

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7.05pm.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Philip Alder, Tonia Armer, Patricia Holt, Julie Huck, Stephen Roberts and Derrick Wade, and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

25/16 Election of Chairman:

Councillor William Huck was elected Chairman for 2025-26. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

25/17 Public participation: None.

25/18 Requests for Dispensations: None.

25/19 Declarations of Interest:

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

25/20 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25/21 Co-option of new Councillor:

It was resolved to co-opt Jennifer Harrison to the Parish Council. She was unable to attend this meeting so it was resolved that she can sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the next meeting.

25/22 Westmorland & Furness Councillor: No report.

25/23 Updates:

Councillor William Huck reported as follows:

- a. Benches still need to be checked for repairs which the handyman can hopefully do.
- b. The wood at the Sprint Holme bus shelter is still to repair.
- c. Councillor Julie Huck has reported the overhanging trees at Hollins bus shelter to the school again.
- d. A further response was received from the National Trust re the covenant on the land in the Green Gap.
- e. The car litter signs are still to go up.
- f. The defibrillator has been installed at Cowan Head, with thanks to the Estate for giving permission and a location; also, to Kieren Armer for his help and to Colin Wilson for installing it.
- g. Penrith2Kendal Trail meeting attended.

- h. Playground- the group is moving forward well and the Easter Egg Hunt was a great event.
- i. The Bonningate noticeboard was repaired.
- j. VE Day bunting, signs and flag have been put up at Church,. Alan Thompson also put some other items up in the village.
- k. Highways reports submitted, including potholes, road markings and U.U work related reports.
- l. The entry sign was damaged on Hall Road. It has been pushed back but needs tightening up.
- m. Correspondence with U.U re the sewer upgrade project, including information boards, letters, road and footpath closure.
- n. Fly tipping on Sharps Lane was reported.
- o. The Defibrillator at Sprint Holme had been checked after it was reported to have been opened by passers-by. There was no damage and it is in working order.
- p. A resident had been in touch re the missing bin at the Hall Park steps; this was replaced by W&F.
- q. An update on the CIL money had been received.
- r. A resident had contacted the Council re the proposal for a streetlight on station road. The Council can assure residents that there will be a consultation if any firm proposals become possible.
- s. A response to the devolution consultation was submitted.
- t. John Peatfield had sent round a general update re the biodiversity group.
- u. Community Fridge - it has been agreed to keep this going for a while longer before reassessing it; this will be readvertised in the newsletter.
- v. Stewart Menzies had contacted Croppers PLC re the damaged fence on the Hall Road footpath.
- w. The Millennium Green Trust is planning to do some spring jobs on the Green.
- x. A second response was submitted to the Local Government Boundary Review consultation.
- y. Damaged Station Road footpath sign- Stewart Menzies will look into this.

25/24 Westmorland & Furness Council – Street Lighting Policy:

It was resolved to transfer responsibility and ownership of the street lighting in the parish to Westmorland & Furness Council. There are only a few lights that are owned by the Parish Council and given the policy that W&F have signed off it is the only option.

25/25 Signing the Armed Forces Covenant:

Although the Council had expressed interest in the details of this, it was resolved, after discussion, that it seemed to be something more relevant to a larger council with more responsibilities such as W&F or a Town Council.

25/26 Highways:

A meeting with Helen from W&F Highways had been attended by Parish Councillors and resident representatives from Hollins Lane. Various matters were discussed but some outcomes are as follows:

- a. W&F is open to a speed reduction on Hollins and would look to tie this into a 20mph scheme for the village.
- b. W&F could not advise on some matters e.g. road markings still not been repainted etc. These need to be submitted as separate reports.
- c. Speed Indicator Device - to progress permission for one of these - details of the type to be purchased needs to be sent on.
- d. The Bowston signage improvement previously agreed will be undertaken.
- e. Various other issues were discussed and it was noted that for the time being no further works would be undertaken at Bonningate following on from previous improvements at the pinch point.
- f. Options for a school crossing would be worked up and hopefully undertaken with other works; but these would require match funding from the Council. It was agreed in principle to match fund the school crossing, providing more detail is provided re cost, timelines etc.

25/27 Finance:

- a. The Interim Accounts for 2024-25 had been circulated and were noted. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the relevant documents, once the Internal Audit is completed.
- b. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

CALC	£369.02	Annual subscription
Westmorland & Furness Council		
	£720.00	Litter bin emptying
Communicorp	£15.50	Annual subscription
Bryce Institute	£2,500.00	Annual grant from Precept
A J Armer	£6.99	Plants for planters
K M Price	£207.18	Quarterly expenses to 31 st March
		Including use of home office and travel.

- c. An application for grant funding from Burneside Football Club had been received and circulated. Whilst the application was for £20,000, it was resolved, as this is a large proportion of the Council's annual Precept, to make an initial grant of £6,000, with a suggestion that a further application is made later in the year. Some possible avenues for other funding had been sent by Jennifer Harrison which will be shared with BFC.
- d. The Chairman and Clerk will finalise the Asset Register in time for the next meeting.

25/28 Planning:

The following application was considered:

2025/0704/RMA Reserved Matters High Tenement Farm Burneside. Reserved Matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale & discharge of conditions 4 (Sustainability Statement), 7 (Surface water management and foul drainage) & 8 (Environment Net Gain Scheme) attached to Outline planning permission 2024/0672/OPA (Application for outline permission with some matters reserved for a single dwelling for an agricultural worker)

It was resolved that this Council supports the Biodiversity Survey/ Report, bat and bird boxes should be incorporated into the design as described along with the hedge planting etc.

25/29 Website:

A quotation for an upgrade of the site to gov.uk was agreed in principle, at a cost of £300 and VAT, and £50 plus VAT for the domain subscription for two years. The Chairman to exercise his discretion as to what is necessary re new emails along with improvements to the home page to make adding notices easier and more professional.

25/30 Open Forum:

- a. The state of the Hollins bus shelter area was raised including the lack of noticeboard for posters which was making it difficult to clean. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- b. Riders of electric/ motor bikes wearing balaclavas on the back roads had given cause for concern, but nothing was known about them. It was suggested to share this with the local policing team.

25/31 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 3rd June 2025 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed:

Dated: