

**Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 at 7pm.**

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Philip Alder, Tonia Armer, Jennifer Harrison, Julie Huck, Stephen Roberts and Derrick Wade, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. The Chairman welcomed Councillor Jennifer Harrison to her first meeting and she then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**Public participation:**

A member of the public raised issues regarding proposed development around the village, particularly at Hall Park. In the existing Local Plan, there is a development site included at Hall Park; however, Westmorland & Furness Council are now renewing the Local Plan. After a call for sites, it seems a larger proposed site has now been included at Hall Park, although little detail is known and all submitted sites are to go through a screening process by W&F, there will then be a public consultation on sites deemed suitable by W&F. The Parish Council will most likely undertake their own consultation in the parish as previously undertaken.

A representative from Burneside Football Club attended the meeting to collect the cheque for the donation made to the club from the Council and an offer was made to come back and update the Council in the future.

**Updates:**

- a. Councillor Julie Huck reported the glass has fallen out of the Bowston noticeboard; the board is not in a good state generally and previous efforts have been made to replace it, although no location could be secured. Councillor Armer agreed to speak with the owner of the Boat Yard, where the board currently is and the Council will discuss this again at the next meeting.
- b. The grass at Hollins bus shelter has not been cut, neither has the grass area next to the phone box, Councillor Will Huck has contacted Hannah Hill at Croppers.
- c. Hall Road footpath, is still a mess and the wall gaps are getting worse. Hannah Hill at Croppers will be contacted.
- d. Councillor William Huck is going to inspect the parish benches with the Handyman to see what repairs are required.
- e. Councillor Armer reported that the wildflower areas are really coming on now and thanks should go to Chris Rabone for his cutting management.
- f. The local police email has been shared.
- g. PC website - Andrew at A2A has been contacted re the upgrade.
- h. M6 Lune Gorge works - Councillor William Huck has made contact to ask for details of the works.
- i. Local Plan - the sites submitted to W&F through the call for sites process have been released, including sites in our Green Gap; the Council will need to be ready for when the consultation is launched.
- j. John Peatfield has reported that there is some Japanese Knotweed growing in the parish, this was reported to the Rivers Trust.
- k. Planters have been tidied and plants from the Church Plant Sale will be planted in them.
- l. Car litter signs were put up, there are some left to go up on Hollins Lane and Burneside Road.
- m. Councillors Armer and Wade had put some hedgehog warning signs up.
- n. The Hall Road entry sign has been fixed.
- o. W&F have been notified that the Council agreed to hand the ownership of streetlights over to them.



Dear Friends,

As we continue to journey through the church year, I find myself increasingly grateful for the deep well of poetry and theology that we draw from in our hymns. Trinity Sunday, which we recently celebrated, offered a perfect example. We didn't sing it, but I did play a version of St. Patrick's Breastplate "I bind unto myself today, the strong name of the Trinity" – a hymn that is not only majestic in melody, but rich in meaning. Through its ancient words we are reminded that faith is something we actively step into, something we bind ourselves to each day. It is both protection and proclamation – a declaration that we live surrounded by the presence of Christ before us, behind us, within us.

Hymns, in their beautiful union of poetry and music, help us express truths that are sometimes too great for ordinary words. They lift our hearts and carry our prayers. They often echo Scripture in a way that becomes etched on our minds and woven into our memory. Many of us, even without realizing it, carry theology not from sermons or textbooks, but from hymns sung faithfully across the years.

Think of "Love Divine all loves excelling" – the words within it... "Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art." Here, Charles Wesley offers us a vision of God's love that is both intimate and infinite. Or the quiet assurance of "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind", which prays for rest and stillness amidst life's noise.

Hymns often do what nothing else can: they gather us together in a shared voice and they lift our thoughts to heaven. They are a gift not just of music but of faith itself – a way of remembering who God is and who we are in him. Next time you find yourself in a church, I encourage you to pay attention to the words of the hymns we sing. Let them speak to your soul. They can be prayers when our own words falter and proclamations when our hearts are full. Whether ancient or modern, familiar or new, each hymn is an invitation to draw near to the God who sings over us in love.

