

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held by ZOOM on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Pennie Ridyard (Chairman), Phil Alder, Julie Huck, Will Huck, Judith Notley and Brian Smith, County Councillor Stan Collins, District Councillor Hazel Hodgson, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Derrick Wade and District Councillor Pat Bell.

Mrs Edna Bateman:

The Clerk asked for a moment's silence to remember, with thankfulness, former Parish Councillor Mrs Edna Bateman, who served as a Councillor from 1989 to 2015, and who died recently. Edna only ever missed one Council meeting and became a Councillor the year before the present Clerk took office. Her late husband usually attended the meetings with her and often spoke in the time allowed for public participation.

20/66 Public participation: None.

20/67 Requests for Dispensations: None.

20/68 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Alder declared an interest, as a member of that committee, should any matters relating to the Burneside Residents Association be discussed.

20/69 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2020, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

20/70 Council Vacancies:

One expression of interest had been received and it was resolved to co-opt Paul Senior to the Council; he then gave a resume about himself and his background. The Chairman welcomed him on behalf of the Council. The Clerk will arrange for the signing of the required papers.

20/71 Finance:

- a. The cash and budget statements up to 30th September 2020 were noted and all payments listed were retrospectively agreed.
- b. The quotation, for around £4,000 for the new village entry signs were agreed. Councillor Will Huck will finalise the exact composition of the signs with Gillian Holmes. The initial quotation is for four signs for Burneside, two 'No HGV' signs for Sharps Lane, and three signs for Bowston. Enquiries will be made regarding an 'ice' warning sign on Sharps Lane. Councillor Collins said he would ask if CCC Highways would be willing to pay for the 'No HGVs' signs.

- c. 'Putting the buzz back into Burneside'. The application for funding has been submitted to SLDC and a decision is awaited next month.
- d. It was resolved to commission a bespoke 'Community Needs Assessment', to involving all stakeholders. It will include housing needs.
- e. Councillor Ridyard reported that the residents at Carling Steps had not been able to re-coup the cost of the work on the field drain from the landowner (minute refers). It was resolved that the Parish Council will meet this cost on the understanding that it does not set a precedent for any similar work in the future in the parish.
- f. The Council's Asset Register needs to be updated. The Clerk and Councillor Will Huck agreed to complete this by the end of this financial year, ie 31st March 2021.
- g. The Clerk reported that the External Audit of the Council's Accounts by PKF Littlejohn LLP has now been completed and the Certificate and supporting documentation will be displayed on the website and elsewhere.
- h. The Clerk reported that the Council's tenant at Potter Fell had now paid the seven year rent and no further payment is required until 1st March 2027.

20/72 Updates:

- a. Councillor Will Huck reported that the new notice board at Bonningate is now in place.
- b. Councillor Ridyard said that the proposal for a cycle path had been added to the highways proposals to CCC. The Parish Council will be invited to a Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Planning workshop to discuss this and Councillors Senior and Smith agreed to be part of that event.
- c. A letter of thanks had been received from Ryan Airey for the hand sanitizers that had been purchased by the Council for the village. Councillor Ridyard has replacement solution for the sanitizers and anyone requiring this should get in touch with her.

20/73 County and District Councillors:

- a. Councillor Hodgson spoke about the Devolution Bill and the proposed Unitary Authority for Cumbria. It was agreed to hold an additional one-item agenda meeting on Monday 26th October at 7pm by ZOOM in order to consider this further. (***This meeting has now been cancelled***)
- b. Councillor Hodgson also spoke to the fact that with the eminent changes to government in Cumbria, a Neighbourhood Plan has even greater significance to ensure that the needs of the Parish are met.
- c. Councillor Collins said that traffic surveys in the village are being assessed and a meeting has been arranged with Mo Dooz of CCC Highways on Friday 16th October at lunchtime to consider this. New signs are needed at Ashes Lane to prevent traffic from exiting the wrong way. A similar problem exists at the Gateside Farm layby and other signage at the start of the dual carriageway on the A591.

20/74 Planning:

The following application was considered and approval recommended:

SL/2020/0550 James Cropper PLC, Burneside Mills, Burneside. Warehouse external link corridor extension.

20/75 Burneside Residents Association:

All points in the communication the Council had received from the Residents Association had been noted. These will be the subject of a discussion with the Association in due course.

20/76 Burneside Regeneration Group:

This is not a Parish Council group but there are various stakeholders involved. Councillor Ridyard will circulate full details to Councillors shortly. The group is run by 'IGLOO', seeking to regenerate the village and input from the Parish Council as well as all residents is welcomed.

(Councillor Alder left the meeting at 8.30pm)

20/77 Traffic issues:

As reported above, a meeting is to take place on Friday 16th October, at which Councillors Ridyard and Julie Huck, and Councillor Collins will be present to meet Mo Dooz of CCC Highways.

20/78 Tree planting project on Potter Fell:

Councillor Notley said she has now obtained the trees and Councillor Will Huck has ascertained that an EIA is not required for this work. Volunteers are required to plant the trees. Metal guards will be required to protect the trees from sheep, etc, and it was resolved that the Council will pay for these.

Councillor Ridyard said that Horticare (a charity) may be willing to take on the supply of plants for the planters in the village. A site visit has been made and a decision is awaited .

20/79 Memorial bench:

The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with Sue Batty and is now preparing an agreement to submit to CCC Highways, after which, if approved it will come back to the Parish Council for signing. It was resolved that Councillors Julie Huck and Will Huck will sign on behalf of the Council.

20/80 Neighbourhood Plan:

Councillor Ridyard said that the Area Designation had been changed and all the legal matters had been addressed. Others, both Councillors and non-Councillors, are invited to join the group to move this matter forward.

20/81 Allotments in Burneside:

Councillor Notley had identified four pieces of land that might be suitable for allotments. Councillor Ridyard will speak to Mark Cropper about this and it will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

20/82 Community fridge:

This project is possible but someone is needed to lead on it. A secondhand fridge had been offered by a parishioner but apparently a new one would be required. Councillor Notley will speak to Councillor Allder regarding this.

20/83 Biodiversity Study:

Councillor Will Huck reported on the Biodiversity Meeting held at the Bryce Institute on 30th September 2020. The minutes of this meeting had been circulated to all Councillors.

An application had been made to Lancaster University for a follow-up student to be allocated to this work and it was agreed that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Adam (our present student) for his work thus far.

The Bowston Weir project is currently on hold and details will be circulated to Councillors later this week.

20/84 Open Forum: None.

20/85 Agenda items for the next meeting:

- a. Repairs to St Oswald's School fence.
- b. Revision of Emergency Plan.
- c. Re-claiming of disused/underused buildings in the parish.

20/86 Date of next meetings (both by ZOOM):

(The meeting planned for Monday 26th October 2020 at 7pm has been cancelled).

Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 7pm - this will be the Precept Meeting

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed:

Dated: