

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Tonia Armer, Trish Holt, Julie Huck and Derrick Wade, three members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Westmorland & Furness Councillor Ali Jama arrived later. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Sam Kilpatrick and Stephen Roberts.

24/18 Public participation:

- a. John Peatfield explained the application for a grant for the 'House Martin and Swift' project, which will involve installing nest cups to try to encourage nesting of these endangered birds. The project will be advertised and volunteers sought. They prefer to return to and repair existing nests, so there may also be a project to create some areas of mud.
- b. Richard Hines spoke, objecting to the Council's previously submitted comments on planning application 5/23/9006 (re-consultation would be considered later in the meeting). He expressed disappointment in the Council's response to the proposed United Utilities project as he feels it is non-compliant with several planning policies and it is naive to think it will reduce sewer flooding, it will actually increase this. The Council has been misled and the application lacks credibility. The Council should represent the whole community and his recommendation is that the project should be relocated to a more suitable area.
There was then a discussion/ debate regarding the planning application.
- c. Tony Hill spoke of the perceived complacency in the community and said that more participation by members of the public is needed for the Council to operate effectively.
- d. Tony Hill spoke of the projected housing plans of Westmorland & Furness Council through the Local Plan for the Parish, there is a lack of housing and those that have been built are not to the standard it needs to be in his opinion. He suggested the Council should form links with Ellergreen Estate as they are the main land owner and this is a unique opportunity as they will not sell land off to developers. It is an opportunity for the community to work together.

24/19 Requests for Dispensations: None.

24/20 Declarations of Interest:

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

24/21 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/22 Updates:

Councillor William Huck reported as follows:

- a. The railings opposite the chippy will hopefully be installed soon.
- b. Westmorland & Furness Council will not return or reinstall the missing community noticeboard. Councillor Wade has offered to pick it up from the Millness Depot. Councillor William Huck has contacted the Sign Man about reinstalling it; an agreement with Westmorland & Furness Council is needed so it is not removed again. The Council is considering submitting a complaint regarding how this has been handled by Westmorland & Furness Council.
- c. Anti-litter signs have arrived – need to be installed.
- d. Continued Highways reporting e.g. various potholes.
- e. The 20mph et al application has been listed for prioritisation; it will then go to Locality boards at the end of April.
- f. Croppers PLC have told the Council that the Mill footpath work has been paused and there has not yet been any conclusion re areas for flood defence storage.
- g. The CALC Biodiversity and Nature Recovery meeting was attended.
- h. The Councillor Vacancy poster has been placed on the Facebook page.
- i. It is believed that the work for the new signs at the Bonningate pinch point has been started.

Councillor Wade reported that the faded white lines in the centre of the village have still not been renewed and this is very dangerous. Highways have said that these have been assigned to be done.

The Clerk reported that he will look at the revision of the Standing Orders for the next meeting.

Westmorland & Furness Councillor Ali Jama reported that the potholes around the parish are on the list for repair but there has been a delay in repairs because of a back log.

He also asked how much a Speed Indicator Device (SID)/ smiley face would be as Mr Cropper had said he would help fund one of these. Councillor William Huck confirmed he has not looked into this, the last time the Council wanted to purchase these Highways informed the Council that there was not a need for them following the data gathered by the shared SID.

24/23 Reports:

No formal report but Councillor Jama arrived later in the meeting (see updates above).

24/24 Finance:

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

HMRC	£664.45	PAYE
Patricia Holt	£1196.14	Reimbursement for new grit bins
A2A Advertising Limited		
	£90.00	Website hosting
K M Price	£198.44	Quarterly expenses to 31 st March, Including use of home office and travel.

- b. The Clerk circulated a brief financial update. The Annual Accounts for 2023-24 will be presented at the next meeting.
- c. It was resolved to contribute £400 to the 'House Martin and Swift Project' as discussed at last month's meeting and during public participation.

24/25 Planning:

The following application was considered:

5/23/9006 Land to the south-east of Carling Hill, accessed off Burneside Road (C5058), Burneside. Construction of an above ground kiosk, new access road and the reprofiling of ground levels associated with a below ground pumping station and wider permitted development works to improve the existing sewer infrastructure in Burneside.

It was felt that this Council did not have the knowledge or expertise to fully respond to this application. The Chairman and Clerk will liaise and circulate the proposed response to all Councillors for comments, before submitting it.

24/26 D-Day Beacon – 6th June 2024:

No one came forward to organise this so it will not take place. The flag, however, will be flown for the occasion.

24/27 Defibrillators at Bowston and Cowan Head:

Potential grant funding was discussed, a location and electric supply is required. It is hoped there is a confirmed location for Cowan Head, but there is not yet one for Bowston; this will continue to be looked into.

24/28 Community Library:

In order to ascertain if there could be a location for this, more information is needed regarding the number of books etc. The person concerned has been contacted.

24/29 Play Park:

The posters still need to be put up; the Clerk will resend the wording of these in the post. A school assembly is to be reorganised.

24/30 Speed Indicator Device:

The Clerk had requested this from Staveley with Ings Parish Council and it will be delivered to the Clerk as soon as it is available. Councillor Wade volunteered to help put it up in the village.

24/31 Correspondence:

- a. Chris Rabone, setting out proposals for grass cutting in 2024. This will be £85 plus VAT per visit for both the Millennium Green and the Sports Pitch. This was agreed, asking also that the pollinator areas maintained by Councillor Armer should be left until the end of the season.
- b. Philip Gilligan, on behalf of 'Kendal for a ceasefire', asking for support for their campaign. It was resolved that this Council, being strictly non-political, could not do so. The Clerk will copy the correspondence to Hannah Hill at Croppers PLC, for information.
- c. Clean River Kent Campaign passed on information from United Utilities regarding the proposed waste water infrastructure project for Burneside.
- d. A resident had contacted the Clerk regarding lighting in the village, Councillor William Huck has emailed for more information.

24/32 Open Forum:

The following were reported:

- a. Graffiti in the bus shelter – the Clerk will mention this to Hannah Hill at Croppers PLC.
- b. Wagons on the Potter Fell Road- damage has been caused again due to large wagons, some signs may be required at the end of the road.
- c. Burneside Residents Association is being/has been wound down and funds are left for the Christmas tree and children's activities. It was asked if this could be transferred to the Council to hold. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- d. Councillor Wade reported that whilst sat in the Hollins bus shelter for 20 minutes one day, he counted 302 vehicles.

24/33 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Annual Council Meeting)

24/34 Dates for future meetings:

The following dates were provisionally agreed, subject to alteration if required:

2nd July

3rd September

1st October

5th November

3rd December (Precept)

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed:

Dated: