

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held on St Oswald's Church Room on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Phil Alder, Tonia Armer, Jennifer Harrison, Julie Huck, Stephen Roberts, and Derrick Wade, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

Councillor Peter Thornton (Cabinet Member for Highways, IT, and Ferry) addressed the Council and gave a presentation on the areas of work carried out by Westmorland & Furness Highways.

A number of questions were asked and responded to, and the discussion covered many concerns and interests Councillors have over Highway issues. These included:

- a. Faded road markings.
- b. The riverbank area fenced off with barriers at Sprint Holme.
- c. Collapsed wall on Potter Fell Road.
- d. Protruding kerbs on Hollins Lane.
- e. The potential Northern Relief Road.
- f. Monitoring of types and volumes of traffic on the route from the A6 to A591.
- g. 20mph scheme and other associated works in Burneside.

25/61 Public participation: None.

25/62 Requests for Dispensations: None.

25/63 Declarations of Interest:

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

25/64 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th July 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25/65 Council Vacancies:

It was resolved to co-opt Tracy Dale and Sally Gibson to the Council, both having submitted application forms which has been circulated to all Councillors. They each signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

25/66 Introductions:

All Councillors introduced themselves briefly, for the benefit of newer Councillors. The Council now only has two remaining vacancies.

25/67 Updates:

- a. The Fundraiser for Breast Cancer held at the Church had been a great success.
- b. Councillors Julie and Will Huck will attend the Community Resilience Conference.
- c. The barriers at Sprint Holme had been reported for an update.
- d. The Clerk had emailed Ellergreen re the spraying on Sharps Lane reported at the last meeting.
- e. W&F Council has said the line painting will hopefully begin in September.
- f. Expired defibrillator pads were replaced at Sprint Holme.
- g. The Village Sports organised by the Play Park group took place but the weather was not the best, the next event is a Line Dancing evening.
- h. Old Toilet Block- A response from W&F was received after they had been chased up; the case has been closed by W&F with no further action.
- i. A hedgehog had been squashed on Hall Road, one of the remaining warning signs will be put up.
- j. Hall Road Footpath- There is going to be a meeting with Croppers et al re outstanding issues, but one of the wall gaps has been put up.
- k. W&F website- Councillor details are still not correct, W&F will be chased.
- l. Emergency Plan - this will be updated now that Councillor changes are completed.
- m. Councillors Julie and Will Huck will attend the CALC AGM.
- n. Some jobs are still outstanding including final website change over, roadside cutting information request and putting up the last anti-car littering signs.

25/68 Highways:

- a. Councillor Roberts had reported large vehicles using the back road which had been reported by Councillor Harrison and a request for signage submitted to W&F.
- b. A Private Works Agreement has been received from W&F, for poles to be installed, that a Speed Indicator Device (SID) would be attached to, although it is unclear if this project will now be taken forward. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- c. Councillor Harrison presented a comprehensive Highways update including the following:
 - i. Hollins Lane village entry sign, once a Private Works Agreement is completed by W&F this will be brought back to the Council as an agenda item.
 - ii. Possible Parish SID, see above.
 - iii. Burneside Back Road to the A6, see above.
 - iv. Tim Farron's MP surgery at the pub had been attended.
 - v. Highways reporting system - is it fit for purpose?

25/69 Finance:

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

Chris Rabone House & Gardens Ltd	£204.00	Grounds maintenance
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William Huck - reimbursement	£75.18	Defibrillator maintenance
K M Price	£153.45	Backpay
William Huck – reimbursement	£52.00	Handyman (noted))
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b. The Asset Register and Insurance is to be finalised shortly.

c. The Clerk circulated a Budget statement, for the period up to 31st August 2025, and explained the details of this.

a. The Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025-26 was noted and approved. (The Clerk at Burneside is currently employed for 12 hours weekly, at Point 22 on the Salary Scale).

25/70 Willink Field Grass Cutting:

As decision for cutting, going forwards, will be taken at the next meeting once more information is available from the Football Club.

25/71 Planning: None.

25/72 Westmorland & Furness Councillor:

Councillor Jonathan Brook, Leader of the Council, had responded to this Council's enquiry made following the last meeting.

Councillor Jama's emails are being diverted to Councillor Hazel Hodgson, who will be keeping this Council updated. There is also an opportunity to invite any other Portfolio Holders to future Parish Council meetings, in order to assist the Council.

It is hoped that the situation will be resolved before long but a response from the Council will be sent.

25/73 Hollins Lane bus shelter area:

Councillor Will Huck is meeting with Croppers et al to discuss outstanding points and it is hoped there will be an update after this meeting.

25/74 Bryce Institute committee:

The Clerk had ascertained that, were any Councillor to become a member of the Bryce Institute committee, they would also become a Trustee. Unfortunately, no Councillors felt they had the time to give to this role, but the Clerk will ask if there is any possibility of a Councillor just attending meetings as an observer representing the Council, if this would be useful.

25/75 Correspondence:

- a. The Clerk will circulate 'The Good Councillor's Guide' to new Councillors and any others who require it.
- b. CALC – Assertion 10 'Digital & Data Compliance'. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting and the Clerk will circulate details.
- c. The emergency Burneside Road closure had been due to a water leak.
- d. Clean River Kent Campaign (CRKC) is holding a litter pick along the river from Staveley to Burneside and also a talk on septic tanks. Information is available on parish noticeboards.
- e. The nettles had been reported on the footpath to Bowston; the handyman had dealt with these.
- f. An email received regarding Neighbourhood Planning Support had been replied to.
- g. The M6 Lune Gorge upcoming works had been shared.
- h. The road closure on the back road from Bowston had been shared.
- i. Brown algae had been reported in the river which was reported to CRKC.

25/76 Open Forum:

- a. Adopting a Sexual Harassment Policy will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- b. Councillor Wade mentioned the provision for cyclists on Burneside Road, particularly around Kentrigg hill, it was felt this was something he could ask W&F.

25/77 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 7th October 2025 ay 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed:

Dated: