

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Tonia Armer, Julie Huck, Judith Notley, Keith Tondeur and Derrick Wade, County Councillor Stan Collins, District Councillors Pat Bell and Hazel Hodgson, six members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Paul Senior.

All Councils had recently been advised by CALC on the procedure for submitting apologies for non-attendance at Council meetings. Apologies must be submitted to the Clerk, in writing (email is acceptable) and must give a reason for absence. The Council must then agree whether to accept them and record this (but not the reason) in the minutes.

**21/120 Public participation:**

- a. John Peatfield updated the Council on Planning Application SL/2021/0817 (Bowston Weir). The submissions that will be made by the Biodiversity and Sustainability Group were outlined. The group have spoken with Cumbria Wildlife Trust and the Freshwater Habitat Trust to help inform submissions. The importance of the upstream wetland habitat was reiterated and the new net gains calculations questioned. The potential for a nature reserve covering the wetland area was introduced. It is important that the amount of local opposition is noted and that the Council request the application goes to committee. Councillor Bell reminded the Council that she had called this application in and would expect it to be considered by committee.
- b. Councillor Hodgson mentioned the overhanging trees on the road towards Carus Green; Councillor Senior had already reported these. Councillor Wade said he would contact CCC the following day.

**21/121 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**21/122 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Will Huck declared an interest as a School Governor, Councillor Notley should any matters relating to the allotments be discussed and Councillor Wade for his involvement with the Burneside Residents Association.

**21/123 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman, with the amendment that minute 21/76c of the 1st June 2021 meeting should be amended to read:

'The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement'

### **21/124 Council Vacancies:**

There had been no firm expressions of interest yet in the four vacancies. Advertisement will continue. Amanda Shaw has kindly updated the vacancy notice for the newsletter.

### **21/125 County and District Councillor's Reports:**

- a. Councillor Bell said that the name for the new unitary Authority in 2023 will be 'Westmorland and Furness'. The legal procedures are to go before parliament early next year. Things are changing constantly.
- b. Councillor Hodgson said that cycling and walking are priorities at SLDC at present. The number of Councillors in the new unitary Authority will be considerably less than at present.
- c. Councillor Collins mentioned the CCC Pension Fund, the Fire Service and the corporate memory of all the Authorities that will cease to exist in 2023, are all issues currently being considered.  
A meeting is to be held next week to consider speeding issues on the B5284 and representatives from this Council, Crook and Winster Parish Council, as well as County and District Councillors, Police and CCC Highways will be present.

### **21/126 Updates:**

*Councillor Notley reported as follows:*

- a. Plans are going ahead for the planting of an apple tree in the churchyard by school children on 11<sup>th</sup> November.
- b. The allotments are making good progress; the trees from the Woodlands Trust are delayed.
- c. There is a concerted effort to clean up the River Kent, including getting a bathing water designation.

Councillor Armer explained the effort to clean up the River Kent may include water sampling by local volunteers to gather evidence. This may be something that the Parish Council could help fund at the time.

Councillor Wade said that the overhanging trees at Hall Park had been dealt with and the paths tidied up, however the requested handrail has not been installed.

*Councillor Huck reported as follows:*

- a. Burneside and Bowston Entry Signs - agreement has been signed and sent back to CCC, although they may struggle to undertake the work for some time and it may be quicker if we hire our own installation contractor. Councillor Will Huck will investigate.
- b. Traffic Plan- there is a meeting with CCC Highways next week to look at the Crook Road issues.
- c. Hall Road Litter Bin - SLDC Locality is no longer replying and this will not be chased any further.

- d. Play Park- The play equipment and block paving have been repaired, the Anglers Trust are just waiting for a few more small repairs. Councillor Will Huck is in the process of ordering the new signs for the park.
- e. Bowston - Councillors had a walk around the village and met a resident who has kindly agreed to help look after a new planter. This has been ordered from the Chairman's allowance. The damaged road and pavement surfaces on Meadow Close have been reported to CCC Highways. Councillor Julie Huck will contact the owner of the old garage again.
- f. The removal of the redundant metal posts at the bottom of Hollins Lane has been requested.
- g. The Parish Council planters have been cut back and bulbs planted for spring.
- h. The overgrowth on the Hall Road footpath was reported to the land owner and CCC.
- i. The SLDC Local Plan Review response was submitted.

### **21/127 Finance:**

- a. The Clerk updated the Council with the current state of the finances. All payments made were approved. At the Precept Meeting next month, full details will be supplied.
- b. An application for funding from the Millennium Green Trust was considered and it was resolved to make a grant of £1,640.
- c. It was resolved to update the Council's grant application forms. The Chairman and Clerk will deal with this and also upload them to the website.
- d. Allotments: Councillor Notley said the majority of the funding is now in place. £750 is awaited from Councillor Hodgson's allowance and the Clerk will follow this up. The Council agreed to provide the remaining £750 for the fencing works.

### **21/128 Burneside Residents Association:**

Councillor Tondeur reported that he does not think he should be updating the Parish Council on behalf of the Residents Association any longer. He reported that local residents are very thankful to the Residents Association for their flood prevention efforts.

### **21/129 Possible help with Parish Council work:**

It has been noted on numerous occasions recently just how much the workload for both Councillors and Clerks has increased, following the pandemic. This is especially true in the vast quantity of emails being received every day; the Clerk has tried to filter these somewhat but the Chairman's workload has become extremely heavy.

It was agreed there is no easy answer to this, but Councillors should be aware of it and try to help ease it whenever possible.

**21/130 Memorial bench:**

This project is almost complete and the Clerk produced the Memorandum of Agreement between CCC and this Council, for Councillors Julie Huck and Will Huck to sign on behalf of the Council, as previously agreed.

An exact location plan is required and Councillor Will Huck will make contact with Sue Batty to agree on the details.

**21/131 SLDC Asset Register:**

The village shop has been removed from the SLDC Asset Register and it was resolved to apply for this status again.

**21/132 Village Directory:**

This project has now been taken over by 'The Hub'.

**21/133 Village Handy Person:**

Councillor Tondeur is leading on this. Issues requiring discussion at a future meeting include advertising for the post and managing any contractors thus recruited.

**21/134 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons:**

An email from a resident had suggested whether the Council considers if setting fire to a beacon is such a good idea given climate change. However, the Council agreed that it was a very special event and it would be looked into by Councillor Will Huck.

**21/135 Planning:**

*The following application was considered:*

SL/2021/0817 Bowston Weir, Bowston. Removal of the existing weir structure and associated fish passes, the installation of a 'nature-like' rock ramp downstream of the weir location, with associated scour protection along the toe of the existing wall on the right bank of the river, and the excavation of a 'proto-channel' extending 140 m upstream of the rock ramp.

The Council will endorse the submissions made from the Biodiversity and Sustainability Group, note the level of local opposition and ask that the application is heard at committee.

### **21/137 Complaint against the Council:**

Burnside Residents Association had submitted a complaint against the Council and details had been circulated to all Councillors. No further documents were submitted by either party.

Items listed in the complaint were discussed with strong opinions expressed. The Chairman reminded Councillors that any media submissions should be checked by him first.

The Residents Association requested that they have a specific agenda item on future agendas to give reports as required. The Clerk agreed to seek advice from CALC regarding the bringing of reports by community groups to Council meetings and the manner in which they should be listed on the agenda.

### **21/138 Open Forum:**

- a. The LCWIP consultation is now open.
- b. The Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Sunday will be laid by Councillor Will Huck will on behalf of the Council.
- c. The Dapper Dick Award is deferred until the December meeting.
- d. The wall at Bowston Bridge has been reported to Councillor Will Huck who will investigate.
- e. On 28th November, the Residents Association Christmas tree lights will be switched on. The Clerk agreed to ask if the Police could offer any help with traffic issues from 4.30pm on that day.

### **21/139 Meeting dates for 2022:**

*The following dates were provisionally agreed:*

1st February  
1st March  
5th April  
3rd May                      Annual Meeting  
7th June  
5th July  
6th September  
1st November  
6th December              Precept Meeting

### **21/140 Date of the next meeting:**

***Tuesday 7th December 2021 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room  
(This will be the Precept Meeting)***

*The meeting closed at 9pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*