

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Tonia Armer, Trish Holt, Julie Huck and Derrick Wade, five members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Keith Tondeur and received from District Councillor Pat Bell.

#### **22/91 Public participation:**

- a. Judith Notley updated the Council on plans to have the Parish Map reprinted; it was proving difficult as there is not a digital copy of the original map. Discussions have led to the idea of installing interpretation boards explaining flora, fauna and historical information, possibly incorporating a 'parish trail'. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- b. John Peatfield gave some background to the Bowston Weir removal. The Biodiversity group and local residents still have a number of concerns including the amount of stone/sediment that has moved downstream, including building rubble. This has led to an increase in the riverbed height; the mitigation works were supposed to limit/slow the movement. The changes to the riverbed have had a negative impact on biodiversity, affecting insect life and crayfish. The siting of the fence next to the area is also an issue as an insufficient width has been left; the replacement tree planting has also not yet been undertaken. South Cumbria Rivers Trust has offered a site meeting in the spring and this will be important. John Peatfield notified the Council that he has now retired from leading on the weir issues; the Council thanked him for his hard work on the matter and it was agreed the Parish Council would continue to pass on concerns and issues to SCRT as received. John will however continue his work with the Biodiversity group and would like to set up a mini-conference with stakeholders in the spring to look at biodiversity opportunities in the parish.

**22/92 Requests for Dispensations** None.

#### **22/93 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillors Holt and Wade declared an interest, as members of the Burneside Residents Association committee, should any relevant matters be discussed.

#### **22/94 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **22/95 Council Vacancies:**

The Clerk reported that one enquiry had been received and it was hoped this would proceed to the co-option of a new Councillor at the next meeting. A Councillor vacancy flyer was also distributed to households with the newsletter.

**22/96 County and District Councillor's Reports:** None.

**22/97 Updates:**

Councillor William Huck reported as follows:

- a. Highways: After speaking to CCC Highways it has been confirmed that projects the Parish Council would like to take forward are on hold due to Local Government Reorganisation; these projects will now have to be considered once the new Westmorland and Furness Council is operational. The village entry signs and the extra warning signs at Bowston should go forward as these were processed by CCC in time. This means that any potential works for Bonningate, Burneside and Plantation Bridge are on hold.
- b. The Council had received a response regarding the paper waste odour which had been reported. The Mill is not expected to undertake any desludging in the coming months and there are no odour concerns.
- c. Councillors attended a meeting with Croppers PLC/Anglers Trust representatives and the following items were discussed:
  - Play park- concerns and issues were passed on.
  - Mill rear entrance- concerns regarding the damaged wall were raised.
  - Area in front of tanks building- it was agreed the Council could ask if the Handyman could tidy this area.
  - Footpath around the Mill- The damaged fencing is due to be renewed.
  - Mill signage- Concerns were passed on and this would be looked at.
  - Flood plan- It is likely that areas could be found for storage of items such as sandbags.
- d. The damaged walls on Hall Road have been reported and South Lakes Housing have put them down for repair.
- e. The verges damaged during the fibre broadband works have been reported, but no response has been received.
- f. The overgrown hedge at the end of Churchill Court has been reported and CCC will ask that it is cut back.
- g. Handyman: No response has been received from CCC regarding undertaking works that come under their responsibility. Any suitable jobs will continue to be passed on to the Handyman and Councillor William Huck will arrange to meet with him in the village soon.
- h. The broken railings opposite the Chippy have been reported to CCC.
- i. A2A has been asked to add a safety certificate to the Parish Council website as there have been some issues accessing the website reported.
- j. Emergency Plan has not yet been completed, but is a priority.
- k. The Civility and Respect Pledge had been completed, the Clerk will follow this up.
- l. The Defibrillator is finally back up to date, the software update was completed and the new pads arrived.
- m. The tree at Holme Houses, in memory of the late Queen has been planted.
- n. Progress has been made with re-registering the shop on the Community Asset List with SLDC.

- o. The outstanding grant money in the accounts has been calculated and will be easier to manage going forward.

Councillor Armer reported that native bulbs had been planted around the parish; the Council gave their thanks and look forward to spring.

Councillor Wade reported that a parked car at the bottom of Hollins Lane was causing issues and will action this. He also asked if the Handyman could regularly clean/brush the bus shelter and surrounding pavements. Councillor William Huck will follow this up.

Councillor Holt said the flood pumps originally purchased by the Parish Council have now gone in for repair, but that a different type of flood pump was required and needs to be considered.

### **22/98 Community Plan:**

As Councillor Tondeur was not present, it was agreed to defer this until the next meeting.

### **22/99 Finance:**

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

SLDC	£750.66	Street lighting
HMRC	£743.25	PAYE
K M Price	£366.40	Backpay to 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 (Pay Award)
Burneside Residents Association		
	£1,000.00	Grant for Christmas activities
Burneside PCC	£1,650.17	Newsletter, toilet provision, wifi, community fridge, hire of room.
Andrew Thould	£60.00	Bus shelter cleaning (to note)
Chris Rabone	£168.00	Grasscutting (Millennium Green)
Chris Rabone	£180.00	Grasscutting
S Wilson	£63.00	Handyman
RBL	£75.00	Remembrance wreath and donation
Wel Medical Ltd	£55.08	Defibrillator maintenance
Stramongate Press		
	£84.00	Flyers for distribution

- b. It was resolved to pay for the service/repair of the flood pumps when the invoice arrives. There will also be an agenda item at the next meeting regarding purchasing new flood pumps.
- c. An application for grant funding from Burneside Residents Association, for Christmas tree/lights, had been received and it was resolved to contribute £1,000 towards this.

- d. The possibility of providing a community noticeboard at the Hollins Lane Bus Shelter area was discussed. The Chairman agreed to contact Gill Holmes of CCC regarding siting it on the existing posts and The Sign Man to ask for likely costs.
- e. The External Auditor's Report on the Council's Accounts for 2021-22 was received and considered. The only issue raised was that unpresented cheques had been included, whereas if these are over six months old, should be written back into the account. The Auditor had noted that the Council is currently revising its Asset Register and this should be confirmed at next year's audit.
- f. The recent Pay Award for Clerks was noted and it was agreed to pay the appropriate back pay to 1st April 2022 and to amend the bank Standing Orders.
- g. The Budget Report, prepared by the Clerk, was considered and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council/Westmorland Furness Council in the sum of £27,784 for the financial year 2023-24. There is therefore again no increase in the parish element of the Council Tax.

### **22/100 Planning:**

(The Chairman suspended Standing Orders briefly in order to allow a member of the public to speak.)

*The following application was considered:*

SL/2022/0992 Station Yard, Burneside. Siting of up to 21 self storage containers on the existing B1/B8 storage site (Resubmission of SL/2022/0255).

It was resolved to ask SLDC for clarification as to the status of previous applications at this location.

It was resolved to recommend refusal of the application for several reasons including those submitted previously.

### **22/101 Open Forum:**

- a. It was agreed to make 'Dapper Dick Award' an agenda item for the next meeting. One nomination has already been received and others should be submitted in time for this meeting.
- b. It was suggested that a larger grass buffer could be left on the Willink Field when the grass is cut for biodiversity, this can be discussed with the grass cutter in spring.
- c. Correspondence had been received as follows:

-The recent fencing of the footpath at Bowston Weir is narrow and dangerous, and a member of the public has contacted CCC.

- The parking of a car at the Chapel Field steps is very dangerous as can hardly be seen when dark.
- The state of the footpath between Burneside and Bowston has been raised again, Councillor William Huck will take pictures and report to CCC.

**22/102 Dates for meetings during 2023:**

*The following provisional dates for meetings during 2023 were agreed:*

*(all Tuesdays)*

7th February

4th April

16th May (Annual Meeting)

4th July

5th September

7th November

5th December (Precept Meeting)

*(these dates can be flexible and adjusted during the year, if required)*

**22/103 Date of the next meeting:**

***Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.***

*The meeting closed at 8.45pm*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*