



## Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Public participation: John Peatfield updated the Council:

- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> flood.
- 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.
- 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.

### Updates:

- 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 the remaining.
- The Bonningate noticeboard needs repairing.
- 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.
- Parish Land- the Clerk has sent the invoices.
- Planning responses sent.
- Planters were planted with plants from the Church Plant Sale.
- CALC meetings attended.
- The overhanging branches next to the Vicarage were reported after it was mentioned to the Council.
- The overhanging School branches at Hollins Bus Shelter still need actioning.
- The Hall Park playground opening was noted.
- Councillor Dale had updated the Council re the Football Club using Willink Field and helping with grass cutting.
- Hedges have been cut back at the horse field and Kentrigg.
- The Clerk responded to the mistake in the LDNPA 'Travelling Around' information.
- 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.
- Himalayan Balsam has been reported to Ellergreen.
- Road closures shared.
- Hannah from Croppers PLC confirmed the recently damaged wall at the end of the permissive path on Hall Road will be repaired.
- Councillor Wade mentioned parking issues near the Bryce when there had been an event on.
- Councillor Alder mentioned the traffic cones left up Sharps Lane, he will make contact about these.
- 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, to see if she can help with the matter.

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# Burneside Church & Community Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Friends,

"September is when nature paints in gold and rust" – so writes an unknown author. It's a beautiful description of the trees in Autumn as they prepare to shed their leaves in readiness for the new growth in the Spring. We're so blessed to live here in the Lake District where we can experience the beauty of the autumnal colours.

As I'm writing this letter, I find myself thinking about the changes that September brings for many of our children and young people. It's a time of new beginnings – little ones starting school for the first time, older ones moving to a new classroom with new teachers, ten to eleven year olds moving from Primary School to Secondary School and many young people preparing to leave home for the first time as they move to universities. It can be a scary time – do let's remember to pray for them – and of course to pray for the teaching staff with the great responsibilities they have and as they get to know new groups of children. I'd love to know how teachers manage to know all their names? That is a complete mystery to me!

September brings with it the first of our Harvest Festivals – a time to thank God for his provision and our farmers for their hard work. We may like to use King David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29: 14..."All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own do we give you."

As we thank God for the harvest of the land we remember the harvest of the seas, thanking God for our seafarers and praying for their safety. Thanking God for his provision we remember those less fortunate than ourselves. Hopefully we will all be digging deep to support Bishop Rob's Harvest appeal which, as last year, will go to support Christian Aid's work in Burkina Faso, helping families in rural communities to find sustainable sources of food, income and dignity, and partnering with the Church Mission Society in Northern Argentina to grow new indigenous Christian leaders for ministry, Sadly our Harvests are being detrimentally affected by Climate Change – and each one of us has a part to play in remedying this by committing to live ethically and sustainably. It's all a part of our God-given responsibility to care for the planet on which we live and of which we are stewards.



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The Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit (ECIU) estimates that the exceptionally hot and dry spring and summer conditions have slashed the country's cereals and oilseed harvest by 2.5 million tonnes compared to earlier projections, potentially costing UK farmers up to £390 million.

It was sobering this evening to receive a photo from one of my Grandsons showing a wild-fire near where he lives in Wales. It looked frightening – and huge. Let's not forget to pray for our emergency services as they deal with these frightening episodes

Harvest is a good time for each of us to reconsider our giving. Are we truly giving generously in praise of the God who gives generously to us? This isn't just money, of course. It may mean making our time and talents available to God for use in the church and/or the wider community. I remember the offertory in a church in South Sudan in which instead of money, people might give bread or anything else that could be given to the poor.

I remember one family giving two live chickens! (I had a picture of our Treasurers accepting a goat or a hen during the offertory hymn!)

Whatever you choose to give, please give generously in praise of the God who gives generously to you, and so that others more in need may be helped and come to see something of our generous God.

With love and prayers,  
Jean

*Rev Jean Radley*

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

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

### **St.Oswald's Church September Services**



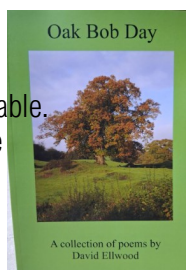
6<sup>th</sup> no service

13<sup>th</sup> 11am Holy Communion

20<sup>th</sup> 11am Harvest Festival

27<sup>th</sup> 11am Holy communion

A lovely new collection of poems brought to you by David Ellwood is now available.  
£16 For purchases & more information please contact  
Liz Bingham  
lizbingham@talktalk.net



### **St.Oswald's Church SOUP LUNCHES**

**October 3rd  
November 7th  
December 5th  
from 12 noon  
£5 per person**

soup, roll, hot drink  
and biscuits

come & join us for homemade  
soup and a friendly chat



**Minutes continued...**

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

- Julie Huck £18.72 and £22.00 Reimbursement for plants and cleaning products for graffiti.
- William Huck £21.0 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 there now is. 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. Burnside 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.

**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, W&F Community Development Officer and make other enquiries.

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

**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.

**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 our green gap between Kendal and Burnside, also between Burnside and Bowston.

**Correspondence:** A resident had phoned the Clerk twice regarding two issue in the village but, as no number was left, the Clerk had been unable to respond. **(If you read this, please get in touch again and leave a telephone number)**

**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.

**Change of date – October meeting:**

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

**Date of the next meeting:**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burnside.**