

In May 2022 I took on the role of Chairman for a second year, the Council also continued without a Vice-Chairman for this past year. The Parish Council seems to get busier and busier and it has become ever difficult to juggle the time that is required for this role, along with my job and family farm. With local government reorganisation (LGR) resulting in the new Westmorland and Furness Council, which covers a much larger area, it is more important than ever to have a local Council working on the ground for the people it represents.

I would like to thank Kevin, who is always at my side helping me navigate the confusing world of local council and ensuring we do things as well as we can here at Burneside PC, particularly during these last 12 months which haven't been the easiest for you Kevin.

My thanks must also go to the Parish Councillors who continue to undertake this voluntary role which is certainly not the easiest! We continue to be short of Councillors, currently by 5, which makes the role ever harder. I hope that new relationships and joint projects with others in the last 12 months will enthuse others to take on a role in their local community.

I would also like to thank the District and County Councillors, who have provided much help and support to us here in Burneside. I would also like to welcome the new Westmorland and Furness Councillor Ali and hope to work collaboratively with you going forward.

#### What has the Parish Council achieved in the past 12 months?

- Regularly reporting of issues to CCC and SLDC (now Westmorland and Furness).
- A new planter was installed at Bowston.
- New signs were installed at the Play Park as per SLDC request.
- A large amount of time was spent on working up a traffic plan to cover various issues in the Parish, however, due to LGR this was put on hold by CCC.
- Jubilee Mugs were given to the school children.
- A Jubilee Beacon was lit.
- A Jubilee tree was planted at Holme Houses, thanks to Judith Notley and Stan Wilson for doing this.
- £250 grant was awarded to the Residents Association to help them with the children's activities that they run.
- Stewart Menzies, Roger Leather and John Peatfield have continued to do fantastic work on the footpaths, railway and biodiversity.
- Remembrance Soldiers were purchased and displayed outside the church.
- The Pollinator Project has continued with Councillor Armer planting further plants and bulbs.
- Hedgehog signs were purchased and given out to residents.
- Grant funding was achieved jointly with the Residents Association to help them continue their fantastic work surrounding food poverty.
- The defibrillator at Sprint Holme was updated.

- Surveying was undertaken for the Clean River Kent Campaign, the PC also made a donation to this project.
- A Parish Handyman was employed, big thanks to Stan Wilson for taking on this role.
- Any reports of damage at the Play Park are continued to be passed through to the Anglers Trust.
- A Community Plan meeting was held which was well attended. This has resulted in ideas and issues been gathered and put into a working document.
- A Councillor Vacancy flyer was created and distributed.
- United Utilities have continued to be chased regarding sewage issues in the village, it is hoped this project should be beginning soon.
- Work has been undertaken and is ongoing with others in the flood group on the flooding response in the village.
- A contribution was made to the Residents Association towards their annual Christmas Tree and lighting event.
- A new community noticeboard has been commissioned for Hollins Lane.
- The entry signs were finally installed, a big thanks to Ian Nicholson for installing these for us.
- Work on the new Emergency Plan is ongoing.
- The footpath around the Mill and other areas have been reported to Croppers PLC, it is hoped improvements will now be undertaken.
- Coronation Mugs were purchased and given to the school children.
- Several nominations for the Dapper Dick award led to 2 awards been presented to Mr and Mrs Gibson for their annual Christmas display and Liz Bingham and June Hill for their hard work in the community and church.
- £8,000 was awarded to Burneside Cricket Club to help them develop and repair their clubhouse facilities.
- £2,000 was awarded to Burneside Bowling Club to help them construct a spectator stand.

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