

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Burneside Parish Council held by ZOOM on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.20pm.

Present were Councillors Phil Alder, Tonia Armer, Julie Huck, Will Huck, Judith Notley, Pennie Ridyard and Keith Tondeur, County Councillor Stan Collins, three members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Derrick Wade (leave of absence) and District Councillor Pat Bell.

21/49 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Will Huck was elected Chairman for 2021-22

The Council recorded a vote of thanks to Councillor Ridyard for leading the Council through the past few years; her guidance and support had been much appreciated by all. She is now leaving the area and this was her final meeting.

21/50 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/51 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Alder - Residents Association

Councillor Will Huck - School Governor.

Councillor Ridyard - Planning application SL/2021/0330 Seal Bank, Lane Foot, Windermere Road.

Councillor Senior -Carus Green to Burneside footway.

Councillor Tondeur – Allotments

21/52 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

One nomination was received but was declined by the nominee. It was agreed to leave this position vacant for the time being.

21/53 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk said that the Councillors representing the Residents Association would not be referred to as a 'sub-group' in future and reports would be on the agenda as from 'the Council's representatives on the Residents Association'.

21/54 Council Vacancies:

One enquiry has been received and this is being followed up. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy on the notice boards and in the Parish Newsletter.

21/55 Updates:

- a. Poppies for remembrance: Councillor Will Huck said there did not seem any alternative to the plastic wreaths and it was agreed to wait until nearer November and look at what could be done. The Council would, of course, make its usual contribution to RBL, whatever was decided.
- b. Steeles Row potholes: Councillor Will Huck will report these again.
- c. Assets Register/insurance update: Further work had been done on this and should be completed soon.
- d. Councillor Will Huck has requested a new litter bin for Bowston.
- e. The requested bin for Hall Road has not yet been installed.
- f. The grant has been awarded by CCC for a bench at Steeles Row and the new bench has been ordered.
- g. The village entry sign work could start anytime from April 2021, so it is hoped these will be installed soon.
- h. Play Park: The Clerk will contact Hannah Hill again about the proposed meeting.
- i. Community fridge: The Council would need to pay for the various protective measures, including the installation of cameras, and the vicar is happy to provide the space in the entrance to the 'post office', but this would need further agreement. A costed proposal is needed. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- j. Councillor Will Huck confirmed that Councillor Alder has been made 'admin' on the Council's Facebook page.
- k. Allotments: Councillor Notley is checking details of how planned flood prevention works may affect a possible site. There have been concerns raised by nearby residents to the proposed site, Councillor Notley has been in contact and is working on these concerns.

21/56 Sub-groups of the Council/Representatives:

The following were appointed:

Traffic Management: Councillors Julie Huck, Will Huck and Paul Senior.

Play Park: Councillors Julie Huck, Will Huck and Judith Notley.

Biodiversity and Sustainability: Councillors Tonia Armer, Julie Huck, Will Huck, and Judith Notley.

Flood Action: Councillors Phil Alder, Keith Tondeur and Derrick Wade.

Bryce Institute: Councillor Judith Notley.

Lakes Line Rail User Group/Community Rail Partnership: Roger Leather (the Clerk will check if he is happy to continue).

Footpaths group: Stewart Menzies (the Clerk will check if he is happy to continue), Councillors Will Huck, Judith Notley and Paul Senior.

21/57 Finance:

The Clerk had not been able to complete the accounts but, as the deadline for submission is not until 3rd July, this will be dealt with at the next meeting.

21/58 Communications to the Council:

Councillor Armer had raised the issue, with the Clerk, of the amount of email correspondence that is circulated and is sometimes overwhelming. It was felt that this should slow down once lockdown restrictions are fully lifted. In the meantime, the Clerk will try to minimise the amount that he sends on. In some cases, material is only sent to the Chairman, who can decide whether to circulate it to all Councillors.

21/59 Planting in memory of HRH Prince Philip:

It was agreed to plant an oak in memory of HRH Prince Philip. Purchasing a tree was discussed, but a local resident has some saplings which may be suitable, Councillor Notley will make contact. A plaque also needs to be arranged. The vicar has agreed the churchyard as a location.

21/60 Occupation Road to Potter Fell:

Councillor Julie Huck reported on the increased usage, during lockdown, of this area and vehicles causing damage to the grass verges and leaving litter. Now the lockdown restrictions are gradually being lifted, the situation seems to be somewhat improved so it was agreed to monitor it and take no further action for the time being.

21/61 Footpath issues:

Councillor Senior agreed to contact David Kirkby of CCC again regarding the footpath issues around the Eggholme area.

21/62 Cycle racks:

This had been raised before lockdown. It was agreed that Councillor Allder could ask the Residents Association if they had thoughts on cycle racks and Councillor Senior will do some research as to where in the parish might benefit. The Council is keen to encourage cycling.

21/63 Burnside Residents Association:

A summary of the recent informal meeting of the Council's representatives with the Residents Association had been circulated. The Chairman noted that as they had only been distributed on the day of the meeting that there had not been much time to digest them.

Councillor Allder thought it a good meeting and stated the need for the Residents Association to have a regular reporting slot at Parish Council meetings.

Councillor Tondeur felt there was still room for dialogue and that there needed to be 'give and take' in order to achieve some sort of working relationship.

Councillor Notley reported on her attendance at the meeting, which she had found uncomfortable and felt that she could no longer be involved. As a result, she has now resigned from being one of the Council representatives.

Councillor Ridyard emphasised the different functions of the two bodies; the Parish Council being responsible for the whole parish and the Residents Association concentrating on the village itself. The Parish Council is also bound by legal requirements and formalities and is a statutory body. She said that past offers of co-operation she had made to the Residents Association had been rejected.

Councillor Will Huck spoke of the impact the negative comments on social media towards the Parish Council have had, but concluded that the Council should 'wipe the slate clean' and move forward in a positive manner. It was agreed that Councillors Alder and Tonduer will continue to be the working link between the Council and Residents Association.

The Clerk said there will be an agenda item at each meeting to enable the Residents Association Council representatives to give a report.

21/64 Planning:

a. The following applications were considered:

7/2021/5300 Bannel Head, Green Hill, Windermere Road, Kendal. Rear extension and re-roofing to an existing bungalow. Approval recommended.

SL/2021/0330 Seal Bank, Lane Foot, Windermere Road, Kendal. Replacement windows/ doors, new rooflights and new flue. Approval recommended.

SL/2021/0364 Rear garden of 1 Kent Bank, Bowston. Application for Outline Planning Permission (all matters reserved) for the erection of a detached dwellinghouse and garage. Approval recommended, providing the conditions remain the same as in the previous application.

b. The following comments, submitted by the Clerk under his delegated authority, since the last meeting, were noted:

SL/2021/0264 2 Holme Houses, Burneside. Creation of off road parking area. Approval recommended.

c. (The Clerk had received an email from Mr Mark Cropper, asking the Council to review their recommendation for refusal of planning application SL/2021/0220 Hill Barn, Sharps Lane, Burneside. (Restoration and conversion of field barn to self contained off grid accommodation). As this had not been an agenda item, the matter could not be discussed. The Clerk will contact eligible Councillors to ascertain if there is a wish to revisit the recommendation.

21/65 Traffic issues:

This project will go forward, and Councillor Collins indicated that CCC are keen to progress it. Funding is allocated in the Parish Council's budget from last year. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting, when it is hoped there will be more to report. Councillor Ridyard will pass any information on to the Traffic Management sub-group.

21/66 Re-claiming of disused/underused buildings in the parish:

It was agreed that Councillor Notley will approach the owner of the 'former toilet block' to ask if the Council would be allowed to paint the exterior at its own cost.

21/67 Neighbourhood Plan:

Councillor Ridyard had met with Damian Law at SLDC, in order to clarify comments and concerns made by the Residents Association. Councillor Ridyard confirmed there is no Neighbourhood Plan. As there is now only one Councillor and a volunteer on the Neighbourhood Plan 'group' it was resolved to put this on hold for the time being and see what the 'new' Local Plan will propose and how it might affect the parish.

21/68 Open Forum:

- a. A meeting (not a Council meeting) arranged by PLACED for tomorrow at 6pm, for residents to share their views of the future of Burneside.
- b. Councillor Will Huck asked if a representative of the Council could be appointed to look after the clothes bank in the village. It was suggested that Councillor Wade could be approached.
- c. Councillor Notley agreed to look after the overhanging planters on Hollins Lane.
- d. The idea of a parish Handyman was raised again and it was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.

21/69 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 1st June 2021 by ZOOM at 7pm

(Face to face meetings are expected to resume after 21st June - this will be an agenda item for the next meeting and the Clerk will circulate some guidance from CALC)

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed:

Dated: