Mark Kidd, two residents and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Paul Senior.

Councillor Mark Kidd, Chairman of Staveley with Ings Parish Council, who is also Chairman of the National Park Governance committee and Deputy Chairman of the Development Control committee, addressed the Council. A number of questions were asked and these included:

- a. Quality of water in the National Park.
- b. Biodiversity.
- c. Traffic/ Park and Ride.
- d. Support for farmers through the agricultural transition.
- e. Footpath and Rights of Way - issues can be reported directly to Councillor Kidd or to Marion Jones, LDNPA Ranger.

22/1 Public participation: None.

22/1 Requests for Dispensations: None.

22/2 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor William Huck declared an interest as a School Governor, Councillor Notley should any matters relating to the allotments be discussed and Councillor Wade for his involvement with the Burneside Residents Association.

22/3 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22/4 Council Vacancies:

The Clerk had received two enquiries recently; one person was intending to visit the Chairman to discuss the matter with him and the other is shortly expecting to move into the parish and will make contact in due course.

22/5 Reports:

Councillor Bell said the Structural Changes Order had now been made as part of the Local Government Review. The legal challenge to the proposed new Authority had been dismissed. Questions were asked regarding parish assets and the Chairman was advised to compile a list and submit this to SLDC soon. The continued road closure at Carus Green was noted. It was also noted that the SLDC planning department are six to seven months behind due to staffing issues, which have now been addressed.

Councillor Hodgson said the Licensing committee at SLDC is renewing all taxi drivers certification this year.

Councillor Jama reiterated the problem of vehicles speeding through the village and the Chairman said that, following a meeting with representatives of the Parish Council, County Councils and CCC officers, a traffic plan is awaited in due course - but this could take some considerable time. The Parish Council has allocated £30,000 in the budget towards this.

22/6 Updates:

The following brief updates were given:

- a. Councillor Notley said that hedging and marking out had been carried out at the allotments, although there had been a problem with dog fouling. She said the community fridge is being well used and the Food Forum is a good help.
- b. Councillor Armer said there is to be some training given for taking of water samples for the Clean the Kent campaign, on 4th February at 3pm, meeting at the Millennium Green.
- c. Councillor Tondeur is continuing enquiries into a possible 'handyperson' scheme and is compiling a list of tasks such a person could possibly carry out. The full cost, however, would have to be borne by the Parish Council.
- d. *Councillor William Huck reported as follows:*
 - i. Traffic Plan - details had already been covered in minute 22/5 (above). Two meetings with CCC Highways have now been held with many issues discussed; proposals will now be worked upon. The SID may be borrowed to gather further traffic data. The Burnside Road closure has delayed the collection of traffic data by CCC Highways.
 - ii. The village entry signs; a contractor has been found to install these. CCC Highways will now produce a new agreement and then look to commissioning the signs.
 - iii. The Sprint Holme defibrillator has been re-registered and the Council thanks Alan Thompson for his help with this. The possibility of training is now being looked into.
 - iv. The memorial bench is finally in place.
 - v. The planter for Bowston has arrived but a site for it is still being sought as CCC has refused permission for the original choice.
 - vi. Play Park signs are being negotiated with the Anglers Trust; a proof has been sent to them for sign-off.
 - vii. A number of potholes have been reported.

22/7 Finance:

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

Andrew Thould	£60.00	Window cleaning at bus shelter.
Judith Notley	£31.20	Sign for allotments
Judith Notley	£42.06	Community fridge supplies

K M Price	£178.94	Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel.
A2A Advertising Limited	£30.00	Domain registration for website.

- b. The Clerk gave a brief financial update. A full report on the year's finances will be presented at the next meeting.
- c. It was resolved to contribute £500 towards the 'Clean up the River Kent' campaign. This is for water quality testing.
- d. The Council was asked to consider contributing towards the village Christmas tree, provided by the Burnside Residents Association, from information provided by Councillor Wade. The Chairman suggested that the Council could purchase the tree each year; however, the Residents Association already has an agreement in place for a tree. The Residents Association committee will discuss whether to submit a formal funding application request in the future.
- e. It was agreed in principle to purchase commemorative mugs to mark the Queen's Jubilee and present these to the children at St Oswalds School. The Chairman and Clerk will progress this matter.

22/8 Queen's Jubilee Events:

It was noted that a celebration may already be in planning by others, Councillor Notley is going to investigate this in the hope of collaboration.

The siting of the beacon is being investigated by the Chairman and tree planting for the Green Canopy is being looked into, possibly at Holme Houses to replace the felled tree. The Chairman and Councillor Notley are leading on this.

22/9 Planning: None.

22/10 Open Forum:

- a. The Clerk read a letter from a resident at Bowston, highlighting again the state of the 'boatyard' in Bowston. The Council has tried, without success, to resolve this situation. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the owner and ask for the area to be tidied up, failing which the matter will be passed on to the legal department at SLDC.
- b. A tour of the mill for Parish Councillors is proposed in March - names to the Chairman please.
- c. It was noted that this year's village Pantomime was a great success and the Council congratulates all concerned.
- d. The future of the former toilet block was mentioned and the likely outcome of discussions. The possibility of the Parish Council purchasing the building was aired; this will be a future agenda item along with other items.

22/11 Development of Village Bus Shelter:

Tony Hill had submitted a paper to the Council, 'The development of a purpose built shelter in the centre of the village' and this had been circulated to all Councillors. The Council resolved to commit to this project and a working group will be set up. The Chairman agreed to be part of this group and Councillor Senior will be approached too. It will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

22/12 Date of the next meeting:

***Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside
(There will be no meeting during March, unless any urgent business arises)***

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed:

Dated: