

It has been another busy year for Burneside Parish Council. We have continued without a Vice Chairman for another year and we still have Councillor vacancies, currently four as I write this. Every year the Council gets busier and busier. Juggling this voluntary work alongside my job, family farm and other commitments is very difficult, but we continue to move forward and I am very proud of where the Parish Council now is. The first level of local council, working on the ground in communities is the most important. We continue to lobby Westmorland and Furness Council on various issues and often struggle to get action, particularly on Highways, but we will keep trying! I would like to thank Kevin for his continued work and support, ensuring we are a well-managed Council. My thanks must also go to the Parish Councillors who continue to undertake this voluntary role which is certainly not the easiest! I would also like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers and groups in the village. Also, those who are part of PC sub-groups, particularly to John Peatfield, Roger Leather and Stewart Menzies.

What has the Parish Council achieved in the past 12 months?

- Supported a sub-group with the House Martin and Swift project.
- Unfortunately, we haven't been able to get permission to get the community noticeboard back up, but it is now safely stored.
- King portrait up in the Church Meeting Room.
- D-Day flag and soldiers displayed at Church.
- Railings opposite the Chippy installed.
- Regular reporting of Highway related issues to W&F!
- The walls on Hall Road were repaired.
- Bonningate highway signage improvements.
- The Clean River Kent Campaign supported- grant award of £500.00.
- A defibrillator was installed at Cowan Head, thanks to the Estate for giving permission for this.
- Play Park- a new group is now operational leading a project for a new playground. Councillors are active on this group and a grant of £13,000.00 was awarded.
- James took over from Stan as the new Parish Handyman and has undertaken various tasks.
- U.U sewer upgrade project- lots of communication etc.
- Planters maintained.
- Ongoing maintenance of assets e.g. noticeboards, defibrillator etc.
- Good representation at meetings, events etc. Also a CALC Board Member.
- Response submitted to the Local Plan initial consultation.
- Land West of Sparrowmire- lots of communication etc. We also lobbied the National Trust re the covenant on the land.
- Telecom Mast proposal for the Green Gap- lots of communication.
- Continued to support the Church toilet, WiFi etc.
- £5,600.00 donation to the Cricket Club.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cumbria attended at Carlisle Cathedral.
- Dapper Dick award presented to Liz Seward.
- Response submitted to the Electoral Boundary Review.
- Emergency Plan updated.
- Various queries from parishioners answered and dealt with.
- Engagement with the Landscape Recovery project.

- Polling District Review response submitted.
- CALC survey undertaken.
- Planning Applications- this last year has seen some big/ important ones.
- Highways improvements- continued to lobby W&F- hopefully we might now be starting to move forward!

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