

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room on Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Jannice Wilkinson (Chairman), David Ginsberg, Jennifer Harrison, Tony Hill, Gayle Howarth, John McCurdie, Pennie Ridyard and Derrick Wade, County Councillor Stan Collins, 20 members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nigel Byrom, Arty Cropper and Chris Granger, and PCSO Hayley Newman.

17/144 Public participation:

- a. Alan Thompson, Monitor for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group spoke and asked that this should be reported verbatim in the minutes and not edited. This was agreed:

Madam Chair

I have given your Clerk a copy of what I am about to say and ask that it be reported verbatim in the minutes of the council and not edited.

The reason for this is so the public who read the minutes will have a full report of my observations as independent monitor at the last sub-committee group meeting.

There are a number of proposals on the agenda to be discussed tonight. If they are passed the sub-committee meetings will cease and the neighbourhood plan stopped.

If this is the case I would like the public to know that all members of the committee, without exception, have worked tirelessly to produce proposals for a draft neighbourhood plan and after further public consultation, would be suitable to be put to a referendum. It would protect green space between Kendal, Bowston and our village and cater for a controlled expansion of sports facilities, housing for both the private sector and affordable housing for future generations. This was based on the suggestions of survey forms and at public meetings which were filled in by members of the community and reflected what was wanted and needed.

Contrary to the belief of a minority of people, I know the committee did listen to concerns about the proposals and did their best to communicate these to the public.

I understand the reasons behind tonight's proposals.

I would like to personally thank all of them for their hard work on behalf of our village.

- b. Peter Ashby spoke on behalf of the Bowston residents, regarding planning application SL/2017/0924 (Bowston Garage). The Council had also received a copy of the very detailed letter, objecting to the proposals, from George and Linda Quayle, sent to SLDC.

- c. Heather Meek updated the Council regarding parking on Hall Park. Responses had been received from South Lakes Housing and also from MP Tim Farron and the situation looks very positive. The Council will be updated further in due course.
- d. Paula Butler outlined the problems being experienced by children going to school and returning home again, since the closure of Ford Bridge. On occasions the traffic lights have been stopped to allow children to walk through and a safe pedestrian access is required.

17/145 Requests for Dispensations: None.

17/146 Declarations of Interest:

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

17/147 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2017, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Councillor Howarth said she had corresponded with the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk as she did not consider the minutes were entirely accurate. The Chairman agreed to append Councillor's comments to the minutes in the file but there was no discussion on them.

17/148 Police Report:

The Clerk read the Police Report. Since the last meeting there had been two burglaries where tools and other similar items were stolen. A theft of a handbag had occurred and there had been a case of criminal damage to a passing car when an item was thrown at it.

17/149 Correspondence:

- a. CALC. The AGM will be held on Saturday 18th November at Carlisle Racecourse. The Clerk has details.
- b. Jeannie Harper (James Cropper PLC) regarding the gates at the play area (minute 17/141b refers). The Council is advised that the metal gate nearest Hollins Lane has now been repaired and remedial work is planned for the other gate.
- c. Bus shelter at the top of Hollins Lane (minute 17.141a refers). The Clerk has asked the cleaner to deal with this and the Council will need to re-assess how frequent the cleaning here should be.
- d. Geoffrey Marvin had contacted the Council regarding a number of issues:
 - i. Bus shelter on Steeles Row. Councillor Wade will inspect this.
 - ii. Bus shelter at Hollins Lane - already dealt with.
 - iii. Unlit road to the station. LLRUG is dealing with this - the road is a private one.

- iv. Damaged hazard warning sign at the end of Hollins Lane - already dealt with.
- v. Former toilet block - already discussed.
- vi. Footways from Carus Green to Bowston are very overgrown. The Clerk will contact CCC Highways.
- vii. Use of notice boards to keep the public informed. Noted.

17/150 County and District matters:

Councillor Collins spoke about the recent closure of Ford Bridge. He explained that a pedestrian bridge would cost around £100,000. Work has been carried out on the main structure and the official assessment is awaited next week. There is a 75% chance that there will be a footway in place by the following week. The existing bridge will not be repaired and while work continues there may be a diversion through Bowston to Kendal. Councillor Collins agreed to inform CCC Highways of the serious concerns of the Parish Council and suggest that a 10mph speed limit should be in place. The Council would like as much input as possible. The Burneside Resident's Association is asking for public consultation on this matter.

He also commented on the following issues:

- a. Drainage at Meadow Close, Bowston. CCC engineers are working on this problem.
- b. Gurnal Bridge is still out of action but a contractor has been appointed and most of the work should be carried out in the river during the next few months..
- c. Hagg Foot bridge - this is a Public Right of Way and enquiries are continuing.
- d. Bowston Bridge also requires significant work.

17/151 Parish Development Sub-Committee/NP Steering Group:

The following proposals were resolved, five Councillors voting for, two against and one abstention. Councillor Howarth requested that her name be shown as one of those voting against:

- a. With Reference to: *Motion 5, October 2017 10b*

'That the Council continues with the Plan and an early draft is produced by 22nd December 2017. The Draft Plan for formal consultation will be agreed early in 2018, after further community consultation.'

The Proposal: That the motion (Burneside Parish Council minutes 17/135 c) is rescinded with immediate effect

(Burneside Parish Council Standing Orders 2015, rule 7a, option 2)

- b. ***The Proposal: All work to produce The Burneside Neighbourhood Plan shall cease forthwith and the Plan is withdrawn with immediate effect.***

(Burneside Parish Council Standing Orders 2015, rule 7a, option 2)

c. The Proposal: The Burneside Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (Sub Committee) be dissolved with immediate effect

(Burneside Parish Council Standing Orders 2015, rule 4d (xii)).

Councillor Hill thanked everyone who has been involved in the Neighbourhood Plan. He informed the Council that Nigel McGurk had now withdrawn his services as consultant and that both SLDC and LDNPA had been informed of the proposals to be considered this evening. It was agreed that Councillor Hill's report be appended to these minutes in the file.

17/152 B4RN: No report.

17/153 Reports and Updates:

- a. **TMAG.** Councillor Harrison had circulated a full report, which will be appended to these minutes in the file. Matters highlighted were the closure of Ford Bridge, the Ellis field culvert and flooding/silt on Burneside Road, the Upper Kent LAP and the proposed widening of Hollns Lane.
- b. **LLRUG/LLCRP.** Councillor McCurdie had circulated his report and this will be appended to the minutes on the file.
- c. **Bryce Institute.** Councillor Cropper's report has been circulated to all Councillors.
- d. **Chairman.** None.
- e. **Flood Action.** Councillor Wade said he had got two people who are interested in this work, one of whom has a tractor and will assist should the need arise.
- f. **Projects Group.** None.

17/154 Councillors and Social Media:

Councillor Howarth had circulated a document as agreed (minute 17/136 refers). It was resolved to adopt this as the Council's policy and Councillor Howarth will make any necessary adjustments and re-circulate it in due course.

17/155 Finance:

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

Jannice Wilkinson	£7.00	Reimbursement for cupboard key
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£60.00	Remembrance Wreath
Bryce Institute	£27.00	Hire of room (NP)
Chris Rabone House & Gardens Ltd	£168.00	Grasscutting (Millennium Green)
Groundwork UK	£9,000.00	Refund of grant for NP

- b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.

- c. Following a Grant Application form being submitted, it was resolved to contribute £600 to Burneside Cricket Club for the provision of inside nets (minute 17/125b ii refers)
- d. The Clerk reminded the Council of the need for a new Internal Auditor, who would need to be appointed by the end of March at the latest.
- e. A quotation from William Bell in the sum of £300 for the replacement of missing capping stones on the wall adjacent to the river Kent between the mill bridge and Ford bridge was accepted.
- f. A request for funding from Great North Air Ambulance will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

17/156 Planning:

- a. *The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:*

7/2017/0748 Burneside Mills, Burneside. New Finished Goods Warehouse adjacent to the existing TFP Building (1,135 sq. metres) and a Broke Store (covered area for bulk material storage) (330 sq. metres). Granted.

7/2017/5574 Mire Foot, Burneside. Approval of details reserved by condition of planning permission application ref 7/2016/5132 - condition 5 (renewable energy provision) and condition 7 (landscaping). Granted.

- b. *The following applications were considered:*

7/2017/5592 Cocks Close, Garnett Bridge. Extension and alterations to farmhouse. Conversion of barn into one holiday unit with extension. Refusal is recommended. The proposed development is extremely visible from the A6, despite what the application indicates and it would constitute an intrusion on the scenic value of the National Park.

SL/2017/0924 Bowston Garage, Bowston. Additional use to provide bar, deli counter, indoor seating area, outdoor terrace and toilets.

Refusal is recommended. The Council fully supports the presentation made earlier in the meeting by Peter Ashby, on behalf of residents of Bowston, together with the letter from George and Linda Quayle. There is no parking provision, there has been no flood risk assessment yet, there are flaws in the application and shortcomings in the plans.

17/157 Digest of minutes:

The Clerk will produce a digest of these minutes for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter.

17/158 Open Forum:

- a. Councillor Ridyard asked if the Clerk could write to LDNPA, asking what their view on the proposed Northern Relief Road is. This was agreed.
- b. Councillor Wade asked if a further letter could be sent to United Utilities, pointing out the sewerage coming out of the drains at Steeles Row in times of heavy rain.
- c. Councillor Ridyard raised the issue of the former toilet block which is in a disgraceful condition. The Clerk and Councillor Wade agreed to contact the owner to ask if the Council could paint over the graffiti.
- d. Councillor Howarth mentioned issues being discussed at present by the Burneside Resident's Association, and asked if these could be discussed at the next meeting - dog fouling, 'Heartstart', parish defibrillator, and a committee for flood action.

17/159 Date and place of next meeting:

Thursday 7th December 2017 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.

17/160 Resignations from the Council:

The Chairman had received letters of resignation from the Council from the following Councillors:

Arty Cropper
David Ginsberg
Chris Granger
Jennifer Harrison
Tony Hill
John McCurdie
Jannice Wilkinson

These to take place from the close of this meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: