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*The Chairman's Report, read at the Annual Parish Meeting can be found at [burneside-pc.org.uk](http://burneside-pc.org.uk)  
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Burneside Parish Council held by ZOOM on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.20pm.*

Present were Councillors Phil Alder, Tonia Armer, Julie Huck, Will Huck, Judith Notley, Pennie Ridyard and Keith Tondeur, County Councillor Stan Collins, three members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Derrick Wade (leave of absence) and District Councillor Pat Bell.

**Election of Chairman:** Councillor Will Huck was elected Chairman for 2021-22

The Council recorded a vote of thanks to Councillor Ridyard for leading the Council through the past few years; her guidance and support had been much appreciated by all. She is now leaving the area and this was her final meeting.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2021, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk said that the Councillors representing the Residents Association would not be referred to as a 'sub-group'.

**Council Vacancies:** One enquiry has been received and this is being followed up. It was agreed to advertise the vacancies on the notice boards and in the Parish Newsletter.

#### Updates:

Poppies for remembrance: Councillor Will Huck said there did not seem any alternative to the plastic wreaths and it was agreed to wait until nearer November. The Council would make its usual contribution to RBL, whatever was decided.

Steeles Row potholes: Councillor Will Huck will report these again.

Assets Register/insurance update: Further work had been done on this and should be completed soon.

Councillor Will Huck has requested a new litter bin for Bowston.

The requested bin for Hall Road has not yet been installed.

The grant has been awarded by CCC for a bench at Steeles Row and the new bench has been ordered.

The village entry sign work could start anytime from April 2021, so it is hoped these will be installed soon.

Play Park: The Clerk will contact Hannah Hill again about the proposed meeting.

Community fridge: The Council would need to pay for the various protective measures, including the installation of cameras, the suggestion of siting is a space in the entrance to the 'post office', but this would need further agreement from the Church. A costed proposal is needed. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Allotments: Councillor Notley is checking details of how planned flood prevention works may affect a possible site. There have been concerns raised by nearby residents to the proposed site, Councillor Notley has been in contact and is working on these concerns.

#### Sub-groups of the Council/Representatives:

**Traffic Management:** Councillors Julie Huck, Will Huck and Paul Senior.

**Play Park:** Councillors Julie Huck, Will Huck and Judith Notley.

**Biodiversity and Sustainability:** Councillors Tonia Armer, Julie Huck, Will Huck, and Judith Notley.

**Flood Action:** Councillors Phil Alder, Keith Tondeur and Derrick Wade.

**Bryce Institute:** Councillor Judith Notley.

**Lakes Line Rail User Group/Community Rail Partnership:** Roger Leather (the Clerk will check if he is happy to continue).

**Footpaths group:** Stewart Menzies (the Clerk will check if he is happy to continue), Councillors Will Huck, Judith Notley and Paul Senior.

**Communications to the Council:** Councillor Armer had raised the issue, with the Clerk, of the amount of email correspondence that is circulated and is sometimes overwhelming. It was felt that this should slow down once lockdown restrictions are fully lifted. In the meantime, the Clerk will try to minimise the amount that he sends on.

**Planting in memory of HRH Prince Philip:** It was agreed to plant an oak in memory of HRH Prince Philip. Purchasing a tree was discussed, but a local resident has some saplings which may be suitable, Councillor Notley will make contact. A plaque also needs to be arranged. The churchyard is suggested as a location.

**Occupation Road to Potter Fell:** Councillor Julie Huck reported on the increased usage, during lockdown, of this area and vehicles causing damage to the grass verges and leaving litter. Now the lockdown restrictions are gradually being lifted, the situation seems to be somewhat improved so it was agreed to monitor it and take no further action for the time being.

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#### *Dear Friends,*

We are all members of a family. We are born into a family and maybe that family gets smaller over time or maybe it expands, but somewhere in there we remain a member of it!

The thing about families is that somehow we have to try to get along, otherwise it doesn't work. That can be quite difficult because everyone is a unique individual, and understanding and catering for all their foibles can be a challenge.

As Christians we are members of God's family, and if our parents had problems with us as we grew up, just think what a challenge He has coping with each of us. Fortunately, His love is unconditional. Each of us is equally loved, and if God does not like something we do, then he leads us back to His side to continue as His loved son or daughter. Sometimes we forget about God, but He never forgets us.

It's amazing how often people say "that was lucky..." or "if that hadn't happened I would have..." Think about that for a moment in the context of God's love and see his hand in it.

Of course, some awful things happen in our families and in the world because we are human, but fortunately no matter what, God is surrounding us with His love to help us cope with everything that happens. Christians believe that things do not happen to anyone that they, with God's help, cannot overcome.

As members of our human families we eat together, we go out for walks together, or have BBQs together if the weather allows. Doing things together strengthens families and helps us to know one another better.

The same is true of the Christian family. As God's family many people go to services in the churches in our town and villages. This is similar to being at home with our families and talking, sharing and encouraging each other about all the day to day concerns and achievements.

Some people say they can be good Christians without going to church, but it is much more helpful to be together with other Christians in the family of the church, to ask for support and guidance from God in all we do. That is the way we can get to know each other better and give support when it is needed

Our local Churches are an important part of community life, will have a larger role to play as we emerge from lockdown. We would not claim to have a monopoly on community but it is an essential part of the life of our Churches. There is the sense that we are part of the 'leaven in the lump' that encourages neighbourliness and closeness. It's one of the gifts the Church offers to a broken world. It's what we call 'fellowship' or 'koinonia'.

May we all receive God's blessing, in our own families, and in His greater Family.

Best wishes

*Tricia*

For any church matters please  
contact Tricia, the Priest in  
Charge, at the Vicarage on  
01539 722015





## JUNE CHURCH SERVICES FOR ST.OSWALD'S, BURNESIDE

6th 11am Holy Communion

13th 11am Service of the word

20th 11am Holy Communion

27th 11am Holy Communion

### The Beacon Team Website

This has taken a little time in coming but we now have a Beacon Team Website [www.beaconteam.org.uk](http://www.beaconteam.org.uk) where all our Churches in the Beacon Team Mission Community are represented.

The idea is that, whilst ensuring our Churches retain their individual identities, this will have a much wider reach into our communities and inform people about the whole work and activities of the Team. The more people who are able to view what is going on the better, as it will encourage people to take part in all the activities that are happening.

The website is in its early stages and more information needs to be put on. If you have ideas for improvement please let us know.

Each Church needs to be responsible for the information they want to see on the site and how it is updated.

We are indebted to Russ Hore who will undertake the technical side of things, but he can't be expected to generate news. His role is simply to post it for us.

All information should be sent in the first instance to Geoff Barrett our Team Administrator ([admin@beaconteam.org.uk](mailto:admin@beaconteam.org.uk)) who will be able to weed out any duplications before it is sent on to Russ.



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**Footpath issues:** Councillor Senior agreed to contact David Kirkby of CCC again regarding the footpath issues around the Eggholme area.

**Cycle racks:** It was agreed that Councillor Alder could ask the Residents Association if they had thoughts on cycle racks and Councillor Senior will do some as to where in the parish might benefit.

**Burnside Residents Association:** A summary of the recent informal meeting of the Council's representatives with the Residents Association had been circulated. The Chairman noted that as they had only been distributed on the day of the meeting that there had not been much time to digest them.

Councillor Alder thought it a good meeting and stated the need for the Residents Association to have a regular reporting slot at Parish Council meetings.

Councillor Tondeur felt there was still room for dialogue and that there needed to be 'give and take' in order to achieve some sort of working relationship.

Councillor Notley reported on her attendance at the meeting, which she had found uncomfortable and felt that she could no longer be involved. As a result, she has now resigned from being one of the Council representatives.

Councillor Ridyard emphasised the different functions of the two bodies; the Parish Council being responsible for the whole parish and the Residents Association concentrating on the village itself. The Parish Council is also bound by legal requirements and formalities and is a statutory body. She said that past offers of co-operation she had made to the Residents Association had been rejected.

Councillor Will Huck spoke of the impact the negative comments on social media towards the Parish Council have had, but concluded that the Council should 'wipe the slate clean' and move forward in a positive manner. It was agreed that Councillors Alder and Tondeur will continue to be the working link between the Council and Residents Association.

The Clerk said there will be an agenda item at each meeting to enable the Residents Association Council representatives to give a report.

**Planning:** \*Due to shortage of space planning & full minutes can be viewed on the website or in the noticeboards.\*

**Traffic issues:** This project will go forward, and Councillor Collins indicated that CCC are keen to progress it. Funding is allocated in the Parish Council's budget from last year. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting, when it is hoped there will be more to report.

**Re-claiming of disused/underused buildings in the parish:** It was agreed that Councillor Notley will approach the owner of the 'former toilet block' to ask if the Council would be allowed to paint the exterior at its own cost.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Councillor Ridyard had met with Damian Law at SLDC, in order to clarify comments and concerns made by the Residents Association. Councillor Ridyard confirmed there is no Neighbourhood Plan. As there is now only one Councillor and a volunteer on the Neighbourhood Plan 'group' it was resolved to put this on hold for the time being and see what the 'new' Local Plan will propose and how it might affect the parish.

**Open Forum:** Councillor Will Huck asked if a representative of the Council could be appointed to look after the clothes bank in the village. It was suggested that Councillor Wade could be approached.

Councillor Notley agreed to look after the overhanging planters on Hollins Lane.

The idea of a parish Handyman was raised again and it was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.

*Date of the next meeting- Tuesday 1st June 2021 by ZOOM at 7pm*

**COMMUNITY FRIDGE:** *if there is anyone that would like to help to set up & organise our community fridge, or would like more information on the project please get in touch with the Parish Council or Judith Notley*  
[judithnotley@gmail.com](mailto:judithnotley@gmail.com)



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*Regular project updates on Burnside Present & Past and Burnside Parish Residents Association Facebook pages.*

**Kent Catchment Flood Risk Management Scheme**

**Burnside Ground Investigation Works**



We will be undertaking a number of ground investigation works in Burnside from Monday 17th May. We are likely to be working in land behind Churchill Court, Sprint Holme, Carling Steps and Carlingdale for up to 8 weeks. We just wanted to make you aware that vehicles and machinery will be accessing these areas during this time and wanted to give you advance notice.

If you would like to find out more about the work we are undertaking please visit

[www.thefloodhub.co.uk/upperkent](http://www.thefloodhub.co.uk/upperkent)

Any community information that you wish to be added within the Parish News needs to be submitted by the 3rd Sunday of the month to Amanda Shaw: [amanda@dashaw.co.uk](mailto:amanda@dashaw.co.uk)