Burneside PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Burneside Parish Council held at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside, on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7pm.

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

Public participation:

a. A question was asked as to the ownership of the Play Park (Angler's Inn Trust) and the present activity there. The Chairman explained that it is owned and managed by the Anglers Inn Trust but that a group of volunteers are currently raising funds for the replacement play park.
b. A resident raised issues relating to the likely future development in the village and the heavy usage of the road by lorries, during recent work by United Utilities, and damage to the road together with flooding. The Chairman explained the Local Plan, the 'call for sites' and land allocations. There will be consultations opening soon and all residents are urged to make their views known. The idea of extending the National Park boundary was also discussed. The resident also mentioned damage caused by recent U.U works, the Chairman asked for them to pass information on and he will discuss this with the U.U community contact.

Updates:

a. John Peatfield is arranging a half day even in the autumn re Local Nature Recovery and the Swift project.
b. Graffiti- Councillors Julie and Will Huck cleaned the Hall Road entry sign.
c. Bonningate Noticeboard- the Sign Man has been asked to repair this.
d. Flood store- Councillors Julie and Will Huck had been round the sandbag grit bins and sorted the Steeles Row one out. Councillor Gibson will look at the Sprint Holme and Bridge Street grit bins. Councillor Alder will replace the fuel for the flood pumps.
e. The overhanging branches from school have been cut back.
f. Himalayan Balsam has been reported to Ellergreen in several places which has now been cleared.
g. Old toilet block- Sally Nelhams from W&F has re-reported the state of this building to the Enforcement Team.
h. Assertion 10- the Council continues to monitor this, but the Clerks specific Council email is now on the website. Thanks to Councillor Dale for keeping the website updated.
i. The Bus Reform consultation response was submitted.
j. The Local Plan scoping consultation response was submitted.
k. Lovingly Artisan are coming to the December meeting to speak to the Council.
l. 20mph Statutory Consultation response was submitted.
m. Planning Application responses sent.
n. An issue with the defibrillator at Sprint Holme was reported to the Chairman by NW Ambulance Service, this was dealt with straightaway, the door wasn't closed properly.
o. Via U.U, Bethell have volunteered half a day in the community, they will be clearing the Church tower and also taking away redundant items from the flood store, this will be organised via the Chairman with the Church Warden and other Councillors to allow access to the flood store.
p. An English Woodland Creation Grant consultation was responded to.
q. Racist graffiti was reported to the Council by W&F, it was on a bench at the Millennium Green, this was dealt with swiftly by the MG Trustees.
r. Missing/ faded bus stop markings were reported to Mike Miller at W&F following on from his email request.
s. Sally Nelhams from W&F is looking into the missing litter bin at Bowston.

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Burneside Church & Community Newsletter

OCTOBER 2026

Autumn is the season when the world around us starts to show signs of a natural ending to the year. Leaves fall and gather into corners like secrets. The sun's passage across the sky gets more fleeting with each passing day. Keats's "mist and mellow fruitfulness" is all around us.

People have, naturally, seen a parallel between Autumn and our own lives. There comes a time when we are no longer the bright, shiny, summery people of our prime, and we have to learn to accept that our days too are getting shorter, and the colourful beauty of our youth is fading to a more mature, less strident hue.

Yet that autumn easing of our lives doesn't mean we are finished with yet. Winter is still some way off. Coupled with the undoubtedly better health that many, if not most, of us enjoy today, I think our culture puts enormous pressure on us to remain 'young' in the eyes of the world. Paul McCartney once wrote about being 64 one day, but as I reach that milestone myself, I know that I am not ready for a life of watching Heather knitting sweaters, or just "doing the garden" all day (though it does need a lot of 'doing' just now!). The latter years of our lives present us, it seems to me, with a hard choice; a choice between what our hearts and minds still search for and desire, and what our bodies remain capable of doing.

For the Christian, this raises a question of what discipleship means as we get older. The theologian and preacher Sam Wells writes about there being two strands of discipleship: first there is, if you like, the discipleship of doing; the things we spend a lot of energy on in our earlier life; the learning of disciplines, and formation of our character through the actions of our lives. What we are about in this stage of our lives involves taking on roles that define us; our jobs, our place in a family, our commitments to a church. And all these are good things for this part of life.

But equally important is the discipleship that comes with weakness. This is a very different part of our discipleship, and it's one where we turn towards God and allow our spiritual nakedness to be seen. In this discipleship we are no longer afraid to ask for help, or to admit to our failures. In this discipleship what we seek is forgiveness, reconciliation and restoration.

And maybe this is what the Autumn of our lives, whenever that may come along, is for. Maybe this time is given to us by God because those of us lucky enough to experience this time of life still need this time let God heal our wounds and embrace our weaknesses.

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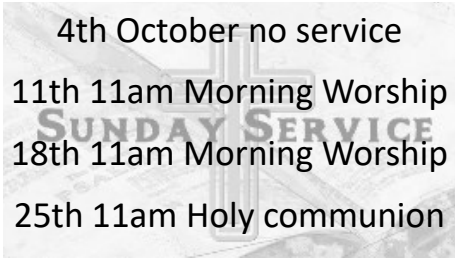
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We're not good at believing that God is a God of weakness as well as strength. We like to sing about an all-powerful saviour God who is here to rescue us from the evils of this world. And that is an important part of what we believe. But the central message of Christianity is that God so loves us that he came to us a human being, one of us, and suffered all of the weaknesses that go with being human. And that means we can trust God to be for us and with us. We can trust Him with our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own need for forgiveness and the healing it brings.

The Autumn of our lives, the subtle or sudden changes that bring on our time of weakness, need not be the end of our discipleship. If we allow the Holy Spirit to be with us in our weakness, then God can heal not only the sadness and failings of our lives, but the lives of those around us too. And that is perhaps the greatest discipleship of all.

Ian Wilson Lay Reader in the Beacon Team

St.Oswald's Church October Services



4th October no service

11th 11am Morning Worship

18th 11am Morning Worship

25th 11am Holy communion

Weekly Evening Prayers at St.Oswald's Church

Tuesdays @ 5.30pm in the Chapel

Book of Common Prayer Communion

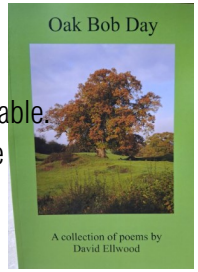


The Lady Chapel

every Wednesday 9.30am



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Open Forum: Disappointment of herbicide spraying on Sharps Lane was raised, it was agreed the Council will contact Ellergreen Estates about this. Councillor Wade mentioned the 30mph sign on entering Burneside from Kendal is blocked by trees, he will contact Highways about this.

Date of the next meeting:
Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.

t. W&F have been in touch re the interpretation board they intend to install on the Hall Road permissive footpath for the new Westmorland and Furness Way.
u. Road closures were shared.
v. The Chairman had contacted Hannah at Croppers re uncut grass areas in the village but also to thank them for repainting the shelter opposite the Church.
w. The Handyman had been doing various tasks such as weed clearing on Steeles Row.

Finance: *full finance can be found on website full minutes*

Planning: *The following applications were considered:*

a. 7/2026/5428 The Gateway Inn, Crook Road, Kendal. Function room and new accessible entrance extension with adapted car park spaces and kitchen extension. No objections, but the Council wonders what the finish on the outer wall will be.
b. 7/2026/5429 Bannel Head Field, Bannel Head, Kendal. General purpose agricultural building. Refusal recommended. The proposed access to the A591 is in an extremely dangerous position, with traffic at high speed passing the gateway all day.

New Burneside Homes: A large number of residents had attended the 'Open' event organised by Atkinson Homes and it is clear that there is strong feeling against such a large development. A further event is to be held on 20th September, after residents pushed for another meeting at a more appropriate time for working people, followed by another later in the year. The Chairman has been in touch with the local resident group who have proposed to ask Atkinsons to make the meeting on the 20th a more formal Q&A meeting with a Chairman, Councillors present couldn't chair a meeting, but the Chairman will ask those Councillors not present. A request for a minute taker was also discussed. It was also agreed that the Council will contact Atkinsons about the proposal, including the main concerns and also note problems with the advertising of the first event. It was noted that someone linked to St Oswald's primary School had contacted the Council to say that the school did have capacity for more pupils, it had been shared on social media that this wasn't the case.

Village Christmas Tree: It was resolved to purchase the village Christmas tree as usual. Councillor Gibson agreed to be responsible for arranging this. The Chairman will check if the Play Park fundraising group are running the lighting event after the Christingle, he will also confirm the Christingle date that Church has pencilled in.

Station Approach – lighting: Dick Towler, Chair of Burneside Community Energy Ltd addressed the Council, his letter having been circulated to all Councillors. This Council has, for many years, strongly supported lighting on the station approach. It is at present very dark at night and this clearly prevents many people from using the train. *More details can be found in full minutes*

Steeles Row Bus Shelter: It was resolved to restore the Steeles Row Bus Shelter once the U.U works are fully complete. Quotes will need to be sought. *More details can be found in full minutes*

Highways: Councillor Harrison's Report 9 had been circulated to all Councillors. She went through the report briefly. There had been no word yet on the proposed school crossing. An updated list has been sent to Councillor Thornton at Westmorland & Furness Council; sadly the list is growing and not shrinking. Serious road problems and traffic delays continue on a daily basis along Hollins Lane.

Blocked drains and missing markings on Steeles Row have also been reported. The dangerous speed of Burlington wagons travelling through Burneside and Bowston to the Staveley U.U project had been raised by a resident and they had also reported this to the police. The Chairman contacted U.U and they have apologised and the wagons were asked to slow down immediately.

Correspondence:

a. AGAR checklists need to be an agenda item for the next meeting.
b. A Bowston resident had contacted the Council re verge maintenance in Bowston, the Chairman is looking into this.
c. A Bonningate had been in touch with the Clerk re verge cutting, the Clerk is to speak to him to confirm which verge he is referring to.