

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held by ZOOM on Tuesday 6th July 2021 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Will Huck (Chairman), Phil Alder, Tonia Armer, Julie Huck, Judith Notley, Paul Senior and Keith Tondeur, County Councillor Stan Collins, District Councillors Pat Bell and Hazel Hodgson, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Derrick Wade (leave of absence).

21/85 Public participation:

Tony Hill updated the Council on the progress of the scheme to bring B4RN to Strickland Ketel. He, and others, including Team Leader Manager Sue Caddy, are working together with the B4RN plans for Crook parish and are beginning to speak to landowners and tenants to plan potential access routes for connections. Residents are encouraged to register interest for the scheme, as this will boost the likelihood of the project progressing given the potential removal of the Government voucher scheme in the area. The Chairman confirmed that there is a designated page on the website for B4RN updates and that it was used regularly throughout the Strickland Roger B4RN project.

21/86 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/87 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Alder - Burneside Residents Association Committee.
Councillor Will Huck - School Governor.

21/88 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

21/89 Council vacancies:

There had been no expressions of interest in the three remaining vacancies. This will now be taken off the agenda, but advertising will continue in the usual ways and the Council is free to co-opt when anyone comes forward.

21/90 County and District Councillor's reports:

Councillor Bell said that a decision is still awaited following the consultations for a Unitary Authority. SLDC has just started to meet again in person but at present it is a quiet period.

Councillor Collins updated the Council on the proposed Northern Access Route; government funding has been awarded for a business case to be investigated, but he reiterated that no route had been chosen.

Councillor Hodgson said that a decision is expected regarding the Unitary Authority by around 2nd August.

21/91 Updates:

Councillor Will Huck reported as follows:

- a. The bench at Steeles Row has been installed and the grant completion report returned to CCC.
- b. The litter bin at Bowston has been installed.
- c. Hall Road litter bin – SLDC Locality have informed the Chairman they will undertake early morning dog patrols and speak to local dog walkers to ascertain the best place for this bin. The Chairman will ask for an update again.
- d. Play area- The Anglers Trust reported that SLDC were awaiting a delivery before coming to repair the play equipment. They are also waiting for a contractor to repair the block paving.
- e. Village entry signs - the private works agreement has still not been received from CCC; the Chairman will contact Gillian Holmes again. The 'No HGV's' sign for Sharps Lane were ordered alongside these.
- f. Councillor Bell has contacted SLDC regarding the situation at Bowston and asked for help in clearing the way for the phone box to be removed.

Councillor Notley reported as follows:

- g. The plaque in memory of HRH Prince Philip is ongoing and will be sited alongside the oak tree.
- h. Allotments- The project is going forward; a lease agreement is awaited from the Land Agent. Trees and hedging have been ordered, free of charge, from the Woodland Trust. Councillor Bell offered help with the lease agreement.
- i. The notices have been updated in the Bowston notice board, even though it is planned to remove the board once an alternative site is found.
- j. The community fridge has been delivered and installed at the church. Volunteers are required in order to run the service.
- k. 'Knitted' poppies could be available for this year's Remembrance Sunday.
- l. Beacons for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee can be discussed at a future meeting.
- m. The 'former toilet' block - it is understood that a planning application is to be made for a change of use, but no details are known yet. No further action will be taken in the meantime.
- n. The PLACED meeting is tomorrow night.
- o. Councillor Julie Huck confirmed that the old garage at Bowston at the bottom of Bowston Hall lane is owned by Mark Cropper and is in a state of disrepair, so it is unsuitable for the fixing of a noticeboard. Mr Cropper has said a planter could be placed there and has also offered help with replacing the parish benches which could be a future project. Councillor Alder will pass on the name of the resident who contacted the Parish Council regarding the planter.

- p. Councillor Senior said there was nothing to report on the footpath at Eggholme despite efforts. CCC had mentioned cutting dates as a reason. Perhaps a further attempt to have it cut back should be made at the end of summer.
- q. The Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan- No response has been received despite contacting two different people.
- r. Councillor Armer said the pollinator project had been a mixed success and outlined what had happened at the various sites around the parish. One of the most successful is the site at Bowston.

21/92 Finance:

- a. The cash and budget statements had been updated at the last meeting and will be an agenda item at the next meeting.
- b. It had been ascertained from SLDC that the CIL money being held by the Council could be used for part-funding the repair of the school fence if required. Upon being put to the vote, there was one vote against this proposal, the remaining Councillors voting for it. Councillor Will Huck will contact the school to ask what the present position is regarding funding.
- c. A bid from Roger Leather to provide funding to celebrate 175 years since Burneside Station open in 1847 was considered. It was resolved to contribute the £275 requested. One Councillor voted against this proposal, the remaining Councillors voting for it.
- d. It was resolved, as recommended at the time of last year's Pay Award, to increase the Clerk's annual leave entitlement from 5.6 weeks to 7 weeks per annum. A note will be added to his Contract of Employment and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

21/93 Burneside Residents Association:

Councillor Alder said that the Residents Association is keen to do some wild flower planting. The Chairman mentioned that Councillor Armer may be able to give some advice. It was also reported that a vehicle has been abandoned at the Millennium Green garages; the PCSO has been informed.

Councillor Tondeur said that the quarterly meeting with the Environment Agency and United Utilities will be held soon and he will attend this meeting.

21/94 Blue print for improved rail services on the Lakes Line:

The document submitted by Roger Leather had been circulated to all Councillors. This was accepted with thanks. The only addition suggested by the Council was a recommendation that the Cricket Ground be protected from any development that would occur from the installation of a passing loop.

21/95 Handyman proposal:

Councillor Tondeur had circulated a list of possible tasks that could be undertaken by such an officer. The list was extensive and included some suggestions that were already either under discussion or in place. It was suggested that CALC should be contacted in order to ascertain what restrictions, regulations might be applicable in the employment of a handyman and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting. It was confirmed that there is some demand for this in the parish.

21/96 Revision of the 'Burneside Directory':

Councillor Tondeur agreed to co-ordinate this revision. It can then be shared on the website and the possibility of sending it out with the newsletter can be considered. Since the last meeting the Chairman had received some information from Alan Thompson regarding the Jubilee noticeboard. Both he and the School have a key. Councillor Notley said that the lock was stiff and difficult to open and questioned if there was a better place for the noticeboard. The Chairman will make contact with Alan Thompson and the School.

21/97 Willink Field:

Councillor Will Huck has met with Chris Rabone, who cuts the Millennium Green. A quotation for cutting Willink Field at the same time is awaited. It was agreed that Councillors could consider this quote over email when received. The Chairman also reported that a defamatory comment had been received from a Residents Association Committee member on social media, that was personally directed at him. Councillor Alder apologised on behalf of the Residents Association and explained that this was not a representation of the group. After discussion the Council gave their full support to the Chairman on this matter.

21/98 Bathing waters:

Councillor Armer had made initial contact with Sam Adams, who was cautiously optimistic about the possibility of including areas of the Kent, Sprint and Mint as designated bathing waters. Landowner's consent would be required. It was resolved to list areas the Council would like to be designated and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting. Details of suggested areas should be sent to Councillor Armer.

21/99 Destruction of natural woodland:

After discussing the concerns received by a local resident it was decided to contact the owner of the woodland and the local PCSO to make them aware of the concerns.

21/100 Planning:

The following applications were considered:

SL/2021/0584 Shepherd Green Toft, Burneside. Detached garden office.
Approval recommended.

SL/2021/0817 Bowston Weir, Bowston. Removal of the existing weir structure and associated fish passes, the installation of a 'nature-like' rock ramp downstream of the weir location, with associated scour protection along the toe of the existing wall on the right bank of the river, and the excavation of a 'proto-channel' extending 140 m upstream of the rock ramp.

It was resolved to accept the draft recommendations prepared by John Peatfield on behalf of the Council and the Biodiversity group. The Council thanked John and the Biodiversity group for their continued hard work.

21/101 Damaged river bank:

The Chairman has contacted the Environment Agency who confirmed that this was the responsibility of Croppers PLC. The Council will make contact with Croppers regarding this.

21/102 SLDC Local Plan update:

Councillors Will Huck and Judith Notley had attended an online briefing about this. This will be an agenda item for the September meeting. In the meantime Councillors are encouraged to read the material that has been circulated.

21/103 Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Change Proposals:

The Chairman made the Council aware of the proposed changes. Councillors are encouraged to make their own responses to this consultation.

21/104 Open Forum:

Council Armer proposed that a Parish Meeting would be useful. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

21/105 Date and place of the next meeting:

Tuesday 7th September at 7pm - venue to be announced.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed:

Dated: