

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

Present were Councillors William Huck (Chairman), Phil Alder, Tracy Dale, Sally Gibson, Jenny Harrison, Julie Huck, Steve Roberts and Derrick Wade, two members of the public (Sally Nelhams – Community Development Officer and John Peatfield) and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Tonia Armer.

26/63 Public participation:

John Peatfield updated the Council:

- a. There is serious river erosion, since the removal of the Bowston Weir, particularly in front of three dwellings and being 2.5m from the Dales Way path. The 'Bowston Weir group' has been reformed as a result. Waiting for their response, they will need to undertake some mitigation measures. The visualisations completed prior to the removal were incorrect, as was suggested at the time. Most of the granite boulders moved after the third flood.
- b. Local Nature Recovery strategy. Following the recent conference arranged by CALC, a further half day conference is planned for the autumn, for which a plan is being put together.
- c. Swifts and House Martins are on the red list, but we have a stronghold here, although House Martin numbers are down this year. One of the main reasons is the reduction in insects. Surveying has been undertaken and a plan will be put together for a project to help increase and protect numbers, including offering nesting boxes to residents.

26/64 Requests for Dispensations: None.

26/65 Declarations of Interest:

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

26/66 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2026, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

26/67 Updates:

- a. Graffiti- after contacting the local policing team the issue was reported on the local radio, local newspaper and social media; however no response has been received from the police. The handyman has removed some of the graffiti and Councillors will have to remove that which remains.
- b. The Bonningate noticeboard needs repairing.

- c. Flood Store Garage- a response had been received to the queries and the agreement will now be signed. Some old items need removing from the garage and some repairs undertaken.
- d. Parish Land - the Clerk has sent the invoices.
- e. Planning responses sent.
- f. Planters were planted with plants from the Church Plant Sale.
- g. CALC meetings attended.
- h. The overhanging branches next to the Vicarage were reported after it was mentioned to the Council.
- i. The overhanging School branches at Hollins Bus Shelter still need actioning.
- j. The Hall Park playground opening was noted.
- k. Councillor Dale had updated the Council on the Football Club using Willink Field and helping with grass cutting.
- l. Hedges have been cut back at the horse field and at Kentrigg.
- m. The Clerk responded to the mistake in the LDNPA 'Travelling Around' information.
- n. A request had been left in the suggestions box in the Church corridor for more bins on Hall Park, this has been passed on to W&F.
- o. Himalayan Balsam has been reported to Ellergreen.
- p. Road closures shared.
- q. Hannah from Croppers PLC confirmed the recently damaged wall at the end of the permissive path on Hall Road will be repaired.
- r. Councillor Wade mentioned parking issues near the Bryce when there had been an event on.
- s. Councillor Alder mentioned the traffic cones left up Sharps Lane, he will make contact about these.
- t. Councillor Alder asked about the old toilet block, nothing had come of the last correspondence with W&F Council, it will be passed to the Community Development Officer, Sally Nelhams, to see if she can help with the matter.

26/68 Finance:

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

Julie Huck	£18.72 and £22.00	Reimbursement for plants and cleaning products for graffiti.
William Huck	£21.00	Reimbursement for Handyman.
K M Price	£204.85	Quarterly expenses, including use of home Office and travel.

- b. The Budget update was explained and noted.
- c. It was agreed to investigate and set up online banking for the Council due to the number of transactions having increased. This will be progressed by the Clerk.

- d. Assertion 10 - it has now been established that there is no legal requirement for all Councillors to have a gov.uk email as long as the Clerk does, although it is recommended practice. It was agreed that the situation is monitored and the website will be updated with the Clerks new gov.uk email address.
- e. An enquiry from the External Auditor (Moore) had been received and the questions answered. Due to the 'rounding up' process the Accounting Statement required adjusting by this amount. It was resolved that the Chairman and Clerk should sign the replacement form and the Clerk also to initial the changes.
- f. Funding request from the Football Club – this will be made at the next meeting.
- g. Bus shelter cleaning – it was resolved that, in future, the cleaning would be carried out quarterly, but regularly monitored, and the increased fee of £70 was noted.
- h. Burneside Chip Shop. This business is currently up for sale by auction. Much as the Council supports the shop and would wish to see it continue, there is not sufficient time, finance or possible staff/volunteers to make a bid for it and no contact has been made to the Council by interested folk.
- i. Asset Register – this is almost complete and the Clerk will email the draft to the Chairman very soon.

26/69 Planning: None.

26/70 Westmorland & Furness Councillors: None.

26/71 Hollins Bus shelter:

It was agreed to look into trying again to site the community noticeboard next to the bus shelter and to also look into a new book store that could be placed here as the current shelving is in a bad state of repair. The Chairman will speak to Sally Nelhams, Westmorland & Furness Community Development Officer, and make other enquiries.

26/72 Highways:

Councillor Harrison's report had been circulated to all Councillors and will be appended to these minutes in the file.

It was resolved to ask Westmorland & Furness Councillor Peter Thornton what is happening with the highways projects and issues previously discussed/agreed including the school crossing. It was also agreed to ask Westmorland & Furness Council Highways to monitor the traffic that travels through the village, particularly from the A6 to the A591.

26/73 Cumbria Bus Reform Consultation:

The Council will respond to this consultation and discussed points to include, including the lack of Bowston service, evening and Sunday 45 services and the connectivity of our bus service e.g. to the hospital or into the Lakes.

26/74 Local Plan Scoping Consultation

There is to be a further 'call for sites', it is expected submitted sites will be consulted on in due course; it will be important that the Council and wider community are active in this consultation.

In advance of this, helpful correspondence from a resident has been circulated to all Councillors and will be kept on file.

A response to the Scoping Consultation will also be submitted, particularly mentioning the importance and protection of the green gap between Kendal and Burneside, also between Burneside and Bowston.

26/75 Correspondence:

A resident had phoned the Clerk twice regarding two issues in the village but, as no number was left, the Clerk had been unable to respond.

26/76 Open Forum:

- a. Councillor Dale reported on the recent grass cutting at Willink Field that the Football Club will pay for.
- b. Councillor Dale wondered if any material on the website homepage that is no longer needed could be removed. The Chairman will action this.

26/77 Change of date – October meeting:

The Clerk had requested a change of date for the October meeting – to 13th October instead of 6th October. This was agreed.

26/78 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Dated:.