

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held by ZOOM on Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Pennie Ridyard (Chairman), Phil Allder, Tonia Armer, Julie Huck, Will Huck, Judith Notley, Paul Senior and Keith Tondeur, County Councillor Stan Collins, District Councillors Pat Bell and Hazel Hodgson, four members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were noted from Councillor Derrick Wade (leave of absence).

Public participation: John Peatfield gave a very full summary and explanation of the planning application before the Council for the proposed removal of Bowston Weir.

The response worked up, from Burneside Parish Council's Biodiversity and Sustainability Group, has been coordinated by John Peatfield in consultation with the wider group and was approved by the Council. The full text will be circulated to all Councillors and will be on the website.

A number of residents had contacted the Council, expressing their objections to this application.

Updates:

- Use of plastic poppies for the remembrance wreaths was discussed. Councillor Will Huck agreed to ask the local British Legion for a list of alternative products. The Council will endeavour, whenever possible, to pursue a non-plastic policy.
- Memorial bench. The Clerk had not heard anything further but was assured that the information is to hand and will be re-sent this week.
- Allotments. Ann from Burneside Regeneration Group had not been able to make progress on this. Councillor Notley wondered about going directly to Mark Cropper.
- Community fridge. A donation of £2,500 had been received from the Department of Work & Pensions. This is to provide vulnerable families with supermarket vouchers that will be distributed by the head teacher of the local primary school during April. Also, to purchase a community fridge to be housed securely in the community and/or other start up costs attributed to a Community Fridge. Gillian Holmes of CCC was thanked for negotiating this funding for the Council.
- Assets Register update and mapping. This is in hand and will be completed, together with the insurance revision, in time for the renewal of the policy on 1st June.
- Play area. A meeting has been requested and agreed, between Hannah Hill and Patrick Willink, to discuss the Parish Council's involvement in the play area.
- Councillor Notley was pleased to report that the trees, planted by the Council on Potter Fell, have survived.
- The Dapper Dick Award will not be presented until the July meeting, assuming that this will be face-to-face.

Finance: It was agreed in principle that the Council will assist in funding the B4RN project for Strickland Ketel, if required. An application will be considered, when submitted to a future meeting.

Reports: Councillor Collins reported on the four proposals for a Unitary Authority in Cumbria but felt that this was being consulted upon at an inappropriate time, bearing in mind the pandemic is still ongoing. He is following up a number of highways issues in the area.

Councillor Hodgson said the government consultation referred to is open until 16th April. Discussion continues on the extension of B4RN to Strickland Ketel.

Burneside Residents Association: The latest communication from the Residents Association had been circulated to all Councillors. The members of the sub-group are happy to meet with the Association at a date to be mutually decided. Because of the 'rule of six' operating until at least 21st June, this may need to be a remote meeting. The sub-group will be independent of the Council but will report back to the Council on a regular basis.

Councillor Allder agreed to lead on this and to arrange a meeting. Councillor Bell agreed to attend such meetings whenever possible and would liaise between the two bodies.

Public Space Protection Orders: Councillor Allder said the Residents Association had done quite a lot of work on this issue and suggested it might be a good idea to join forces and make it a joint project. The Council was in agreement and Councillor Allder agreed to arrange a meeting to progress matters.

Bowston: *Various issues were considered in relation to Bowston:*

- The old notice board - the owner of the adjacent property does not want it there. If an alternative site could be found, it could be removed.
- BT did attend to remove the telephone kiosk but could not access it. The Clerk will write to the owner of the boatyard and ask if a way could be cleared, and then contact BT to ask them to attend again.

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May 2021



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

10th – 16th May

For information on how to donate go to caid.org.uk



The Vicar writes...

It's a great pleasure to be writing as a temporary visitor to the Beacon Team – I am on a placement for a few months as part of my ordination training, and I have been delighted to find both a warm welcome and much to learn and enjoy in our fellowship and worship.

It has, of course, been a very strange and difficult time, struggling to adapt to life under lockdown. As I write this, we are only just emerging from a routine of worship on zoom, to finally being able to meet up and share Christ's peace in person – even if socially distanced. But with the easing of restrictions coinciding with longer days and warmer weather and new life in our fields and hedgerows, there is a palpable sense of optimism in the air. We are still in the season of Easter and celebrating our risen Lord, and it seems that we're all sharing new life after a year of darkness. We must also remember that zoom has given us new opportunities and allowed us to worship in new ways, maintaining links with people who might otherwise not be able to join us. I for one hope that even as we return to enjoying worship in our churches we can also maintain at least some of our online pattern of worship.

The mood of celebration continues this month as we prepare for Pentecost – the Church's birthday! The word Pentecost comes from the Greek meaning fiftieth, the Jewish festival celebrating 50 days after the Passover. This is when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to those first disciples.

It must have been a confusing time for those disciples. Filled with the joy of seeing the resurrection of Jesus Christ, it would still have been difficult for them, wondering what they should do next, after Jesus had ascended to the Father. How could they, just a handful of believers, take the wondrous message of the Messiah, the risen Lord to the world, when the world was deeply suspicious of the amazing message they proclaimed?

Amidst this confusion we are told in Acts 2 that the Holy Spirit comes to them in the form of a rushing mighty wind. Suddenly the disciples, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, are able to speak in the many languages of all the peoples gathered. When the people heard their message they were amazed. We are told that, immediately, three thousand were baptised and "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers". Our Church was born, and our mission to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ who died and rose again to save us from our sins, was established.

When I was growing up in Bolton, Pentecost was known as Whitsun (possibly originally White Sunday) and was celebrated with joyous parades, brass bands and great walks. I remember the choirs of young girls that were brought together to celebrate the occasion, dressed in white symbolising the many people who might be baptised that day. I'm even old enough to remember when Whit Monday was a national bank holiday, before it became the Spring Bank Holiday and moved to the last Monday in May. Whitsun was a time of great celebration.

Today it may sometimes seem that the Church has lost the fire of those early disciples, with society more concerned with earthly material matters than the potential for the Holy Spirit to bring new life into our lives. But I believe the underlying message of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is one of great hope for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Those of us who enjoy walking on the fells, know what a mighty rushing wind feels like. When I'm walking in a great wind looking out on God's wonderful creation, I think of those early disciples being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and the excitement they must have felt. So, this Pentecost let us pray for God's Holy Spirit to fill us with His love and power and fire us with enthusiasm to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord Jesus.

With best wishes and every blessing

Charles

PLANT SALE

St.Oswald's Church

Saturday 5th June

10am-12noon



For any church matters please contact Tricia, the Priest in Charge, at the Vicarage on 01539 722015



MAY CHURCH SERVICES FOR ST.OSWALD'S, BURNESIDE



2nd Holy Communion 11am
9th Morning worship 11am
16th Holy Communion 11am
23rd Holy Communion 11am
30th Beacon team service of Holy Communion
NB this last service is 10.30am at St Georges Church Kendal

LOOKING AFTER OUR CHURCHYARDS

As we are well into Spring, perhaps now is a good time to remind everyone about the rules governing flowers and other things in the Churchyards of our Team.

Our churchyards are meant to be places of permanent peace and beauty, a resting-place for the departed, a memorial to our loved ones and a sanctuary of the natural world.

To help keep this so, there are some strict regulations that have been laid down as to what can be done in them. These rules were put in place to protect and preserve what we have and to retain the character of our churchyards for the benefit of everybody.

Artificial flowers are not permitted - except Christmas wreaths and poppies at Remembrance - but these should be removed once the season is over. Glass vases are discouraged - for the safety of those maintaining the Churchyard - they break! Bulbs can be planted but not larger plants like trees, shrubs or bushes.

The Priest in Charge and PCC of each Church are responsible for maintaining the Churchyard - please help them by removing dead flowers and please don't leave soft toys, ornaments of any kind, photographs or other such items by the grave - these get blown away by the wind, and in any case are not allowed to be placed in churchyards.

Everything of significance relating to the churchyard is covered by Diocesan Rules, and a copy of them is available in each church porch.

Please contact the Priest in Charge or the Churchwardens for more information or if you are wondering about what is permitted.



BURNESIDE COMMUNITY ENERGY (BCE)

£190,000 has been raised, within 10 days, for the Phase 3 Solar PV installation on the new TFP building at James Cropper plc. Most of the money has come from local community investors.



Remember, BCE is our own, community-owned green energy company. Our Community Benefit Fund supports sustainable, local projects and initiatives. There will be significant investment in our local community over the coming years. The solar PV project on St Oswalds School demonstrates the importance of community-owned companies. Thank you to all our investors and members. More exciting projects will be delivered over the coming years

Any community information that you wish to be added within the Parish News needs to be submitted by the 3rd Sunday of the month to Amanda Shaw: amanda@dashaw.co.uk

- The boatyard is an eyesore and the whole area needs tidying up. Councillor Hodgson agreed to look into it with SLDC, in order to ascertain ownership.
- Councillor Will Huck will arrange for the supply of a sponsored litter bin in Bowston and he will contact Councillors to decide on a location.
- The Clerk is in touch with CCC, pointing out that the path between Bowston and Burneside is currently very muddy and requires some maintenance, as it is difficult to use, but dangerous to walk along the road.

Carus Green to Burneside footway: The trees on the path from Carus Green to Burneside have now been left to grow completely out of control, to 40 feet tall and blocking out all the light to nearby homes. Much foliage is being deposited on to the road and over the wall. This is a problem the Council has tried to deal with many times over the years, including the consideration of lighting along that stretch (which would cost a vast amount). CCC will not allow the Parish Council to undertake any maintenance there. Councillor Collins agreed to follow this up with CCC.

Footpaths: Councillor Will Huck and Stewart Menzies 'screen-shared' details of the footpath records and mapping recently completed. Full details of all the footpaths in the parish are now available on the website. The thanks of the Council is recorded for this most useful and complete work.

Pollinator project: Councillor Armer gave a presentation on the pollinator project surrounding what works have been undertaken so far and some background to the reduction of pollinator habitat in the parish and why it is so crucial. She has completed the first stage of planting work and is negotiating grass cutting with Croppers PLC and their contractor to establish the correct cutting regime for the enhanced areas. The Council gave thanks for the work undertaken on this important project.

Planning - the following applications were considered:

SL/2021/0220 Hill Barn, Sharps Lane, Burneside. Restoration and conversion of field barn to self contained off grid accommodation.

This was voted upon, two Councillors voting for, and four against. Refusal is recommended, the following concerns being raised:

Use of diesel to generate power.

There is a barn owl in residence.

Photographic evidence of owl activity and bats are regularly seen in the area. It was felt more needed to be done to protect these creatures.

The proposed access from Sharps Lane brought some concern.

SL/2021/0260 Crandon, Sprint Holme, Burneside. Porch at side of house.

The details of this application are not yet visible on the SLDC website. The recommendation is delegated to the Clerk, in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

SL/2021/0264 2 Holme Houses, Burneside. Creation of off road parking area.

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SL/2021/0173 Gateside Farm, Burneside. Subdivision and refurbishment of farmhouse and grounds to create two self-contained dwellings, raising height of boundary wall and alterations to access. Approval is recommended, with a request that a 'left turn only' be established for vehicles exiting the site, due to the danger of turning right into traffic travelling towards Windermere on a very busy stretch of road.

United Utilities work in the village: Both Councillor Will Huck and the Clerk had been in touch with United Utilities, a digest of the response is as follows:

Our site investigation work is complete, however, elements of the solution for the Burneside project have changed on the back of this work. The location of the new pumping station and the storage required have been revised. Making these necessary design changes led to an increase in the estimated cost, and therefore required additional approval. We are now working through the process of awarding the contract and obtaining the necessary permissions to implement the scheme. This is likely to take approximately six months.

Re-claiming of disused/underused buildings in the parish: Councillor Notley and Councillor Bell have both looked into this and have made contact with the owner of the 'former toilet block'.

Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 4th May 2021 by ZOOM at 7pm

(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting).