



Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held on St Oswald's Church Room on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Phil Alder, Tonia Armer, Jennifer Harrison, Julie Huck, Stephen Roberts, and Derrick Wade, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Councillor Peter Thornton (Cabinet Member for Highways, IT, and Ferry) addressed the Council and gave a presentation on the areas of work carried out by Westmorland & Furness Highways.

A number of questions were asked and responded to, and the discussion covered many concerns and interests Councillors have over Highway issues. These included:

- Faded road markings.
- The riverbank area fenced off with barriers at Sprint Holme.
- Collapsed wall on Potter Fell Road.
- Protruding kerbs on Hollins Lane.
- The potential Northern Relief Road.
- Monitoring of types and volumes of traffic on the route from the A6 to A591.
- 20mph scheme and other associated works in Burneside.

Council Vacancies: It was resolved to co-opt Tracy Dale and Sally Gibson to the Council, both having submitted application forms which has been circulated to all Councillors. They each signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Updates:

- The Fundraiser for Breast Cancer held at the Church had been a great success.
- Councillors Julie and Will Huck will attend the Community Resilience Conference.
- The barriers at Sprint Holme had been reported for an update.
- The Clerk had emailed Ellergreen re the spraying on Sharps Lane reported at the last meeting.
- W&F Council has said the line painting will hopefully begin in September.
- Expired defibrillator pads were replaced at Sprint Holme.
- The Village Sports organised by the Play Park group took place but the weather was not the best, the next event is a Line Dancing evening.
- Old Toilet Block- A response from W&F was received after they had been chased up; the case has been closed by W&F with no further action.
- A hedgehog had been squashed on Hall Road, one of the remaining warning signs will be put up.
- Hall Road Footpath- There is going to be a meeting with Croppers et al re outstanding issues, but one of the wall gaps has been put up.
- W&F website- Councillor details are still not correct, W&F will be chased.
- Emergency Plan - this will be updated now that Councillor changes are completed.
- Councillors Julie and Will Huck will attend the CALC AGM.
- Some jobs are still outstanding including final website change over, roadside cutting information request and putting up the last anti-car littering signs.

Highways:

- Councillor Roberts had reported large vehicles using the back road which had been reported by Councillor Harrison and a request for signage submitted to W&F.
- A Private Works Agreement has been received from W&F, for poles to be installed, that a Speed Indicator Device (SID) would be attached to, although it is unclear if this project will now be taken forward. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.



Burneside Church & Community Newsletter



Dear Friends,

This summer I walked the first 67 kilometres of the Camino de Santiago - Frances – the famous pilgrimage route across Northern Spain that stretches for some 800 kilometres. It's a journey I've wanted to make for almost 10 years, so it was very exciting to finally begin. I started in France in St. Jean Pied-de-Port and paused the journey (for now) in Pamplona where I hope to return and continue walking on from Pamplona to Burgos next year. This initial stretch is known for being challenging, featuring a significant climb over the Pyrenees mountains via the Napoleon Route to reach Roncesvalles. It certainly felt like the road was relentlessly heading uphill for the first two days of walking!! In one sense, I have only just begun; in another, I have already walked a whole pilgrimage.

The Camino is made of small steps: dusty roads, quiet paths, steep climbs and occasional storms. It's also made of companions- people from across the world, walking at different speeds, with different stories, but sharing the same road. There were moments of silence, moments of laughter and moments of aching feet and tired shoulders, as well as one moment of utter despair at the end of a long wet walking day where I couldn't find a bed for the night! I worked that one out in the end but there were tears that day! Through it all there was a sense of God walking with me. At some of the hostels you stay in along the way, the host will gather the pelegrinos (pilgrims) together and ask them to share their stories about why they are walking this pilgrimage. One host, Josef, asked us to sum up our reason/journey into something that could be a title for a book. I said "God has walked with me through fire and brought me here." Maybe I should write that book one day.

That has been my experience of God. I have known him to walk with me through all sorts of fires during my life and to bring me safely through. On the Camino, I was reminded that God can speak through the thunder in the storms and also the still small voice in the morning, guiding, comforting and leading, He doesn't wait for us at the finish line, but walks with us in every step.

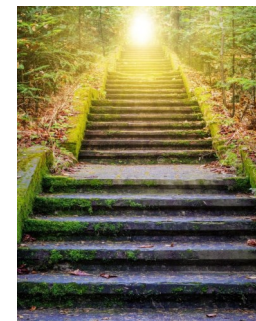
And so it is with life. We may not all travel to Santiago, but each of us is on a pilgrimage, through the joys and struggles of daily life, through the questions, prayers, and hopes of faith.

Our parish life together is its own Camino; a journey we share, helping one another along the way, offering welcome, encouragement and bread for the road.

In those 67 kilometres I was reminded again of the sacredness of small steps. Each step brings us nearer to God, whether it feels like it at the time or not. A prayer whispered, a kindness offered, a hand held in grief. These are pilgrim steps, every bit as important as the grander milestones. May we walk this pilgrimage together, listening for God's voice – sometimes in the thunder, often in whispers and trusting that he walks beside us guiding us home.

Blessings

Michelle x



St.OSWALD'S CHURCH OCTOBER SERVICES

5th Evening Worship 4pm
12th Holy Communion 11am
19th Morning Worship 11am
26th Holy Communion 11am



4th November All-Souls Service 4pm

• *there will be a sheet in the corridor for people to add their loved one's names to be remembered at the service*



Weekly Evening Prayers at St.Oswald's Church

Tuesdays @ 5.30pm in the Chapel

Book of Common Prayer
Communion in The Lady Chapel
every Wednesday 9.30am

KENDAL BOOK FAIR



A new event for the town!

Meet local independent authors and see their books

Opportunity to browse and buy signed copies

Saturday 18th October, 10 – 4
STRICKLANDGATE HOUSE

Free entry and refreshments

If there is anything you would like putting in the newsletter please email amanda@dashaw.co.uk by the 3rd Sunday of the month

Open Forum:

- Adopting a Sexual Harassment Policy will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- Councillor Wade mentioned the provision for cyclists on Burneside Road, particularly around Kentrigg hill, it was felt this was something he could ask W&F.

Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.



c. Councillor Harrison presented a comprehensive Highways update including the following:

- Hollins Lane village entry sign, once a Private Works Agreement is completed by W&F this will be brought back to the Council as an agenda item.
- Possible Parish SID, see above.
- Burneside Back Road to the A6, see above.
- Tim Farron's MP surgery at the pub had been attended.
- Highways reporting system - is it fit for purpose?

Finance:

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

• Chris Rabone House & Gardens Ltd	£204.00	Grounds maintenance
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• William Huck - reimbursement	£75.18	Defibrillator maintenance
• K M Price	£153.45	Backpay
• William Huck – reimbursement	£52.00	Handyman (noted)
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b. The Asset Register and Insurance is to be finalised shortly.

c. The Clerk circulated a Budget statement, for the period up to 31st August 2025, and explained the details of this.

d. The Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025-26 was noted and approved. (The Clerk at Burneside is currently employed for 12 hours weekly, at Point 22 on the Salary Scale).

Willink Field Grass Cutting: As decision for cutting, going forwards, will be taken at the next meeting once more information is available from the Football Club.

Westmorland & Furness Councillor: Councillor Jonathan Brook, Leader of the Council, had responded to this Council's enquiry made following the last meeting.

Councillor Jama's emails are being diverted to Councillor Hazel Hodgson, who will be keeping this Council updated. There is also an opportunity to invite any other Portfolio Holders to future Parish Council meetings, in order to assist the Council.

It is hoped that the situation will be resolved before long but a response from the Council will be sent.

Hollins Lane bus shelter area: Councillor Will Huck is meeting with Croppers et al to discuss outstanding points and it is hoped there will be an update after this meeting.

Bryce Institute committee: The Clerk had ascertained that, were any Councillor to become a member of the Bryce Institute committee, they would also become a Trustee. Unfortunately, no Councillors felt they had the time to give to this role, but the Clerk will ask if there is any possibility of a Councillor just attending meetings as an observer representing the Council, if this would be useful.

Correspondence:

- The Clerk will circulate 'The Good Councillor's Guide' to new Councillors and any others who require it.
- CALC – Assertion 10 'Digital & Data Compliance'. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting and the Clerk will circulate details.
- The emergency Burneside Road closure had been due to a water leak.
- Clean River Kent Campaign (CRKC) is holding a litter pick along the river from Staveley to Burneside and also a talk on septic tanks. Information is available on parish noticeboards.
- The nettles had been reported on the footpath to Bowston; the handyman had dealt with these.
- An email received regarding Neighbourhood Planning Support had been replied to.
- The M6 Lune Gorge upcoming works had been shared.
- The road closure on the back road from Bowston had been shared.
- Brown algae had been reported in the river which was reported to CRKC.

