

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

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Phil Alder, Tonia Armer, Tracy Dale, Jennifer Harrison, Julie Huck, Stephen Roberts and Derrick Wade, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hazel Hodgson and Parish Clerk, Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Sally Gibson. Westmorland & Furness Ward Councillor Ali Jama arrived later.

Public participation: The resident who had submitted planning application 7/2025/5474 - <https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/ldnpa/application-details/84719> was in attendance (for further information see full minutes)

A resident of Sprint Holme raised concerns surrounding the overgrown hedge at the junction with the main road. Now that there are also road works and traffic lights it is even more dangerous when trying to turn out, so either the hedge needs sorting or three-way traffic lights are required. The Council has previously reported the hedge to W&F Council and it will be reported again. U.U will also be contacted re the road works/ traffic lights.

Updates:

- a. Planters are to be cut back and bulbs planted, along with a few other outstanding tasks.
- b. New website and emails are live. <https://burneside-pc.gov.uk/> Some contacts just need to be notified of the new email address. Councillor Dale kindly agreed to start updating the website.
- c. Emergency Plan- It has been updated and will be uploaded to Resilience Direct, W&F Councillor Hodgson suggested some contact additions.
- d. W&F Website- Parish Council profile. The Clerk reported that this should now be getting updated by W&F, it will be checked again in due course.
- e. CALC AGM was cancelled due to storm Amy.
- f. Byrce Institute representative - Councillor Julie Huck will attend the next meeting as a PC representative.
- g. CRKC Litter Pick- postponed till 26th October due to the weather.
- h. Attendees confirmed for a Highways meeting with W&F Councillor Peter Thornton in the village on 17th October.
- i. Attendees confirmed for a U.U site meeting on 21st October.
- j. Windermere Gateway Project - Lakes Line loop plans at Burneside of interest, but Roger Leather confirmed there was nothing firm yet and he hoped to attend one of the drop-in meetings.
- k. Councillor Alder has replaced the pads in the Church defibrillator.
- l. Water/ Gas leak in the village. Contact with residents at the time and afterwards. Feedback and issues have been sent in correspondence to U.U.
- m. Age Friendly Communities- we will invite a representative to a future PC meeting.
- n. Councillor's email addresses had been shared with each other as agreed.
- o. Ward Boundary Review - these are staying the same, and the Council's comments had been noted in both consultations and the final report.
- p. Community Governance Review - information just received, it will need to be studied and a response submitted; this is important, particularly for the Green Gap as it is likely Kendal Town Council will try a land grab, which was fought and petitioned last time.
- q. Martyn's Law - it is not thought it will affect the PC, but could affect other village groups/ clubs.
- r. Roadside cutting request completed.
- s. The broken planter at Hall Park steps was noted, Councillor Alder has taken the bulbs from it. If required, the handyman can be asked to tidy it up.

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Burneside Church & Community Newsletter

December 2025

Dear Friends,

As we approach the joy and wonder of Christmas, I have found myself reflecting on Bishop Rob's recent visit to our Deanery and the vision he shared for his new ministry among us here in the Diocese of Carlisle. His words have stayed with me—not only because they were full of warmth, gratitude, and encouragement, but because they carried the unmistakable heartbeat of the Christmas gospel: *God is with us*. God comes close, in real places, at real times, to real people. Bishop Rob spoke of wanting to be present—truly present—in the life of our churches and communities. His desire is to wander among us, to visit, to listen and to learn, so that diocesan decisions grow from the wisdom and experience of our local churches. He wants to know us and to be known, and in doing so to thank every one of you who keeps the life and worship of our churches alive. To all who read, pray, sweep, sing, ring, pour, lead, welcome, mend, give, and help—especially our volunteers—thank you. Your labour in the Lord is never wasted.

As he begins this new season of ministry, Bishop Rob asked a simple but searching question: *What is God calling us to?* His answer was equally simple—though endlessly profound: To help people meet Jesus. To help people know Him more closely. To seek the kingdom of God. To help people grow in faith. He longs to see as many praying, worshipping, serving communities as possible. Communities rooted in the truth of the Incarnation—that Jesus came to a particular village, at a particular time, among ordinary people. Our faith has a postcode. God knows and loves this place, this valley, this parish. And into it He brings hope.

Bishop Rob reminded us that we are the people God has called for this time and this place. Our village church—ordinary as it may sometimes seem—is the bride of Christ, God's chosen way of blessing the world. It is meant to be a wide-open space of welcome: a place where everyone, young and old, churched and unchurched, tidy and messy, can stumble in and discover grace. He also spoke of the wider diocesan priorities: growing younger, nurturing vocations, new ministry in Barrow and Carlisle. But above all these, he said, stands one overarching call: to raise the spiritual temperature of our county.

And how do we do that?

By remembering who we are—and whose we are.

By deepening our life of prayer.

By bringing the needs of our communities before God.

By allowing prayer not to be a list, but a place of shaping and transforming.

By going deeper together rooted in prayer, rooted in God.

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Bishop Rob spoke of the vision of Ezekiel 47, where a river flows from the temple, becoming deeper, bringing life, healing, and hope wherever it goes. *That*, he said, is what the Church is meant to be: a life-giving river flowing from the presence of God into streets, workplaces, schools, farms, care homes, and families across Cumbria. As we flow outward, we carry Christ's hope into unexpected and thirsty places. And he ended with Mary's response to the angel in Luke's gospel: *"I am the Lord's servant... let it be to me as you have said."* A response framed by those familiar words spoken by angels repeatedly: *Do not be afraid.* One for every day of the year—leap year included! Nothing is impossible with God. As we draw near to Christmas, may we echo Mary's courage and trust. May we be shaped by prayer, formed by knowing God more deeply, ready to say, individually and together, *"We are the Lord's servants. Let it be to us according to Your word."* My prayer is that God will shape us and use us in the year ahead—that through us His love and blessing, His hope and healing, may flow like a river into our community. May we truly be bearers of the Christmas message: that Christ has come, Christ is with us, and Christ brings life.

With every blessing for a joyful and hope-filled Christmas,
Blessings
Michelle x



St.OSWALD'S CHURCH

DECEMBER SERVICES

7th Evening worship 4pm

14th Holy Communion 11am

21st Carol service 11am

25th Holy communion 11am

28th no service at St Oswald's



SOUP LUNCH

SAT 6TH DECEMBER

12 NOON

EVERYONE WELCOME

Soup & roll, hot drink & seasonal biscuits

£5 per person

**Christmas special with Members of
Kendal concert band playing carols and
Christmas gifts for sale.**

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

Highways: Councillor Harrison had circulated a full report, which will be appended to these minutes in the file, it was also suggested they could go on the website. It included updates on:

- Hollins Entry Sign.
- SID.
- Ongoing missing white lines in and around the village.
- Signage in Bowston.
- Damaged wall on Potter Fell Road.
- Traffic lights at Sprint Holme (U.U works)
- Road/ traffic from the A6 to A591.
- Damaged riverbank wall at Sprint Holme.

The Private Works Agreement for the Hollins Lane Entry Sign was unanimously accepted.

The Private Works Agreement for installing poles to mount a Speed Indicator Device in the Parish was discussed and it was agreed to put this on hold for now until the 20mph scheme and school crossing work has progressed. It will then be revisited. Burneside is supposed to be on the next tranche of 20mph schemes, where W&F will undertake a consultation and work up designs. The school crossing should see design work in the coming spring and installation in the coming summer/ autumn.

HGV's on Garnett Bridge/ Potter Fell Road had also been reported with a request for better signage.

Ongoing Highways issues e.g. missing white lines will be discussed at the meeting with W&F Councillor Peter Thornton (Highways Cabinet Member) as mentioned under updates.

Finance: *please see full minutes*

Willink Field Grass Cutting: After discussion, it was resolved to leave the cutting as it is at present with the possibility of reviewing the situation at a later date.

Christmas Activities: The Chairman outlined the Christmas activities and the dates thereof. The Council to pay the associated costs, mostly from the former Resident's Association funds. The tree is ordered and will be delivered on 15th November. The Chairman will update the Play Park Group and Church.

Planning: *please see full minutes*

Assertion 10 'Digital & Data Compliance': This document, circulated by CALC, outlines the compliancy requirements to be in place by March 2026. Councillor William Huck has already renewed the website and obtained gov.uk email addresses for Chairman/Vice-Chairman. He will meet with the Clerk before the next meeting, to discuss what else needs to be done.

Sexual Harassment Policy: The draft policy, sent by CALC, had been circulated to all Councillors and it was resolved to adopt this. It will now be completed for this Council and added to the Council's Policies on the website.

Westmorland & Furness Councillor: Councillor Hodgson is 'standing in' for Councillor Jama at present, and she updated the Council on a number of issues as well as assisting in some of the discussions, including:

- 2027 elections.
- Mayoral Review- W&F and Cumberland to vote on this shortly. It is a difficult decision as if the Council does not wish to move to devolution, there will be no benefit from more control and an inability to bid for specific pots of money.

Cumbrians will get to vote for a mayor from the candidates, but not on the principal of having one; that will be voted on and decided by W&F and Cumberland.

Hollins Lane bus shelter area/ meeting with Croppers PLC:

- The bin on the Hall Road permissive path has been installed by Croppers PLC.
- The wall gaps along the Hall Road path have begun to be repaired.
- The grass at Hollins bus stop and also by the phone box should now be cut regularly again.
- A fencing contractor is going to look at the fencing along the Mill footpath areas.
- There are some maintenance issues with the flood store garage that need attention, Councillor Wade will look into this.
- The Hollins bus stop area is owned by Croppers but documents still haven't been found so reinstalling the community noticeboard will be left for now.

Correspondence: *please see full minutes*

Date of the next meeting: **Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 7pm St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside**
(This will be the Precept Meeting)

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