

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Philip Alder, Tonia Armer, Julie Huck, and Derrick Wade, 16 members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Patricia Holt and Councillor Stephen Roberts.

Presentation from United Utilities

An update was given on the planned sewer upgrade project which is due to begin in April. The existing pumping station will be decommissioned. Road closures/ lane closures will be required. The first closure will be Burneside Road, it is envisaged this will be for 5-6 weeks. Surveys of properties adjacent to working areas will be undertaken prior to work beginning. Customer Coordinators will send letters and undertake door knocks prior to road closures. The aim is to minimise disruption as much as possible. The project will take 1.5 to 2 years to complete, working hours allowed are 8am-6pm Monday to Friday. They are permitted to work Saturday mornings if required but not Sundays.

Members of the public then asked several questions regarding the project. One resident of Hall Park spoke regarding the two sewer system present on the estate, they have been told by U.U that rainwater is not taken by their sewer and so have had a refund on previous bills. The question was also asked where does the rainwater go? U.U said they will follow this up with the resident.

25/1 Public participation:

Residents spoke on the following issues:

- a. 2025/0117/FPA Land West of High Sparrowmire, Kendal Full planning application for a residential development of 143 new dwellings and the provision of associated access and infrastructure works including roads, drainage infrastructure, car parking, public open space and landscaping.

There has been considerable research by residents, despite the difficulties of wading through the massive number of documents on the Westmorland & Furness website. The Chairman has been sent the fruits of this research and the application will be considered later in the meeting. Issues raised included the problems with sewage and flooding and:

- i. 55% of the proposed dwellings are four or five bedroomed.
- ii. 375 parking spaces are planned.
- iii. There are 19 unsold similar houses at present in Kendal.
- iv. Curlews nest on the land.
- v. Proposed new junction on Windermere Road.
- vi. No walking/ cycling infrastructure.
- vii. Does not meet the requirements in the Local Plan for the site.

- b. Notice has been received of an Appeal in respect of the refusal of planning permission for 2024/1571/APP PINS REF: APP/H0900/D/24/3358059 59 Hall Park Burneside. Garden shed to the rear of the property (Retrospective).

The appellant explained that they would like to come to a compromise on the shed in question and is open to discussing options. They also explained that they use that side of the property as the rear area. Another resident also spoke regarding the shed in question and raised previous concerns regarding its size, location and the potential precedent it sets.

- c. Burneside Football Club updated the Council on their good work to get the Club going again and have the semi-finals to look forward to. There is also the possibility of starting a junior team. The pitch and clubhouse are in need of repair and wondered if the Parish Council would be able to provide any funding– this will be considered at the next meeting, upon receipt of a completed application form which will be sent on.
- d. Residents of Hollins Lane, drawing the Council's attention to the long-standing problems of speeding traffic and the danger to both residents and drivers. It is requested that the 30mph speed limit is extended up the lane to beyond the dwellings, along with improved signage and marked footpath. Tim Farron MP has been contacted and also Helen Karasslan of Westmorland & Furness Council. The Chairman is due to hold a meeting with Helen Karasslan shortly and will make a request that the two residents who spoke are allowed to attend.

25/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

25/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

25/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25/5 Updates:

- a. Play Park: The Clerk read a letter of thanks from Mark Baker, for the Council's recent grant towards the new play park. Fundraising events are being planned throughout this year.
- b. Parish Handyman: James Shields was present and welcomed at the meeting. The Council had requested a green bin for the handyman to use but W&F Council refused the request. The Chairman needs to finish checking parish benches for any repairs.
- c. Cowan Head defibrillator: this has now arrived and will be installed shortly.
- d. Sprint Holme bus shelter: The handyman will carry out the painting in due course. The wood still needs to be looked at.

- e. Hall Road footpath- pictures of wall gaps and damaged fencing sent to Croppers PLC. The handyman is going to do the wall gaps.
- f. Highways reports- potholes, blocked drains, lack of road markings reported.
- g. Trees overhanging Hollins bus shelter. Councillor Julie Huck has asked the school about this again.
- h. W&F Lighting Policy- the Clerk advised we don't need to do anything re this at the moment.
- i. National Trust Covenant at Lane Foot- No response has been received to our reply as of yet.
- j. John Peatfield notified the Council that the small waters project has not been taken on by a Lancaster University student this time.
- k. The Sign Man is repairing the Bonningate noticeboard backing.
- l. The Council was consulted on the Woodland Management Plan for Ellergreen Estate- no comments to make.
- m. Telecom Mast planning- this application was withdrawn. A Kendal Councillor had been helpful with this.
- n. Proposed High Sparrowmire planning application information put on Facebook.
- o. Councillor Wade took the SID back to Staveley.
- p. The Clerk and Chairman will update the insurance asset register.
- q. The lack of lighting at the play park steps was mentioned to BCE.
- r. The litter and hedgehog signs need to go up.
- s. Councillor Wade raised the overgrown hedge on Kentrigg.

25/6 Streetlight on Station Road:

A representative from Burneside Community Energy updated to Council on the proposal to install a light on the road to address the longstanding issue. A trial had been undertaken and discussions with Croppers PLC are ongoing re installing one on their land on the other side of the hedge. The plan would be for the light to just be operational either at the end of the day or at train times when dark and have a sensor system. The Council fully supports this project and will support as required.

25/7 Cumbria Constabulary Police Locality Meetings:

Councillors William and Julie Huck agreed to attend these online meeting as requested.

25/8 Highways:

A meeting with Helen Karasslan of Westmorland & Furness Council is to be held shortly, when all the outstanding traffic and highways issues will hopefully be addressed/ discussed. Helen is also going to try and get an update on the road markings that have not been repainted. Before Highways can consider permission for a SID the Council must provide information re type etc. Highways will look to take forward a 20mph project for Burneside in 2026/7, this would have to be supported by residents through consultation.

25/9 Church benches:

It was confirmed that the two benches outside the Church have been transferred to the Parish Council and that they will be added to the Asset Register, to be updated on 1st June 2025.

25/10 Land Registry:

Councillor William Huck had been in touch with a Land Agent and it appears that the Council will not be able to register the proposed piece of land, until it has been maintained by the Council for a number of years.

The Clerk will continue to pursue details of any other land that the Parish Council is responsible for.

25/11 Finance:

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

Parochial Church Council of Burneside	£720.64	Newsletter/toilets/wi-fi/community fridge/hire of room
Westmorland & Furness Council	£713.00	Litter bin provision
William Huck	£1,703.99	Reimbursement for Cowan Head defibrillator
K M Price	£215.36	Quarterly expenses to 31 st December, Including use of home office and travel

a. The cash and budget statements were noted.

25/12 Planning:

a. The following applications were considered:

2025/0165/LBC Listed Building Consent Burneside Hall Burneside. Listed Building consent to strip out modern interventions including false ceilings, raised floor, stud walls, staircases, blocked doorways, cement pointing, fibreboard, bathroom and kitchen fittings. No objections.

2025/0117/FPA Land West of High Sparrowmire, Kendal Full planning application for a residential development of 143 new dwellings and the provision of associated access and infrastructure works including roads, drainage infrastructure, car parking, public open space and landscaping.

The Council unanimously and strongly opposes this application. Various issues and points were discussed including this being development within the Green Gap, the proposal to send surface water to Burneside, sewage capacity, highway issues, Curlews and the National Trust covenant on the land. A submission will be drafted and sent round to Councillors for comments before submission.

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The Council will clarify that the comments dated 17th September 2024 are not comments submitted by the Parish Council.

25/13 Correspondence:

Various correspondence has been received such as overgrown hedges, the proposed High Sparrowmire development and highway issues on Hollins Lane.

25/14 Open Forum:

- a. Graffiti at Hollins bus shelter- the Council will ask Stan Wilson to see if he can remove it.
- b. The food store has had decaying food left in it and it is unsure who is responsible for this now. Councillor Alder agreed to make some enquiries.

25/15 Dates of the next meetings:

(all Tuesdays):

6th May - Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting
3rd June
29th July
2nd September
7th October
2nd December - Precept Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed:

Dated: