

Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Philip Alder, Tonia Armer, Tracy Dale, Sally Gibson, Jennifer Harrison, Julie Huck, and Derrick Wade, five members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Stephen Roberts.

Presentation by Mark Bentley and Rachel Goodson of United Utilities, outlining the progress of the present works and the likely timescale for completion. When they cross New Road, traffic lights will be in place. A small road closure may also be required at Eggholme to renew several manholes later on in the year. Lee Aspin of Bethell Construction, also spoke. A few questions were asked and responded to.

26/1 Public participation:

- a. United Utilities and Bethell were thanked by a resident for their efficiency during recent works in the village, including consideration of resident's needs with minimal disruption.
- b. A resident raised the issues with the overgrown hedge at Sprint Holme/Main Road which is making visibility unsafe at the junction, one side has been cut, but not the Main Road side. Councillor William Huck will take some photographs and send them to Councillor Peter Thornton at Westmorland & Furness Council to see what can be done.

26/2 Requests for Dispensations: None.

26/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

26/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

26/5 Updates:

- a. The LDNP Partnership Plan consultation was completed.
- b. The Community Governance Review response was submitted.
- c. LGBCE feedback completed.
- d. The Sports England and associated consultation was completed.
- e. Windermere Gateway Project now seems to be on hold, at least for the new homes part; unclear about the Lakes Line loop part of the project.
- f. John Peatfield has submitted a proposal for Swift boxes in the parish, this will be looked into before the next meeting.
- g. One housing association has been contacted regarding herbicide use following on from the last meeting, the other main housing association will also be contacted.

- h. Bulbs were planted in the planters.
- i. Councillor Gibson and Alder had taken the Christmas Tree down and tidied it up.
- j. Councillor Armer has replanted four failed trees on the Potter Fell land.
- k. The Community Payback Team was praised for their work on the Burneside to Bowston path. Councillor Dale is in contact with them and will thank them on behalf of the Parish Council.
- l. Councillor Alder had received a query regarding the food box, as the land is owned by Croppers PLC; he will pass it on to Hannah Hill.

26/6 Highways:

Councillor Harrison had submitted a full Highways Report, which had been circulated to all Councillors. This will now be appended to these minutes in the file and uploaded to the website. A summary of points is below:

- a. Potter Fell Road wall repair completed.
- b. White Lines- finally completed around the village, keep clear markings outside the Bakery still missing, this has been reported.
- c. Unnamed road behind the Church, this needs to be a future agenda item at some point.
- d. Missing playground warning sign at the front of Church.
- e. Proposed markings at the bottom of Hollins Lane.
- f. Dropped kerbs that were discussed during the village walk about with Peter Thornton.
- g. Hedge trimming along pavements.
- h. School crossing- waiting for design works to begin.
- i. Bowston Bridge- wall damage.
- j. Village entry sign at the top of Hollins Lane.
- k. Proposed 20mph scheme for Burneside. The first engagement meeting with Westmorland & Furness Council has taken place. Parish Council help with the public consultation etc and encouraging locals to respond to the consultation is paramount.

26/7 Planning:

The following application was considered and there were no objections.

2026/0161HOU Carlinrise, Burneside. Single storey rear extensions and new windows to front and side elevations.

26/8 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

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| MOORE | £441.00 | External Audit fee |
| Sally Gibson | £150.00 | Reimbursement for Christmas Tree |
| K M Price | £184.33 | Quarterly expenses to 31 st December including use of home office and travel. |

- b. The summary of accounts for 2025-26 was noted.
- c. The Asset Register work will be completed by the end of the financial year.

26/9 Community Fridge:

It was resolved to close this facility, as it is no longer in regular use. It will be returned to Westmorland & Furness Council, who will offer it to other local food groups.

26/10 Flooding outside The Bryce:

This had been reported on numerous occasions and more recently a video had been sent to the Council, showing how serious it has become. Councillor Harrison will ask Councillor Peter Thornton for help in getting this matter resolved.

26/11 Flood garage:

A formal agreement is being prepared by Croppers PLC; once received any maintenance required can be looked into.

26/12 'Assertion 10 – Digital & Data Compliance':

Most of the requirements have been met. At present both the 'old' and 'new' email addresses can be used. The Clerk will advise Councillors, after the changeover, when only the new addresses must be used for Council business.

26/13 Community Governance Review:

No changes have been proposed for the Burneside parishes following on from the first consultation. A response will be submitted to the second consultation confirming the Council's support for no changes.

26/14 Call for sites:

Councillor William Huck showed Councillors maps of the areas identified in the first round of 'call for sites'. There is now a further process to sift the sites by Westmorland & Furness Council before any consultation. It will be important for the Council to get ahead of this as soon as the consultation opens.

26/15 Neighbourhood Planning Support:

It was noted that, in response to an enquiry from Neighbourhood Planning Support, at the present time the Council does not feel it has the resources to look into a Neighbourhood Plan.

26/16 Westmorland & Furness Councillors: No report.

26/17 Correspondence:

- a. Holme Houses grass damage- reported and repaired.
- b. Overgrown hedges- reported.
- c. Road closures- all shared.
- d. Willink Field- summer camping weekend, same as last year.
- e. Grass cutting around the noticeboard at Bonningate- this is on the list of areas the Handyman strims.

26/18 Open Forum:

- a. Councillor Wade raised the Hollins Lane level crossing pothole.
- b. Councillor Dale asked for anything needing to be uploaded to the website to be sent on.

26/19 Date of the next meeting:

***Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting)***

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Dated: