

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 6.30pm.

Present were Councillors Will Huck (Chairman), Tonia Armer, Julie Huck, Judith Notley Derrick Wade, District Councillors Pat Bell and Hazel Hodgson, 10 members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Paul Senior and Keith Tondeur.

21/106 Public participation:

South Lakeland Local Plan Review:

A number of the members of the public spoke and the issues raised included the following:

These minutes have been created to the best of our ability from notes taken at the meeting; these notes taken will be added into the Parish Council response to SLDC, and written responses provided at the meeting will be included instead of notes taken.

- a. A member of the public noted that they felt strongly about green space in the village.
- b. Willink Field; what would be replaced? Why build on another field?
- c. Willink Field was given to the villager in the 1800's as a recreational field. The fence was in a bad state of repair so the Willink Trust asked the Anglers Trust to take on the management of the field. The Willink Field Trustees are James Cropper, Mark Cropper and Patrick Willink.
- d. Willink Field; even if it is like for like it will not have the same value. Effectively got planning permission with it been a designated development site- this increases the value of the field.
- e. Someone wanted to buy the Willink Field around 40 years ago, they were advised no as the main gas pipe going to Staveley goes through it and the opposite land.
- f. Important that comments are registered on the SLDC site. Parish Council need to note the gas pipe in the response, clarification is needed on location.
- g. I am speaking for only myself. I support the development of the two existing land allocation sites; Hall Park and Willink Field. Before development it has to go through a planning process. Hall park is a good site, not on the flood plain. Willink Field has attracted attention for 12 years, most ill-informed. This is a golden opportunity for the community. A site must be found but negotiations should be had to secure the very best sports facilities. I support the sites submitted in the call for sites, they will bring new services and facilities. Most landowners would sell sites and lose any control over them. Communities normally have little influence on developments, look to recent ones in Kendal. Builders are still working to minimum regulations and no renewable energy. It should be lobbied to make the Green Gap as legal as possible and part of this plan. Insist on the creation of green space in development and existing- green up and mitigate climate change. Northern development route is nonsense. It is contrary to policies on climate change, it would not happen for years anyway and wouldn't address immediate issues.

We have failed to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, losing strategic initiative over the new plan. But this is history, let us move on. Support of the landowners, who want to create high quality and sustainable development. This has not made them popular and the way in which they want to invest will not make them rich. We need suitable housing, suggest re-housing those that are continually at risk of flooding. We need to retain our School, Church, Bryce and especially the Mill. We must attempt to retain our young people. Infrastructure upgrades are long overdue, these need to be completed first.

- h. Member of the public reiterated that people should respond to SLDC with their views, very few responses so far. People need to commit to making their comments known. Key comments; erosion of the green gaps on all sides of the village- they should be protected. Erosion of the green gaps will have a big impact, particularly at the southern end of the village. In regards to the site south of Carlingdale: the landowner has made comments that are not factual and incorrect statements such as; topography, geographical e.g. location of drumlin, U.U fowl water drainage and highway access. More general comments: concerned about the amount of development e.g. number of new houses, but also the infrastructure developments due to happen. The village could be a construction site for decades. Do understand that some development is required e.g. waste water upgrade.
- i. Speaking on behalf of the flood group, which will be making an individual response to SLDC as will the Residents Association. In regards to agenda item 9; fully support the implementation of the proposal, would like the PC to consider that the wording also includes the EA flood defences and infrastructure and road improvements. (Agenda item for next meeting) Burneside has different issues to Staveley. During flood events emergency vehicle access can be cut off. Flood water and storage areas fall into the submitted development sites, which will increase the risk to the rest of the village. Planning process will be followed but U.U cannot stop any development having access to sewage systems. Flood defences and sewage works are not the only ones required. Community is cut off during times of flood, farming vehicles are required to help during these times.
- j. Measures to shore the bank up at the Millennium Green; it is a disgrace, how are they getting away with it. High risk of contamination to the river Kent SSSI/SAC from the settling tanks area.
- k. Suggestion of a community fundraiser. Does not have to be PC led, but could include all groups to feed into one fundraiser.
(Agenda item for next meeting)

21/107 Requests for Dispensations: None.

21/108 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Will Huck declared an interest as a School Governor and Councillor Wade for his involvement with the Burneside Residents Association.

21/109 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

21/110 Council Vacancies:

There had been some interest shown in the Council Vacancies but no firm expressions of interest yet. There are currently four vacancies.

21/111 County and District Councillor's Reports:

Councillor Bell and Councillor Hodgson both spoke of the new Unitary Authority which would come into being in 2023, with a shadow Council to be elected in 2022.

Councillors Will Huck and Judith Notley attended an online meeting arranged by CALC regarding this.

21/112 SLDC Local Plan Review:

A discussion was had by the Council, with comments made on some of the key themes from the review and the submitted development sites. It was resolved that the Chairman and Clerk would collate the comments made by members of the public earlier in the meeting and these will be submitted to SLDC by the due date. The Parish Council response will also include comments made on paper in the Church corridor and any others that the Council has received. The Chairman and Councillor Notley are to attend a meeting with SLDC, regarding the review, along with Natland Parish Council.

The Clerk will ask Geoffrey Marvin if his response has been sent to SLDC as well as to this Council.

21/113 Sewage Capacity and Development:

It was unanimously resolved that this Council will adopt the same policy as Staveley with Ings Parish Council has in place, and oppose all new developments going into the sewage system until it is fit for purpose.

21/114 Updates:

This was deferred until the next meeting.

21/115 Finance:

The Clerk gave a brief update on the Council's finances. A full report for the half year will be given at the next meeting.

21/116 Fence at St Oswald's School:

It was resolved to use the CIL money of £2,723.94 as a grant towards the renewal of the fencing at St Oswald's School. The Clerk will request a receipt for both this and the previous grant made.

21/117 Burneside Residents Association:

An email from Councillor Tondeur regarding the Flood Group meeting had been circulated to Councillors.

21/118 LEGACY FROM THE BIKE 4 BURNESIDE EVENT:

Information had been circulated to all Councillors regarding a project for the bus stop opposite the Church and Tony Hill gave some further information surrounding the project to the Council. It was resolved to support this venture.

21/119 Allotments:

The Clerk will send a Grant Application form to Councillor Notley, so funding for the fencing can be applied for.

21/120 Planting of tree in memory of Prince Philip:

Due to concerns over roots something other than an oak tree will need to be planted; the Council gave full support to this.

21/121 Memorial bench:

The Clerk said that this is finally moving forward and a template for an agreement between Mrs Batty and the Council has been sent by CCC highways. The exact location and design of the bench has yet to be approved. A target date of the end of this year is being worked towards, to bring the project to a conclusion.

21/122 The Todds footpath:

Stewart Menzies updated the Council on this matter. This path is well used and the alteration of stiles to aid accessibility is considered desirable. The Council gave full support to this project.

21/113 Village handyperson:

This was deferred until the next meeting.

21/114 Village Directory:

The was deferred until the next meeting.

21/115 Bathing waters:

Councillor Armer updated the Council. It has been suggested that the area at the Millennium Green could be designated as a paddling area. It would need the support of the land owner. Contact with the Millennium Green Trustees will be made.

21/116 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons:

This was deferred until the next meeting.

21/117 Planning: None.

21/118 Open Forum:

The following matters were mentioned:

- a. There is no hand rail at the top of Hall Park, by number 107. Councillors will visit and check this out.
- b. The stone wall between Hall Park and Hall Road has been damaged - Councillor Will Huck will report and also make enquires about the hand rail.
- c. The NHS 'Harri' van visit is due on 25th September.

21/119 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed: