

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Phil Alder, Tonia Armer, Tracy Dale, Sally Gibson, Jennifer Harrison, Julie Huck and Derrick Wade, Westmorland & Furness Councillors Hazel Hodgson and Ali Jama, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

**25/97 Public participation:**

- a. A resident from Sprint Holme spoke regarding the United Utilities project traffic management and the overgrown hedge at the junction. He thanked the Council for actions following on from the previous meeting. He had also been informed that Bethell had offered to repair the damaged riverbank wall at the same time, this would have prevented works having to come as far out into the road, but the EA refused this. Also, the owner of the overgrown hedge has had a notice served by Westmorland & Furness Council to cut the hedge.
- b. Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hazel Hodgson noted that she thought the EA had refused Bethell's offer due to land ownership. The Council will try to look into this matter.

**25/98 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**25/99 Declaration of Interests:**

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

**25/100 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**25/101 Updates:**

- a. Westmorland & Furness Council Draft Design Code consultation response submitted.
- b. The Remembrance Soldiers were displayed outside the Church, the service attended and donation made to the Royal British Legion.
- c. Westmorland & Furness Local Plan - there is now a second call for development sites. The Council is still waiting for the assessment of the sites submitted in the first round to be assessed and a consultation opened.
- d. This Council's page on the Westmorland & Furness Council website is still incorrect, Elected members have been informed.
- e. The LDNPA planning applications issue should now be in order and the Council will receive consultations again.
- f. NALC public toilet survey completed.
- g. The updated Emergency Plan should now be uploaded to Resilience Direct.
- h. The Sexual Harassment Policy is now on the website.
- i. Church corridor suggestion box has included:

1. Play Park Bin - passed on to the Anglers trust.
2. Overgrowth on pavements - some has been reported to Westmorland & Furness Council and the Handyman will be asked to inspect other.
- j. United Utilities Staveley Project - it seems that traffic will be sent through Burneside to Staveley via the Back Road – United utilities has been contacted to ask about this and type/ number of vehicles etc.
- k. Local Policing meeting attended.
- l. United Utilities Project tour was cancelled and will be rescheduled.
- m. Attended a Community Resilience meeting, some things to think about for the flood store etc.
- n. Received a response re; the water burst from United Utilities which was shared with Councillors.
- o. Bowston Noticeboard- can no longer be used due to its state of repair. A new location for a noticeboard is still required.
- p. CIL money received- waiting for a response from Westmorland & Furness to confirm what development this was from.
- q. Councillor Julie Huck attended a Bryce Institute meeting on behalf of the Council.
- r. The CALC AGM was attended.
- s. Councillors Armer and Julie Huck attend the CRKC litter pick.
- t. Age Friendly communities will be invited to a future meeting.
- u. The Christmas events (Christingle and Tree Lighting) went well, the Council will need to reimburse some costs once received.
- v. Hall Park Play Areas – Westmorland & Furness Council have put out a tender for the renewal of these.
- w. Potter Fell Land trees- the trees were resecured and guards taken away etc.

### **25/102 Highways:**

The Highways report had been circulated to all Councillors and this was discussed and will be appended to these minutes in the file and put on the website. Items included:

- a. Potter Fell road wall repair
- b. 20mph scheme
- c. Road markings
- d. Playground warning sign at the Church
- e. Naming of the un-named road around the Church
- f. School crossing
- g. Dropped kerb crossing areas and pedestrian safety on Hollins Lane
- h. HGV warning signage for Garnett Bridge Road
- i. Village Entry sign for Hollins
- j. Blocked drains reported
- k. M6 closures noted

The request to install a 'Keep Clear' road marking on Hollins Lane, at the play area steps, with the aim of improving visibility for both pedestrians and drivers was supported, but Councillors questioned the enforcement of it, and asked that Westmorland & Furness Highways should be asked if yellow lines could be used instead.

### **25/103 Finance:**

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

William Huck	£29.97	Reimbursement for Tree ties
William Huck	£26.00	Reimbursement for Handyman payment
William Huck	£17.98	Reimbursement for Bulbs
William Huck	£75.00	Reimbursement for RBL donation
William Huck	£35.00	Reimbursement for Land Registry fees
William Huck	£6.99	Reimbursement for Cable ties
Julie Huck	£22.20	Reimbursement for Christmas activities
Westmorland & Furness Council	£2,771.83	Bonningate Road Signs & Road Markings

b. The financial summary was noted.

c. The Budget Report was considered and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon Westmorland & Furness Council in the sum of £31,000 for the financial year 2026-27.

d. The Clerk is to complete the Asset Register work, as soon as possible, but no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

### **25/104 Community Governance Review:**

The Council's response to the first consultation was agreed, including that the Council is content with current boundaries, the importance of all Green Gap land between Burneside and Kendal and it's protection, including the previous petition the Council undertook over this. The ongoing planning application for land near Lane Foot will also be included.

### **25/105 Flood and Christmas Store garage:**

The Chairman has spoken to the resident next to the garage; some repairs will be required. Croppers PLC, who own the garage, have been contacted. The Council agreed to await their response and then move things forward.

### **25/106 The use of Herbicides:**

Councillor Armer reported that Progress Housing are using herbicides close to properties and a resident she spoke to had contacted them regarding this. It was agreed the Council would also write to Progress Housing and others about this matter.

### **25/107 Street Lighting Agreement:**

It was resolved that the Chairman should sign the formal agreement for the Council's Street Lighting arrangements to be passed over to Westmorland & Furness Council, as agreed earlier in the year.

**25/108 Planning:** None.

**25/109 Assertion 10 – ‘Digital & Data Compliance’:**

This document, from CALC, had been circulated to all Councillors. The Chairman had done quite a lot of the necessary work towards making the Council compliant. It was resolved to continue this, with A2A in Milnthorpe, who have also just created specific Council email addresses.

**25/110 Westmorland & Furness Councillor:**

Both Councillor Hodgson and Councillor Jama joined in discussions on various matters of interest including grants available, Westmorland & Furness Council's budgetary pressures and Highways. Councillor Hodgson has also kept in touch with the Council via emails since the last meeting.

**25/111 Correspondence:**

All circulated and shared, including road closures and United Utilities works.

**25/112 Open Forum:**

- a. Councillor Alder noted that parking around the Bryce could become an issue around pantomime time. This will be monitored.
- b. Councillor Wade mentioned the lack of lighting on Station Road. This is an ongoing issue and something that Burneside Community Energy were looking into. However, a project was unable to be progressed for various reasons.

**25/113 Date of the next meeting:**

***Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.***

**25/114 Meetings during the remainder of 2026:**

*The following provisional dates were noted:*

<i>5<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting:</i>
<i>9<sup>th</sup> June</i>	
<i>7<sup>th</sup> July</i>	
<i>8<sup>th</sup> September</i>	
<i>13<sup>th</sup> October</i>	
<i>1<sup>st</sup> December</i>	<i>Precept Meeting</i>

*The meeting closed at 8.55pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*