

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Gayle Howarth (Chairman), William Huck, Ann Hutton, Brian Ridyard, Pennie Ridyard, Derrick Wade and Ian Walker, eight members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Nigel Byrom and PCSO Hayley Newman.

The meeting commenced with a presentation by Dr Mike Sturt of South Cumbria Rivers Trust. This related to proposals for the future of the Bowston Weir, as part of the River Kent Restoration Strategy. The weir had been damaged two years ago and Croppers PLC, as owners, had paid for its repair. Correspondence had already been received from a resident of the area on this issue.

A number of questions were asked following the presentation and a public 'drop-in' is to be held shortly, which will be widely advertised, so that residents can be kept up to date with developments.

18/21 Public participation:

- a. It was suggested that the Council should monitor the payments made in respect of the Millennium Green. The Clerk agreed to contact the contractor.
- b. The bus shelter at Steeles Road is in a very poor condition. The Council are in the process of addressing this issue.

18/22 Requests for Dispensations: None.

18/23 Declarations of Interest:

Councillors Howarth and Wade declared an interest in any matters relating to the Burneside Residents Association, as members of the committee.

18/24 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2018, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman, with three amendments which will be recorded as an addendum to the minutes and signed at the next meeting.

18/25 Police Report:

The Clerk read the Police Report. There had been no crimes reported in Burneside over the past month but residents are alerted to a scam which has currently left elderly people withdrawing large amounts of money from their bank accounts. Crime prevention advice was given. PCSO Hayley Newman is following up requests for yellow lines outside the Bryce Institute and she has reported the potholes on Howgill Close again.

18/26 Correspondence:

This had all been dealt with under specific headings.

18/27 County and District matters: None.

18/28 Sub-groups of the Council/Representatives:

- a. **Traffic Management.** Councillors Huck and Hutton are now leading on this. The Chairman gave a brief update on current issues. Bridge Street has had temporary repairs and work has now started on the replacing of Ford Bridge.
- b. **Flood Action.** There is not a lot to report at present. The Flood Action Plan is being dealt with by the Burneside Residents Association.
- c. **Bryce Institute.** The minutes of the committee are now being sent to the Council and the Clerk has circulated them.
- d. **Lakes Line Rail User Group/Community Rail Partnership.** Roger Leather has carried out regular surveys of Burneside Station and copies of his reports have been circulated to Councillors. Passenger numbers have increased, although the number of locals using the service has declined. The Council was assured that there are currently no plans for the re-siting of the station. The thanks of the Council are recorded for all the work that has been done.
- e. **Footpaths.** Councillor Walker and Dr Stewart Menzies reported on negotiations with adjacent landowners to open up the underpass on the footpath from Burneside to the A591 and onwards. A map of the area referred to was circulated to Councillors.

18/29 Abandoned Neighbourhood Plan:

Councillor Ridyard said there is not a lot to report at present. She acknowledged the help given by former Councillor, John McCurdie in getting together information on the abandoned Neighbourhood Plan. A Freedom of Information request has been made to Erimax, as this firm carried out most of the work on the plan.

18/30 Parish Council website:

Councillors Howarth and Ridyard had visited A2A in Milnthorpe this week and the website will be up and running in a couple of weeks.

18/31 Finance:

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

Bryce Institute	£9.00	Hire of room
HMRC	£496.91	PAYE
K M Price	£107.95	Additional salary (February)
Chris Rabone House and Gardens Ltd	£72.00	Litter pick/leaf clearance (Millennium Green)

- b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. Mrs Pat Turton has agreed to be the Council's Internal Auditor and it was unanimously resolved to appoint her and to offer an annual honorarium of £50.

- d. It was resolved to query the recent invoices for work carried out on the Millennium Green, as this work had apparently not been authorised and, in general, there had been no such work carried out during the winter months in recent years.

18/32 Planning:

- a. *The following comments, submitted to the Planning Authority, since the last meeting, were noted:*

SL/2018/0018 6 Meadow Close, Bowston. Single storey front extension. Approval recommended.

SL/2018/0106 Land off Burneside Road. Field off Burneside Road. Installation of a 12.5m mini macro monopole supporting 3no. antennas at the top of the column on a headframe, 1no. Transmission dish, 3 no. equipment cabinets at ground level, 1no. meter cabinet and ancillary development thereto including a 1.2m high timber post and rail stock proof fence. Refusal recommended.

- b. *The following application was considered and approval was recommended:*

SL/2018/0136 1 Kent Bank, Bowston. Erection of detached dwelling and garage (revised scheme SL/2017/1010)

18/33 Burneside Residents Association:

Councillor Howarth reported on the very successful Community Day held on 24th February, as a result of which the Association is now only £350 short of the amount required for a defibrillator, after grants received are taken into consideration.

18/34 Litter in Burneside:

The Clerk reported correspondence from Mrs Sue Shiels regarding specific problems with litter in the village and the Chairman has been in touch with Mark Cropper in order to agree action.

18/35 General Data Protection Regulation:

Councillor Hutton had attended the one day course arranged by CALC last week and summarised the main points. This will need to be an agenda item at each meeting, as compliance with the new laws is gradually achieved. A Data Protection Officer must be appointed in all Parish Councils but it is not yet clear whether the Clerk can be trained for this, or if an outside body will have to be appointed. The new Regulation becomes law on 25th May 2018.

18/36 Hagg Foot Bridge:

Nothing has changed in the past six months and the issue is still being investigated.

18/37 Digest of minutes:

Councillor Huck agreed to be responsible for the digest this month.

18/38 Open Forum:

- a. Councillor Hutton asked if there was any possibility that a bus shelter could be erected opposite the Church as this would be more convenient for residents of Gowan Lea. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting and in the meantime to enquire as to cost, etc.
- b. It was agreed to consider repairs etc to the Steeles Row bus shelter at the next meeting as a matter of urgency. A quotation for this work will be sought.
- c. Councillor Wade reported on a recent incident in the village when an emergency vet had to be called out to deal with a sick horse.
- d. Councillor Huck reported that heavy goods vehicles have been turning opposite Holme Houses and have caused damaged to the grass verge there. He agreed to contact SLDC to check if the land belongs to them, so that action may be taken.
- e. Councillor Wade reported on the dangerous state of the fence and the hedge at the play area. He had reported this to the Anglers Inn Trust and will do so again. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- f. Signage to Croppers PLC remains a problem for vehicles travelling down Hollins Lane. The Chairman is meeting Mark Cropper soon and will discuss this with him.
- g. It was agreed to make 'transport to the mill' an agenda item for the next meeting.

18/39 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Dated: