

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.10pm.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Tonia Armer, Trish Holt, Julie Huck, Stephen Roberts and Derrick Wade, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

**24/35 Election of Chairman:**

Councillor William Huck was elected Chairman for 2024-25. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Councillor William Huck reiterated that he can only do so much due to other commitments.

**24/36 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**24/37 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

**24/38 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**24/39 Council Vacancies:**

It was noted that there are still three vacancies for new Councillors. Advertising continues and any applications will be welcome.

**24/40 Updates:**

Councillor William Huck reported as follows:

- a. John Peatfield had sent an update on the House Martin and Swift project. It is going well with high local interest, the nest cups have been installed, and they will be monitored and updates given.
- b. Missing Noticeboard - In contact with W&F Council, they want an agreement for where the noticeboard is to be reinstalled. Have spoken to Croppers PLC re land ownership and mentioned to the Sign Man regarding reinstallation. Councillor Wade kindly collected the noticeboard from the W&F Council Depot.
- c. Portrait of the King arrived and was placed in the Church meeting room.
- d. D-Day flag has arrived and will go up for a week on the Church flagpole.
- e. The railings opposite the chippy have been installed.
- f. No formal notification yet - but going off the Locality Board meeting minutes the Council's 20mph application was unsuccessful.
- g. Graffiti in the bus shelter has been painted over, Hannah Hill from Croppers PLC updated us, along with the Police, concerning this.
- h. Many potholes that were reported have finally been repaired.

- i. Branches have been tidied up from Burneside Road entry sign by W&F Council.
- j. Blocked drains on Hall Road have been put on W&F Council list for further works.
- k. The damaged Hall Road walls have been chased up again.
- l. There has not been sufficient time to do some things e.g. planters and putting anti car litter signs up.
- m. The Bonningate highway improvement works have started.

The Parish Clerk reported that he had been in contact with Jannice Wilkinson regarding street lighting ownership in the Parish. She thinks that the Parish Council may own some of the lights around the Mill and Bryce Institute.

#### **24/41 Standing Orders/Financial Regulations:**

The Clerk had been working on these, but yesterday a new draft had been issued by NALC via CALC. In the circumstances, this will be deferred until a future meeting, when the Chairman and Clerk have had time to liaise on any new regulations that might be involved.

#### **24/42 Finance:**

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

Clear Insurance Management Ltd	£623.50	Annual premium
William Huck	£23.80	Reimbursement – D-Day Flag (noted).
Communicorp	£15.50	Annual subscription
SENS	£500.00	Grant
Bryce Institute	£2,500.00	Annual grant (via Precept)
K M Price	£199.88	Reimbursement for 2023 printing contract

- b. An application for funding was considered from Clean River Kent Campaign (SENS) and it was unanimously resolved to make a grant of £500.
- c. The transfer of ring-fenced funds from the Residents Association to the Parish Council for the Christmas Tree and Children’s Activities was agreed, however it was noted that volunteers would be required for these events to successfully continue.
- d. The Interim Accounts for 2023-24 were noted and the Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the AGAR. The accounts will now proceed to Audit.

#### **24/43 Planning:**

A planning application was received after the agenda was circulated, this will be discussed between Councillors via email and a response made.

#### **24/44 Defibrillators at Bowston and Cowan Head:**

It is hoped that a defibrillator will be installed at Cowan Head but the Bowston one is deferred at present as a suitable site does not seem to be available. Once the Cowan Head site is agreed available grants will be looked into.

#### **24/45 Community Library:**

No further information is available yet.

#### **24/46 Play Park:**

Posters have been put up by Councillors Armer and Holt, however no volunteers have yet come forward. The school assembly is still to be rearranged. An update will be given at the next meeting with Croppers PLC et al.

#### **24/47 Speed Indicator Device:**

The Clerk has made a request to use the SID as previously; it is at present being used by Staveley with Ings PC and will be delivered to the Clerk as soon as it is available. Councillor Wade has volunteered to help Councillor William Huck put it up around the village.

#### **24/48 Correspondence/Open Forum:**

- a. Stan Wilson has resigned as Parish Handyman and the thanks of the Council is extended to him for his service over recent years. The possible filling of this vacancy will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- b. A local resident has reported the overgrown hedge at Sprint Holme.
- c. Burneside Community Energy had contacted the Council regarding a potential joint project for low level lighting on the path between Burneside and Kendal, an initial response has been made.
- d. A pizza van is due to visit the Church car park on selected dates.
- e. There is a new W&F Community Development Officer, Jemma Fells, she will be working with Gill Holmes until Gill retires from her role.
- f. It was reported that some of the trains on the Lakes Line do not stop at Burneside, leading to difficulties at certain times of the day, when passengers have a to travel to Oxenholme via Windermere. Roger Leather will be contacted to advise on this.
- g. A new location for the flood equipment has been found.
- h. The state of the Jubilee Noticeboard in the school grounds was raised, Councillor Julie Huck will ask the School about this.
- i. Concerns regarding the footpath at Peacock Farm has been raised to a Councillor, Stewart Menzies will be contacted to advise on this.
- j. The grass verge at Howgill Houses has not been cut.
- k. Transferring ownership of the defibrillator at the Church to the Parish Council was raised, this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**24/49 Date of the next meeting:**

***Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.***

*The meeting closed at 8.30pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*