

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7pm.

Present were Councillor Pennie Ridyard (Chairman), Julie Huck, Will Huck, Judith Notley and Derrick Wade, District Councillor Pat Bell, six members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Phil Alder and received from District Councillor Hazel Hodgson.

#### **20/1 Public participation:**

- a. Mr Alan Thompson said that a recent Burneside Heritage Group event had raised £300 towards a possible additional defibrillator, the suggested location being the bus shelter at Sprintholme, which is in the ownership of the Parish Council. If the Council is willing to agree to this suggestion, the Heritage Group would donate the £300 to the project and progress matters - but this can only be done through the Parish Council.
- b. Mr Alan Thompson commented on the recent photocopier consultation and said the Heritage Group very much appreciate the facility and would be sorry to see it removed.
- c. Mr Tony Hill asked if the Council would consider asking for the removal of the wall by the permissive path on Hall Road, the sealing of the route, with a hedge or fence. The Dales Way Association is willing to contribute towards this.
- d. Mr Tony Hill said the Burneside Community Energy Group would welcome formal discussions with the Council's Sustainability and Environment Group.
- e. There is a Dales Way Association meeting on Thursday 23rd April at 1pm at the Bryce Institute, when Marian Jones (LDNPA Ranger) and Geoff Fewkes (CCC Ranger) will be present. One Parish Councillor is invited to attend.
- f. Gayle Howarth said that the Burneside Residents Association fully support the application for funding towards the fence at St Oswald's School, to be considered later in the meeting.

**20/2 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

#### **20/3 Declarations of Interest:**

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

#### **20/4 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **20/5 Council Vacancies:**

The resignation of Councillor Anne Hutton was accepted with regret. Both the Chairman and Clerk have responded.

Brian Smith was co-opted to fill one of the five vacancies, to represent Strickland Ketel Ward. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

## **20/6 Updates:**

*Councillor Will Huck updated the Council on the following matters:*

- a. Footpath from Burneside to Bowston - CCC will inspect it when they are next in the area and if it requires attention they will place it on their jobs list.
- b. Parish Online - Both Strickland Ketel and Strickland Roger now have Parish Online.
- c. The new planter has arrived and this, along with the one on Hollins Lane will be planted up in the spring.

## **20/7 Sub-groups of the Council/Representatives:**

- a. **Traffic Management:** Anne Hutton had sent the Clerk the results of the speed survey which showed the village does not qualify for a Speed Indicator Device, as the recorded speeds of vehicles passing through the village is too low.
- b. **Bryce Institute:** There was a meeting tonight at the Bryce which unfortunately clashed with the Council.
- c. **Footpaths:** Stewart Menzies and Councillor Will Huck will upload the footpath surveys when they can. As the Council now has Parish Online for both Wards, this should be a considerable help. Three of the five 'walks' leaflets have been completed and the other two are in the pipeline. The village walks will re-start in May.
- d. **Sustainability and Environment:** Councillor Julie Huck reported on the very successful first meeting of the group held last week. It has been agreed that a Lancaster University student will be assigned to the Council for the Biodiversity Survey, for his dissertation. The Millennium Green Trust has granted permission for bird boxes on the Green and the Trust is considering providing a wildflower area there. It is hoped there will be a 'river clean' and the actions points from the meeting have been circulated to all Councillors. The next meeting is planned for 30th April (to be confirmed).
- e. **Millennium Green Trust:** Councillor Julie Huck attended the last meeting. The provision of cycle racks has been agreed in principle but more information is required to enable the proposed fitness trail to be considered. Councillor Notley is to ask SLDC to visit the Green, meet the Trustees and advise on the possibility of planting trees there. The replacement of the fence and the re-seeding are in hand.
- f. **Upper Kent LAP:** The next meeting is due to be held in March and Burneside will be the host Council.

## 20/8 Reports:

- a. **Police:** PCSO Mandy Coleman had sent a report. There were no logs of note for the Burneside area. Youths have been causing a problem with litter in the area, parking at Howgill Close continues to be monitored and Police are working with 'Mini Police' who monitor inconsiderate parking outside the school first thing in the morning.
- b. **County Councillor:** None.
- c. **District Councillor:** Councillor Bell said that SLDC is experiencing a time of change, with sustainability and biodiversity high on the agenda. 'Customer Connect' and 'Locality Working' are being set up and the senior Locality Officer for this area is Amanda Atkinson. The Council is also in the very early stages of the new Local Plan.

Councillor Hazel Hodgson had also updated the Council, via Councillor Ridyard on a number of issues at SLDC.

- d. **Parish Clerk:** The bus shelter by the Church has been greatly improved with benches and lighting. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Croppers PLC.

## 20/9 Finance:

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

K M Price	£180.01	Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel
CALC	£80.00	Councillor training.
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Cumbria CVS	£60.00	Annual subscription
Geosphere	£81.00	Parish Online subscription (Strickland Roger) - replacement cheque

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Clerk had received a quotation from A2A for £50 plus VAT to make the Council's website compliant with the new Accessibility Regulations. It was resolved to accept this.
- d. A request had been received, via Councillor Alder, for a further grant towards the replacement of the remainder of the fence around St Oswald's School. The grant (for £2,686) made recently was under 'Section 137' payments as the Council has neither a 'duty' or a 'power' to assist with such funding. Concern was expressed as to the ownership of the fence which, is assumed, is with the Diocese of Carlisle. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries and report back to the next meeting.

- e. An application for funding was considered from the Burneside Residents Association 'Kid's Club'. This had arrived too late to be included on the agenda for the last meeting. There is £1,000 available in the Precept for 'Youth Services' and the application was for this sum. A number of questions were asked concerning the details of the application and it was resolved that these be communicated to the applicant. These included questions about the age range, what activities they do, whether those running it have been approved for this work etc. In the light of the response, the matter will be considered again at the next meeting.

#### **20/10 Planning:**

- a. *The following application has been withdrawn:*

SL/2019/1027 Agricultural land south of the James Cropper PLC Water treatment works, Burneside. Construction of a 1MW Solar PV ground array that will provide renewable energy to local industry within Burneside (James Cropper Effluent Plant)

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

SL/2019/0837 23 Churchhill Court, Burneside. Two storey side extension with dormer to west elevation and alteration to front entrance. Granted.

SL/2019/0829 Carling Hill, Burneside. Retention of front porch (retrospective). Granted.

#### **20/11 Traffic issues:**

The report from CCC Highways, following the meeting held on 12th November, is still awaited.

#### **20/12 United Utilities:**

A report from United Utilities will be presented at the next meeting.

#### **20/13 Memorial bench:**

The Clerk has asked CCC Highways to confirm the ownership of the land where the memorial bench is to be sited. Once confirmation is received, a simple agreement between the Parish Council and the applicant will be drawn up.

#### **20/14 Neighbourhood Plan:**

Councillor Ridyard reported that the two proposed areas of designation had now been added to the plan and applications of funding are in hand. A Housing Needs Assessment is required, which will be carried out just after Easter.

## **20/15 Proposals from Councillor Will Huck:**

*The following were agreed:*

- a. The Clerk will contact the Willink Trust for an update on the provision of litter bins, one of which is to be provided by the Council.
- b. The Clerk will contact the owner of the former toilet block again - it is unsightly and requires attention.

## **20/16 Parish Defibrillator:**

An email from Lucy Dale had been circulated to all Councillors, encouraging Councils to install defibrillators. It was agreed that an additional defibrillator in the village would be good, especially in the light of proposals made during public participation earlier in the meeting. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. In the meantime, Councillor Ridyard will bring some proposals to a future meeting and also explore possible fund-raising avenues. Councillor Will Huck agreed to liaise with Mr Alan Thompson regarding the Sprint Holme suggestion and to speak to the Sustainability and Biodiversity group regarding a possible future use of the phone box at Bowston to house a defibrillator, especially as there had been several Bowston residents at the last meeting.

## **20/17 Photocopier consultation:**

Councillor Will Huck presented the results of the photocopier consultation. Although usage is not high, it nevertheless provides a useful facility for groups in the parish. It was resolved that the Council will continue the lease on the photocopier and operate an 'honesty box' system whereby users, who must supply their own paper, can pay the 2p per sheet required. Councillor Notley will arrange for this to be set up and also some posters to advertise the availability of the service. The Clerk will empty the box at each Council meeting.

## **20/18 BT phone box removal:**

BT is proposing to remove the phone box in Bowston and the Council agreed to ask for its retention as a working phone. Should the service be discontinued, the Council would like to adopt it for future use.

## **20/19 Open Forum:**

*The following have been listed as agenda items for the next meeting:*

- a. Dales Way Association meeting on 23rd April - to appoint a Councillor to attend.
- b. VE Day 8th May - to consider holding a special event to mark this Anniversary.
- c. The step from Chapelfield on to Hollins Lane is dangerous. Councillors Ridyard and Wade will look into its ownership and report back.

- d. Councillor Will Huck will speak to Mr Tony Hill regarding the wall by the permissive path on Hall Road and to arrange discussions with the Sustainability and Environment group and will report back.
- e. The possibility of installing an ATM in the village.
- f. 'The Three Words' to assist more efficient rescue services. Mr Alan Thompson explained the background and purpose of this to the Council.

**20/20 Date of the next meeting:**

***Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside  
(please note this is the second Tuesday in the month).***

*The meeting closed at 8.30pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*