

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Tonia Armer, Julie Huck, Stephen Roberts and Derrick Wade, and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Trish Holt. Westmorland & Furness Councillor Ali Jama and one member of the public arrived at 7.20pm.

23/55 Public participation:

This took place later in the meeting, under 'Open Forum'.

23/56 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/57 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

23/58 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th June 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/59 Council Vacancies:

There had been two informal expressions of interest in recent weeks. If those involved send the Clerk a short email to confirm their interest, co-option can then be an agenda item for the next meeting. A post will also be put on the local social media page to advertise vacancies.

23/60 Updates:

Councillor William Huck reported as follows:

- a. There has not yet been time to organise a meeting regarding a potential Play Park project, this will be discussed with Councillor Holt.
- b. Emergency Plan - completed with amendments from stakeholders and has been sent to CALC to upload to Resilience Direct. A redacted version will be put on the website and stakeholders notified.
- c. Still no response has been received from South Lakes Housing regarding the damaged walls on Hall Road, W&F Community Officer Gill Holmes has been asked for advice.
- d. A litter bin on the mill footpath is not allowed due to safety issues regarding emptying, but W&F has said they will keep an eye on the area.
- e. A meeting has taken place with Gill Holmes in the village and she is helping with the missing railings opposite the Chip Shop and the Chapel Field steps issue.
- f. The pot hole on Ford Bridge was reported.
- g. The blocked drains on Hall Road were reported.

- h. Information regarding the Hedgehog Highway Project was included in the newsletter and the school also contacted regarding putting a 'hedgehog hole' in the fence.
- i. Free dog fouling signs have been received from the LDNPA; these will be put up at issue areas; depending on need more could also be requested.
- j. The D-Day celebration information had been sent to the school.
- k. The Parish Handyman has tidied up in front of the old toilet block, repaired and stained benches, amongst other things.
- l. A meeting regarding the 'pothole emergency' was attended, as well as the Code of Conduct meeting and CALC District Association meeting. Councillor William Huck is also now the Vice Chairman of our District Association.
- m. Councillor William Huck, Councillor Armer and John Peatfield had pulled Himalayan Balsam around the watercourse that runs through the Cricket Club.
- n. Councillor William Huck and Councillor Holt had submitted items for the CALC Annual Review.

Councillor Wade reported that the sewage has been overflowing on to Steeles Row again.

23/61 Reports:

Councillor Jama engaged with the Council in discussion on a number of topics, including Highways and offered helpful advice.

23/62 Finance:

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

HMRC	£629.93	PAYE
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- b. The revised Interim Accounts for 2022-23 had been circulated and these were noted. The Clerk had enlisted some additional help in finalising these and it was agreed he would arrange for an honorarium to be paid for the work involved. A copy of these accounts had been submitted to the External Auditor.
- c. It was resolved to make a contribution of £1,500 to Burneside Residents Association, towards the purchase of food vouchers.
- d. The following contracted payments had been made since the last meeting and these were approved by the Council:

S Wilson – handyman	£29.49
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Chris Rabone – maintenance	£204.00
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SELRAP – annual subscription	£15.00
William Huck – Councillor's expenses	£30.98
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- Litter bin emptying	£756.00
S Wilson – handyman	£98.77
Clerk’s salary – July	£651.87
Clerk’s salary – August	£651.87
M B Digital – photocopier	£33.60
Information Commissioner’s Office	£35.00
- Annual subscription	

There has been no income during this period.

23/63 Planning: None.

23/64 Civility and Respect Pledge:

The Chairman had printed out the Certificate, verifying that this Council has signed up to the Civility & Respect Pledge. This will now be placed on the website. It was felt that further available training is not required at present and the original training material will be resent to Councillors.

23/65 Former toilet block:

The condition of the former toilet block has been a long-standing concern of the Council. It is now in a very dilapidated condition and reflects badly on the village generally, as well as being an eyesore to anyone holding an event at St Oswald’s Church. Information had been sent to the Council regarding reporting it as an eyesore in the community, this will be looked into further before moving down this route.

23/66 Defibrillator for Bowston:

If a defibrillator is installed at Bowston, assuming a suitable site can be found, volunteers would be required to carry out the regular checks on it. Councillor William Huck will organise for a notice to go in the newsletter. Councillor Armer will also ask the Brewery about the possibility of siting a defibrillator there.

23/67 D-Day 80 Celebrations:

This would be held on 6th June 2024, with the lighting of a beacon at 9.15pm. The idea was supported by a member of the Residents Association but the question would be ‘where could a Beacon be lit’; the local landowner will be contacted to begin with and take things from there.

23/68 Pollinator Pledge:

It was agreed to make this pledge as it is felt the Parish is already doing things to support this and can build on this.

23/69 Correspondence:

- a. The Clerk had enquired (minute 23//53a refers) about the use of the SID (Speed Indicator Device) with Staveley & Ings Parish Council, where it is planned to use it in early October. This Council is welcome to use it towards the end of October.
- b. Dog fouling at Bonningate had been reported to the Clerk, this has been reported to W&F and it was felt one of the new signs should be placed here.
- c. A local church had asked for advice regarding installing and managing a defibrillator.
- d. Two road closures for United Utilities work had been issued; it transpired that these were incorrect and should not have been issued.
- e. The main mill entrance is now open again.

23/70 Open Forum:

The following matters were mentioned:

- a. Forthcoming meeting with Croppers PLC et al.
- b. Issues with the new roundabout at Kentrigg were raised. This is not in Burneside Parish but the Clerk will contact the appropriate officers at W&F Council to report the concerns.
- c. Recent legislation for 20mph speed limits to be introduced by W&F. It was resolved to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.
- d. It was pointed out that, although second homes are charged double the Council Tax, there is no benefit thereby accruing to the Parish Council.
- e. Parish Newsletter. A survey is to be conducted to ask if residents wish to continue receiving this each month, and, if so, whether online or in hard copy as at present.
- f. Dangerous kerb at the top of Hollins Lane. Councillor William Huck will contact Helen Karasslan about it and all other ongoing Highway issues.
- g. Councillor Armer suggested the Council should support 'film nights' which may be organised by the Bryce Institute.
- h. Councillor Armer asked if a set figure could be given to maintain planters rather than volunteers having to send receipts of purchased plants etc.
- i. Councillor Armer suggested that in order for verges to improve for pollinators, grass cuttings really need to be removed by the Council after cutting to reduce nutrients etc.

23/71 Meeting dates:

The following provisional dates were listed:

Tuesday 7th November 2023

Tuesday 5th December 2023 – this will be the Precept Meeting

Tuesday 13th February 2024

Tuesday 2nd April 2024

Tuesday 7th May 2024 – this will be the Annual Meeting

All at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed:

Dated: