



Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside on Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Tonia Armer, Julie Huck, Stephen Roberts and Derrick Wade, and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Trish Holt. Westmorland & Furness Councillor Ali Jama and one member of the public arrived at 7.20pm.

Council Vacancies: There had been two informal expressions of interest in recent weeks. If those involved send the Clerk a short email to confirm their interest, co-option can then be an agenda item for the next meeting. A post will also be put on the local social media page to advertise vacancies.

Updates: *Councillor William Huck reported as follows:*

There has not yet been time to organise a meeting regarding a potential Play Park project, this will be discussed with Councillor Holt.

Emergency Plan - completed with amendments from stakeholders and has been sent to CALC to upload to Resilience Direct. A redacted version will be put on the website and stakeholders notified.

Still no response has been received from South Lakes Housing regarding the damaged walls on Hall Road, W&F Community Officer Gill Holmes has been asked for advice.

A litter bin on the mill footpath is not allowed due to safety issues regarding emptying, but W&F has said they will keep an eye on the area.

A meeting has taken place with Gill Holmes in the village and she is helping with the missing railings opposite the Chip Shop and the Chapel Field steps issue.

The pot hole on Ford Bridge was reported.

The blocked drains on Hall Road were reported.

Information regarding the Hedgehog Highway Project was included in the newsletter and the school also contacted regarding putting a 'hedgehog hole' in the fence.

Free dog fouling signs have been received from the LDNPA; these will be put up at issue areas; depending on need more could also be requested.

The D-Day celebration information had been sent to the school.

The Parish Handyman has tidied up in front of the old toilet block, repaired and stained benches, amongst other things.

A meeting regarding the 'pothole emergency' was attended, as well as the Code of Conduct meeting and CALC District Association meeting. Councillor William Huck is also now the Vice Chairman of our District Association.

Councillor William Huck, Councillor Armer and John Peatfield had pulled Himalayan Balsam around the watercourse that runs through the Cricket Club.

Councillor William Huck and Councillor Holt had submitted items for the CALC Annual Review.

Councillor Wade reported that the sewage has been overflowing on to Steeles Row again.

Reports: Councillor Jama engaged with the Council in discussion on a number of topics, including Highways and offered helpful advice.

Finance: *(Full minutes can be found on the website and in noticeboards)*

It was resolved to make a contribution of £1,500 to Burneside Residents Association, towards the purchase of food vouchers.

Civility and Respect Pledge: The Chairman had printed out the Certificate, verifying that this Council has signed up to the Civility & Respect Pledge. This will now be placed on the website. It was felt that further available training is not required at present and the original training material will be resent to Councillors.

Former toilet block: The condition of the former toilet block has been a long-standing concern of the Council. It is now in a very dilapidated condition and reflects badly on the village generally, as well as being an eyesore to

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Dear Friends,

November brings with it a host of memories. On November 1st we remember the Saints who have gone before us. On November 2nd we remember all those whom we have loved but see no more. We remember with gratitude those who gave their lives for the freedom of our country and also those who returned from the First and Second World Wars and subsequent conflicts with life-changing physical and mental scars on November 11th and Remembrance Sunday.

I have just read an amazing article which is to be found on the Church of Scotland's website of the reflections of a minister who, ten years ago, lost many members of his family during a double bomber suicide attack at All Saints Church in Peshawar, Pakistan. It's an amazing story of forgiveness, and I thought that you might be as moved as I am to read it.

A minister whose mother and 19 relatives were murdered by terrorists a decade ago has told how he has resisted feelings of revenge and hatred.

The Revd Aftab Gohar said he found peace through the teachings of Jesus Christ, following a double suicide bomber attack at All Saints Church in Peshawar, Pakistan on 22nd September, 2013. Worshippers had just left the building to join the fellowship meal on the lawn when two explosions ripped through the crowd, killing 122 people and injuring more than 250.

Among them was Mr Gohar's 79-year-old mother, his nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts and friends. The minister of Eddlestone, Peebles Old Parish, and Stobo and Drumelzier churches in the Scottish Borders, said they "died for their faith" and that surviving family members still miss them terribly.

Founded in 1947, Pakistan's constitution gives every citizen 'the right to profess, practice, and propagate his religion'. However, the official religion is Islam, and religious minorities are frequently attacked, with Pakistan's blasphemy laws being used to discriminate against non-Muslims. Mr Gohar believes that the controversial law is used to justify attacks, such as a recent spate of church and house burnings in Jaranwala near Faisalabad.

Early this autumn, he and other campaigners handed over a petition to Syed Zahid Raza, Consul General of Pakistan for Scotland and Northern Ireland, at the Consulate of Pakistan in Glasgow.

It called on the government of Pakistan to improve safety for religious minorities and use the blasphemy law to punish those who desecrate Bibles and burn down churches and homes.

It was on 22nd September, 2013, when Mr Gohar was preparing to lead a church service, that he received a text message to say there had been a bombing in Pakistan and his mother and other relatives had died.

"It was hard for me to forgive those responsible, but with the strength of God I did so and freed myself from the extra burden of hatred and revenge. On the cross, Jesus prayed for those who were crucifying Him: 'Forgive them Father, they don't know what they are doing.'

Jesus said 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you' – a lesson that some people find impossible to follow."

Mr Gohar was inspired by the words of Corrie Ten Boom, a Dutch watchmaker who helped Jewish people escape the Nazis during the Holocaust. "She said 'forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuff of hatred,' added the minister. "It is a power that breaks chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness."

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Vicar's letter continued... Mr Gohar grew up in Peshawar and was ordained into the Church of Pakistan in 1995. After studying in Edinburgh he served at Abbotsgrange Parish Church in Grangemouth until his move to the Scottish Borders last year. Mr Gohar and his wife Samina and their two grown up sons, Shahan, and Zeeshan, are now British citizens.

The Church of Scotland has an official partnership with the Church of Pakistan, which is marking the 10th anniversary of the atrocity.

With love and prayers -Jean

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES at St.OSWALD'S CHURCH

1st Nov	Service to Remember	Wednesday 6.30pm
5th Nov	4th Sunday before Advent	Evening Worship 4pm
12th Nov	Remembrance Sunday	Morning Worship 10.45am
19th Nov	2nd Sunday before Advent	Holy Communion 11am
26th Nov	Feast of Christ the King	Morning Worship 11am
26th Nov	Christingle	Evening Service 04pm



BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

COMMUNION IN THE LADY CHAPEL

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 9.30 AM

Weekly Evening Prayer at St.Oswald's Church

Every Tuesday
6-6.30pm



If you wish to have anything to put in the newsletter please email amanda@dashaw.co.uk by the 3rd Sunday of the month

St. Oswald's Church

Soup Lunches

Saturdays

7th October

4th November

2nd December



12 noon

In the Church meeting room

Delicious home made soup and roll
tea and biscuits
only £5

Raffle and Bric-A-Brac stall

PLEASE JOIN US - ALL WELCOME

St.Oswald's Church

TEA & TOYS



Starting again on
Tuesday
7th November

3.30-5pm

All children 11 & under
welcome with adults



Come along after school for your sandwich tea with vegetable / fruit sticks, drink and cake / biscuits.

Toys & games to play with

(no swapping for now)

Just come along – we'd love to see you!

Due to lack of volunteers to deliver the Parish Newsletters in some areas, could you please let us know if you are able to receive it by Email.

Contact Liz Bingham lizbingham@talktalk.net or 01539 726550

or Sue Whittaker susanwhittaker380@gmail.com or 01539 722522

BURNSIDE PARISH COUNCIL CURRENTLY HAVE COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

TO FIND OUT MORE & HOW YOU CAN HELP, CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

Kevin Price on 077124300932

Minutes continued... anyone holding an event at St Oswald's Church. Information had been sent to the Council regarding reporting it as an eyesore in the community, this will be looked into further before moving down this route.

Defibrillator for Bowston: If a defibrillator is installed at Bowston, assuming a suitable site can be found, volunteers would be required to carry out the regular checks on it. Councillor William Huck will organise for a notice to go in the newsletter. Councillor Armer will also ask the Brewery about the possibility of siting a defibrillator there.

D-Day 80 Celebrations: This would be held on 6th June 2024, with the lighting of a beacon at 9.15pm. The idea was supported by a member of the Residents Association but the question would be 'where could a Beacon be lit'; the local landowner will be contacted to begin with and take things from there.

Pollinator Pledge: It was agreed to make this pledge as it is felt the Parish is already doing things to support this and can build on this.

Correspondence:

The Clerk had enquired (minute 23//53a refers) about the use of the SID (Speed Indicator Device) with Staveley & Ings Parish Council, where it is planned to use it in early October. This Council is welcome to use it towards the end of October.

Dog fouling at Bonningate had been reported to the Clerk, this has been reported to W&F and it was felt one of the new signs should be placed here.

A local church had asked for advice regarding installing and managing a defibrillator.

Two road closures for United Utilities work had been issued; it transpired that these were incorrect and should not have been issued.

The main mill entrance is now open again.

Open Forum: The following matters were mentioned:

Forthcoming meeting with Croppers PLC et al.

Issues with the new roundabout at Kentrigg were raised. This is not in Burnside Parish but the Clerk will contact the appropriate officers at W&F Council to report the concerns.

Recent legislation for 20mph speed limits to be introduced by W&F. It was resolved to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.

It was pointed out that, although second homes are charged double the Council Tax, there is no benefit thereby accruing to the Parish Council.

Parish Newsletter. A survey is to be conducted to ask if residents wish to continue receiving this each month, and, if so, whether online or in hard copy as at present.

Dangerous kerb at the top of Hollins Lane. Councillor William Huck will contact Helen Karasslan about it and all other ongoing Highway issues.

Councillor Armer suggested the Council should support 'film nights' which may be organised by the Bryce Institute.

Councillor Armer asked if a set figure could be given to maintain planters rather than volunteers having to send receipts of purchased plants etc.

Councillor Armer suggested that in order for verges to improve for pollinators, grass cuttings really need to be removed by the Council after cutting to reduce nutrients etc.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th November 2023, 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burnside.