Blessings,

Michelle

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If there is anything you would like to put in the newsletter please email [amanda@dashaw.co.uk](mailto:amanda@dashaw.co.uk) by the 3rd Sunday of the month

## St.OSWALD'S CHURCH, JULY SERVICES

6<sup>th</sup> 4pm Evening worship

13<sup>th</sup> 11am Holy communion

20<sup>th</sup> 11am Morning worship with baptism

27<sup>th</sup> 11am Morning worship



Book of Common Prayer  
Communion in  
the Lady Chapel  
every Wednesday 9.30am



### Graham Toft – Organist

Graham Toft began his musical journey at the age of 15 when he was appointed organ scholar at Salford Cathedral. Since then, he has held a number of posts across the North of England, including Davyhulme, Radcliffe, Bolton Abbey, Settle, and Giggleswick. Since he is 63 in 2 weeks time, he has clocked up an impressive 48 years at the console. Known for his expressive playing and deep musicality, Graham has given numerous organ recitals throughout Yorkshire, Lancashire, and Cumbria.

In recent years, he has developed a particular interest in Wilkinson organs, drawn to their distinctive tonal character and craftsmanship. The organ at Burnside is a lovely example of a medium sized Wilkinson organ. Graham will provide some brief history of the instrument in the August 5th recital.

He has written a book 'The Merry Organ', which is a collection of humorous stories contributed by various organists. Published by Amazon.

*Please join us on the 5th August*

**ST. OSWALD'S**  
**DAY**  
**ORGAN**  
**RECITAL**  
by Graham Toft

**TUESDAY**  
**5th AUGUST**  
**12 MIDDAY**

followed by light refreshments

**FREE admission**  
with retiring collection

ALL ARE WELCOME

- p. Councillor Harrison wondered why there was no entry sign on Hollins Lane - it was explained the Council tried to get a new one along with the others but W&F said there was not enough room. This is something that could be taken forward with Highways again.
- q. Councillor Alder reported that the Church Defibrillator will require new pads in November, he is happy to arrange this and the Council will reimburse the cost.

**Highways:** Councillor Peter Thornton from Westmorland & Furness Council has been invited to attend a Parish Council meeting, either in July or September. This will be in order to discuss Highway issues. The re-painting of road markings has been raised many times with Westmorland & Furness Council but nothing has been done, these will be reported again. Councillor William Huck contacted Helen Karasslan to confirm that the Council has agreed match funding for a school crossing as part of a wider traffic plan, providing further detail and cost is communicated. Councillor Harrison has agreed to take on some of the Highway issues going forward and has made initial contact with W&F Highways.

### **Finance:** *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

Chris Rabone House & Gardens Ltd	£306.00	Grounds maintenance
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Clear Insurance Management Ltd	£772.29	Insurance premium
William Huck	£52.00	Reimbursement for Handyman invoice.

- a. Councillor Will Huck had produced a list of the Council's Assets. A value will need to be assigned to some of these items and he and the Clerk are meeting later this week to discuss the details. The Asset Register can then be updated and the Council's insurance requirements.
- b. The Clerk had circulated a Cash and Budget statement, covering April/May 2025, and this was explained and discussed.

**Hollins Lane bus shelter area:** After discussions the Chairman agreed to continue his enquiries as to the ownership of the land as this will determine what action can be taken e.g. the reinstallation of the notice-board removed by W&F Council.

### **Correspondence:**

- a. Digital phone switch over info had been received and circulated.
- b. The Council was informed of Windermere Road night closures.
- c. The Council had been informed of a Hollins Lane road closure during the night for works on the crossing.
- d. United Utilities would like to meet with the Council and community in order to give an update on their work in the village. Councillor William Huck will enquire as to which evenings might be free for such a meeting in the Church Meeting Room.
- e. The Upper Kent Flood Prevention Scheme 'drop-in' had been cancelled. The Council have asked to be kept updated.
- f. A member of the public has reported the overgrown hedge on the back lane next to the Millennium Green. The Chairman will contact relevant parties.
- g. The Council had been notified that there would be camping on the Willink Field 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> June.

**Open Forum:** The reopening of Burnside Road was discussed and that the bus will return to its normal route.

### **Date of the next meeting:**

*Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burnside.*