

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Pennie Ridyard (Chairman), Phil Alder, Julie Huck, Will Huck, Judith Notley and Derrick Wade, five members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Anne Hutton.

19/120 Public participation:

Mr David Wilson addressed the Council regarding the proposed removal of the BT Payphone at Bonningate. He has asked BT for the removal of this box over many years for the following reasons:

- a. It is not used.
- b. It is not maintained and is filthy
- c. The power supply goes over his yard and garage, then over the lane to a very old pole which has been complained about many times. He has been told it is unsafe and needs replacement but this has never been done. It is a wonder how traffic using the lane has not brought the cable down yet.

19/121 Requests for Dispensations: None.

19/122 Declarations of Interest:

Councillors Alder and Wade declared an interest, as members of that committee, should any matters relating to the Burneside Residents Association be discussed.

19/123 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 2019, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

19/124 Council Vacancies:

Brian Smith was unable to be present at this meeting and it was resolved to co-opt him to the Council at the next meeting.

19/125 Updates:

Councillor Will Huck updated the Council as follows:

- a. The new planter ordered after the last meeting is due to be delivered shortly.
- b. The repair of the wall at Hall Road is scheduled for the New Year, including the tidying up of the saplings.
- c. He has asked Mark Cropper if there is any possibility of the orange lights at the mill being replaced with white ones, in order to reduce light pollution, and this is to be put to the board at James Cropper PLC.

- d. Village entry signs. It is the responsibility of CCC to pay for these but they don't have funds so the Parish Council would have to pay if there was a wish to change them.
It was resolved to await the Traffic Plan before making any decisions. The repair of other signs has been requested via the CCC HIMs system.
- e. Councillors Julie Huck and Will Huck will cut back the planters at Hollins Lane, now the season is ended.

19/126 Sub-groups of the Council/Representatives:

- a. Bryce Institute: Councillor Notley said the Bryce Trustees are keen to promote the use of the facility, especially to attract regular users, Monday and Tuesday being the days when further use would be welcome.
- b. Footpaths: Councillor Will Huck said that the footpath surveys can be uploaded to the website and the use of Parish Online will help the footpath group. A number of the brochures produced by the group have been sold in various outlets. Further brochures will be produced in due course. A2A are to be contacted to make some adjustments to the Council website.
- f. Sustainability and Environment: Councillor Julie Huck has asked the Millennium Green Trustees about the possibility of having bird boxes on the Green, and awaits their reply. A reply from Lancaster University is awaited regarding the proposed Biodiversity study. Meetings with local interest groups, Burneside Energy Company, tree planting, etc will be arranged in due course.
- c. Millennium Green Trust: Councillor Will Huck has asked the Millennium Green Trustees to consider a possible fitness trail and cycle racks on the Green and this will no doubt be considered at their next meeting.
- d. Upper Kent LAP: Three Councillors had attended the recent meeting and this Council is now a member of the LAP. It had been a useful experience. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2020. Councillor Will Huck is now the Vice-Chairman of the LAP.

19/127 BT Proposed payphone removal:

This Council had previously requested retention of this payphone but following the representations made earlier in the meeting by Mr David Wilson, agreed to ask for its removal and also to emphasise that the transmission line (as considered under Public Participation) should be removed for safety reasons.

19/128 Reports:

- a. **Police:** The Police Report had been circulated. There was only one log for Burneside. Parking issues at Hollins Lane were mentioned and residents should contact Police on 101 at the time problems occur.
- b. **County Councillor:** None.

- c. **District Councillor:** Councillor Hutton reported that she had been speaking to PCSO Mandy Coleman, who is trying to arrange a speed monitor for Hollins Lane and has also organised the removal of the car at the bottom of the lane.

d. Parish Clerk:

- i. The Clerk is due to meet with A2A in Milnthorpe to discuss the implications of the Accessibility Regulations (minute 19/108d refers) and will report back to the next meeting.
- ii. The Council's photocopier in the Church Room is now not used by the Clerk, who finds it more convenient to print out Council material at home. The book recording the usage by other groups was examined and Councillor Will Huck agreed to contact the main users in order for the Council to assess, at the next meeting, if the contract should be continued. This costs £16.80 including VAT each month, but no effort has been made to request the small payments due from the present users.
- iii. A map of the grit bins in the parish has now been obtained. It was resolved to ask for an additional bin at Bonningate, at the junction with Ratherheath Lane.
- iv. A list of street lights in the parish has now been obtained.

19/129 Finance:

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

CALC	£80.00	Councillor training
Chris Rabone House and Garden Ltd	£126.00	Millennium Green

- b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted
- c. It was resolved that the Council joins CVS (Cumbria Volunteer Services) at an annual cost of £35. Councillor Ridyard will make the arrangements.
- d. The Budget Report, prepared by the Clerk, was considered and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £27,784 for the financial year 2020-21. This means that there is no increase in the parish element of the Council Tax. The Budget was set at £44,871 using some of the Council's reserves to cover the difference.

Correspondence from Mr Geoffrey Marvin, relating to the Precept was taken into account when making this decision.

- e. It had been many years since the Clerk's working hours had been assessed and it was unanimously resolved to increase the number of hours from 9.71 to 12 per week, with an increase from Salary Scale SCP20 (£13.15 per hour) to SCP23 (£14.03 per hour). This will take effect from 1st April 2020.

- f. It was resolved to join Parish Online at an annual cost of £100 for Strickland Ketel and £75 for Strickland Roger. Councillor Will Huck will attend to this.

19/130 Planning:

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

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

19/131 Traffic issues:

Councillor Ridyard reported on the meeting she and Councillor Julie Huck had attended on 12th November with Mo Dooz of CCC Highways, and later with Councillor Stan Collins. The various sites in the parish, that had been highlighted in Council correspondence over the past few months, were visited. A report is being prepared, which the Council should receive in the New Year, with financial projections and timescales for those items that the Council may be able to contribute towards.

19/132 Overgrown area at the rear of James Cropper PLC:

The Clerk agreed to ask if this area could be cut more frequently at the rear entrance to the mill and to say that better signage would be helpful. The Council may be interested in planting wild flowers, etc, there in due course to make it more attractive.

19/133 Neighbourhood Plan:

Councillor Ridyard updated the Council on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. She had met with SLDC and LDNPA, following the Parish Council's success in the government's boundary review recommendations. It was resolved that the two areas that were missed out in the original Neighbourhood Plan (Carus Green and Lane Foot) should be included and the Chairman was mandated to continue negotiations as appropriate. A new SLDC Local Plan is expected in due course.

19/134 Open Forum:

- a. Councillor Wade mentioned the recent heavy rain which had caused the usual problems which still await a solution being found by United Utilities.
- b. Councillor Wade proposed a vote of thanks to the Burneside Residents Association, for making arrangements for the Christmas Tree and associated special events, especially the Chairman and her family.

19/135 Agenda items for the next meeting:

- a. Update from United Utilities.
- b. Report from CCC Highways on traffic issues.
- c. Accessibility Regulations.
- d. Council photocopier.

- e. To consider letter from ACTION with communities in Cumbria, re; Emergency Planning, Community Resilience and Neighbourliness.
- f. Application for funding for the Burneside Residents Association 'Kid's Club'.

19/136 Date for meetings during 2020:

The following dates were confirmed (subject to the availability of the Church Room):

(All Tuesdays at 7pm)

4th February (already booked)

10th March (already booked)

7th April

5th May Annual Meeting

2nd June

7th July

1st September

3rd November

1st December Precept Meeting

19/137 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed:

Dated: