



Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7pm.

Present were: Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Phil Alder, Tonia Armer, Tracy Dale, Jenny Harrison, Julie Huck and Derrick Wade, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hazel Hodgson, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Sally Gibson and Stephen Roberts.

Public participation: Tracy Dale gave a very full and interesting report on the Football Club, their success in the league and the possibility of promotion. She thanked the Council for their financial assistance and the works that it had helped fund along with what future improvements they hope to undertake next. Tracy has received an award for all her great work and the Council congratulated her on this. The Club now has over 50 registered players and are actively discussing a new youth team.

Updates:

- a. Croppers PLC confirmed they had asked for the uncut grass areas to be cut. The walls along the Dales Way path will be rebuilt over the coming weeks.
- b. The Bonningate noticeboard lock needs some WD40- The Clerk will action this.
- c. Flood Store Garage - Croppers are just checking some queries with their insurers.
- d. A response from Ellergreen Estate regarding tree removal on Sharps Lane was read out and accepted. Councillor Alder had also looked into TPO's for the remaining trees, although the Council could not apply for these and so wouldn't be feasible.
- e. Road closures shared.
- f. Bin collection changes info shared.
- g. Some Staveley back road potholes filled.
- h. 20mph response submitted.
- i. Planning responses sent.
- j. The approach to the Station was visited by Councillors and will be discussed with Roger Leather.
- k. Plants for the planters were purchased from the Church Plant Sale, these will be planted soon.
- l. CALC meetings attended.
- m. EA future flood prevention works meeting attended.
- n. A brief update was given on behalf of John Peatfield re post Bowston Weir removal erosion and the House Martin/ Swift project.

Finance:

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

Patricia Turton £50.00 Internal Audit – honorarium

Clear Insurance Management Ltd

£792.95 Insurance premium

Communicorp £15.50 Subscription for 'Clerks and Councils Direct'

William Huck £78.00 Reimbursement for Handyman

- b. The report from the Internal Auditor was received with thanks. There were no matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.
- c. The Clerk brought the first Budget Report for 2026-27; a few questions were asked and dealt with. The Precept for £31,000 had now been received. The Clerk will ask Roger Leather about renewing the SELRAP membership.
- d. 'Assertion 10 – Digital & Data Compliance'. The Chairman and Clerk updated the Council on progress and advice was given as to which email addresses should be used for different aspects of Councillors' work.

Dear Friends,

August often has a different rhythm. Schools are on holiday, many people take time away from work, gardens are full of colour and even those who stay at home may find life slowing down a little. It is a month that invites us to pause, to breathe and rediscover the gift of rest.

Rest isn't simply about stopping. It is also about being restored. God knows that we can't keep going endlessly without becoming tired and weary. Throughout the Bible we see that rest is part of God's loving design for our lives. Jesus himself invited those who were burdened and exhausted to come to him and find rest for their souls. In a world that often tells us our worth depends on how much we achieve, Jesus reminds us that we are loved simply because we are his.

Summer can also be a season of new beginnings. Perhaps a holiday provides space to think a little differently, or a walk in the countryside helps us to notice God's presence in creation. Maybe there are relationships to mend, habits to change or prayers we have long meant to begin. Every day with God is an opportunity to start again. His mercies are new every morning and his grace meets us exactly where we are.

One of the most wonderful truths of the Christian faith is that we can never reach the limits of God's love. If you are reading this at a time when life feels joyful, give thanks and enjoy the blessings of the season. If, however, you are finding life difficult perhaps through illness, grief, loneliness, financial pressure, uncertainty or anxiety, please know that you are not forgotten. God walks beside you, even when his presence is hard to feel. The church is here to pray for you, to listen, and to remind you that even the smallest glimmer of light can begin to overcome the deepest darkness.

As we move through August and prepare for the busyness of Autumn, may we allow God to restore our hearts, renew our strength and refresh our spirits. May we discover again that we are deeply loved by God. May the peace of Christ be with you and those you love today and always.

Blessings,

Michelle



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

**Weekly Evening Prayers
at St. Oswald's Church**
Tuesdays @ 5.30pm
in the Chapel

St. Oswald's Church

August Services

- 2nd No service
9th 11am Holy communion
16th 11am Morning worship
23rd 11am Holy communion
30th 11am team service Skelsmergh
Holy communion



Confirmation Service in the Beacon Team

This is advance notice that the Beacon Team will be hosting a Confirmation Service at St. Oswald's Burneside at 4pm on Sunday 17th January 2027 with Michael. If you or anyone you know is interested in exploring confirmation then please get in touch with Rev Michelle and she will discuss it with you.

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St. OSWALD'S DAY AUGUST 5th

Saint Oswald was a 7th-century King of Northumbria, a Christian saint, and a warrior who united his people.



- **Born around 604 AD** as the son of King Æthelfrith of Bernicia and Acha of Deira.
- **Fled into exile** to Scotland and the Isle of Iona around 616 AD after his father was killed in battle and his family lost power.
- **Converted to Christianity** while living with the monks at Iona
- **Reunited Northumbria** in 634 AD after winning the Battle of Heavenfield against the Welsh king Cadwallon.
- **Brought in Celtic Christian missionaries**, inviting St. Aidan from Iona to establish the famous monastery on Lindisfarne.
- **Acted with great generosity**, known for giving away royal food and silver plates to feed the poor.
- **Killed on August 5, 642 AD** at the Battle of Maserfield (near modern-day Oswestry) by the pagan Mercian king Penda.
- **Died praying** for the souls of his dying soldiers.
- **Venerated as a saint and martyr**, with his feast day celebrated on August 5th, and is remembered as a patron saint of soldiers, fishermen, and against storms

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Asset Register: This is in hand and the Clerk expects to publish it in time for the External Auditor's examination of the accounts on 30th June.

Highways: Councillor Harrison had submitted her report (no 7) and this will be appended to these minutes in the file. The final 20 mph proposal from Westmorland & Furness Council is to be submitted to the Locality Board for its decision (16th July 2026) to progress to statutory consultation. Other updates include:

- a. Bowston Bridge repair- W&F must secure listed consent, they hope the repair will be done in the Autumn.
- b. Road Naming for road behind Church- the next stage would be to agree a new. It was agreed there should be a public consultation which will be a project for the future.
- c. School Crossing- no further update, no response received from W&F which is frustrating.
- d. Bryce Institute drain will hopefully be repaired by the end of summer.

Graffiti: The recent spate of graffitiing that has taken place around Bowston woods and Burneside, as well as the railway bridge near Bowston woods and the barn above Cowan Head was discussed. It was agreed to report it to W&F Council as well as the local policing team. A litter bin on the Dales Way path had also been set on fire, Croppers had confirmed they will not replace this, they have also cleaned graffiti from some of their assets. The Council will ask the Handyman to have a go at removing some of the graffiti, Councillors may also need to help remove some.

It is extremely frustrating that this happened after all the hard work that has gone into trying to improve the Parish over the past several years. Anyone with information please contact the Council or Police.

Hollins Lane Bus Shelter Area: The food box seems to have been removed and there is now a space next to the bus shelter that could perhaps be used for a noticeboard or an area for a book store. This may help reduce the problems with cleaning the bus shelter due to the posters and bookshelf etc. Councillors to consider this and it will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Correspondence: All relevant shared with Councillors. A resident had been told the Kentrigg hedge would be trimmed back. The Council received a thank you from a member of the public for the High Sparrowmire planning comments that were submitted. An allotment enquiry had been dealt with.

Open Forum:

- a. The hedge on the footpath by the Vicarage requires cutting back.
- b. Curlew Recovery is active in the area and some Parish Councils are already supporting it financially.
- c. It was asked whether the Parish Council should have a Facebook page, this could be discussed in the future.

Westmorland & Furness Councillor: Councillor Hazel Hodgson assisted the Council on a number of occasions during the meeting. The Council is grateful to her for standing in when our own Ward Councillor is not present.

She also mentioned:

- a. 20mph proposal.
- b. Sprint Holme overgrown hedge; it has been reported and an Environmental Officer will take a look.
- c. Green Bins will not be collected from July onwards unless the £60 annual fee is paid. There will also be changes coming in the future for recycling.
- d. Mayoral Authority update.
- e. Small business grants available.
- f. Care home consultation running, very important that locals respond.

next meeting 8th September 7pm Church room