



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.

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 W&F to see what can be done.

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 re 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 4 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 Cropers PLC he will pass it on to Hannah Hill.

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.

Dear Friends,

There is something about March that feels like a turning point. The ground is still cold, and yet there are signs, small, stubborn signs, that spring is on its way. Snowdrops and crocuses pushing through hard soil, lighter evenings that catch us by surprise. Fields that looked tired and lifeless in January beginning, almost imperceptibly to green. Lent arrives in much the same way. It doesn't sweep in with drama. It comes quietly, inviting us to notice what is stirring beneath the surface. We often think of Lent in terms of giving things up. Chocolate, biscuits, social media. And while a small act of self-denial can be helpful, Lent is less about grim determination and more about attention. It is a season for listening.

Spring itself teaches us something about that. Growth is rarely noisy. Seeds don't shout as they split open underground. Lambs stand on trembling legs without any applause. Much of what matters most happens quietly, steadily, hidden from view. Listening to God is often like that. We may not experience dazzling moments or dramatic revelations. More often, we become aware of God in the ordinary rhythms of life; in a line from a hymn that lingers through the week, in a conversation that gently unsettles us, in a nudge towards kindness when we would rather remain comfortable.

So, how might we listen more closely and honestly this Lent? First, by making a little space. Life is full, busy, noisy, crowded with information. If we never allow silence it is hardly surprising that we struggle to hear anything deeper. Perhaps Lent could be a time to set aside ten minutes a day simply to be still. No complicated structures required. A cup of tea, a chair by the window, a short passage from one of the gospels read slowly and then a simple prayer; "Speak Lord, I am listening." We may not hear anything dramatic, but over time something shifts, we become more aware, more attentive.

Second, by being honest. There is no point pretending before God. If we're tired we can say so. If we're anxious about the family, our health or the state of the world we can bring that too. Lent gives us permission to stop papering over the cracks and instead place our real, complicated, untidy lives into God's hands.

Thirdly, by remembering. Maybe you can look back and see moments when God felt particularly near; a time of deep peace, strength in the middle of difficulty. Lent is not about chasing emotional highs, but it can help to remember those times. They steady us and remind us that even when faith feels thin, we are not walking on empty ground.

Spring doesn't arrive all at once. It unfolds gradually. A bud here, a brighter morning there. Lent works in much the same way. We do not transform overnight, instead through small, faithful choices, we allow God to work gently in us.

As we begin this season of Lent maybe you might choose one small, steady practice... ten minutes quiet each day, a deliberate act of generosity each week, a short prayer before major decisions. Like seeds planted in early spring, such practices may seem insignificant, yet over time, they bear fruit.

As the days lengthen and the earth begins to soften, may this Lent be for us a time of patient growth. A time to listen more closely, to pray more honestly and to trust that God is at work even when we cannot yet see the full picture. With every blessing for the weeks ahead.

Michelle x

St.OSWALD'S CHURCH MARCH SERVICES

1st 4pm Evening worship

8th 11am Holy communion

15th 11am Mothering Sunday

22nd 11am Holy Communion

29th 11am Team service Grayrigg



ST OSWALD'S CHURCH SOUP LUNCH *Easter Special*

Easter crafts & gifts to buy
SATURDAY 7TH MARCH
FROM 12 NOON
£5 PER PERSON

for homemade soup & roll
plus tea/ coffee and biscuits

PLEASE JOIN US
EVERYONE WELCOME

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

Weekly Evening Prayers at St.Oswald's Church

Tuesdays @ 5.30pm

in the Chapel



St.Oswald's Church



**Numbers will be
available in May**

**For more details please
see next month's
newsletter**

If there is anything you would
like putting in the newsletter
please email
amanda@dashaw.co.uk
by the 3rd Sunday of the month



- 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. Had the first engagement meeting with W&F, Parish Council help with the public consultation etc and encouraging locals to respond to the consultation is paramount.

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.

Finance: *It was resolved to pay the accounts to be found on the website.*

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.

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.

Flood garage: A formal agreement is being prepared by Croppers PLC, once received any maintenance required can be looked into.

'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.

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.

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 W&F before any consultation. It will be important for the Council to get ahead of this as soon as the consultation opens.

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.

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 Bonninggate- this is on the list of areas the Handyman strims.

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.

. 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)*