

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Burnhope Parish Council held on Thursday 5th June, 2025 in Burnhope Community Centre at 6.00 p.m.

Present

Councillor D Coates (Chair)

Councillors I. McKeag, C. Metcalf, L. Million, J. Stewart and H. Wilson, County Councillor A. Gray, Alderman O. Johnson and PC M. Thompson and PCSO P. Hart

Apologies for Absence

Councillors T. Barras, S. McCormick, D. Metcalf and G. Smith.

In attendance

Residents – C.J. Brockington, D. Brockington, L. Clarke and D. Oliver.

11. Parish Councillor Vacancy

An application for the position of Parish Councillor had been received from Louise Clarke. After discussion it was **AGREED** that Louise Clarke be co-opted into the vacant post.

12. Police Report

PC Thompson and PCSO Hart gave the following report.

- Reports of vehicles being set on fire in village
- A road traffic accident had taken place on the 15th May at the Burnhope Pit Wheel which had caused damage to the pit tubs.
- Anti-social behaviour by youths in the Meadowfield area who were banging on doors and then running away.
- Two reports of off road bikes in the area.

There would be regular drop-in sessions at the Community Centre for residents to discuss their concerns. Details to be advertised in the Community Centre, online and within the Village Wheel newsletter.

13. Partnership Report

- The AGM will take place on Monday 16th June at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Centre followed by the usual Partnership Meeting.
- Items for the July edition of the Burnhope Wheel to be submitted by 20th June.

14. Heritage Trail

Mr and Mrs Brockington were in attendance to explain the Heritage Group's proposals for a Heritage Trail in Burnhope. A map showing the locations of the proposed twenty heritage style commemorative plaques showing their names and dates of the sites was circulated.

The Parish Council was supportive of the Project and advised that Durham County Council should be contacted to discuss the proposal as landowner permissions and licences would be needed if the Trail was to go ahead.

15. Community Centre

- Members were currently reviewing and updating the Policies and Procedures for the Centre.
- Sixty people attended the monthly dinner. Some of the meals are also provided as "takeaways"
- Grants for additional units to store perishable foods for the Pantry were currently being investigated.

16. Minutes

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. Cllr Sarah McCormick to be added to the list of cheque signatories.

17. Finance Report

The following payments had occurred since the last meeting:-

Easyweb - Domain Hosting - June	£36.96
British Gas – Power supply to the Christmas tree -June	£35.00
Total Payments made	£71.96
Payments Received	£0

18. Planning Matters

Notification of the following planning applications which had been approved under delegated powers had been received:-

DM/25/00610/VOC - Land south east of Jubilee House, Whitehouse Avenue, Burnhope – variation of planning permission DM/24/01739/VOC condition 2 to allow a new design of house – approved 6th May

DM/25/00780/FPA – Mrs Helen Prow, 81 Greenwood Avenue, Burnhope – single storey rear extension following the demolition of the existing conservatory. Bathroom window to be relocated to the side of the property, and the external drain and drainage system will be repositioned along the garden – approved 15th May.

19. Correspondence

- Bullivant Agricultural Services – Quotation for works to the damaged coal tubs. (The Parish Council wished to place on record their thanks to Cllr C. Metcalf and Cllr D. Metcalf for their

help in recovering and storing the damaged coal tubs) County Councillor A. Gray agreed to provide £825 towards the repair costs from her Small Grants Fund.

- Burnhope Wheel – Request for articles by 20th June for the July Edition - Noted
- Durham County Council – Playground Inspection report for April – Noted
- Burnhope Partnership – Date of their next meeting and AGM – 16th June, 2025 – noted.
- Co Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust – NHS Big Tea Event, 7th July – information passed to the Community Centre.
- Heritage Group – Heritage Trail Project.

20. Any Other Business

- County Councillor Gray was to arrange a walk-about in the village with the Neighbourhood Warden to identify environmental issues, to which Parish Councillors would be invited.
- VJ Day – A joint Beacon Lighting event with Lanchester Parish Council would be held on Friday 15th August, 2025. Details of the event to be advertised on the Burnhope Wheel, the Parish Council website and Facebook page. A further meeting with Lanchester Parish Council was to be held on Tuesday 24th June to finalise the arrangements.

21. Next Meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10th July, 2025, at 6.00 p.m. in Burnhope Community Centre.

Signed



Date

10/7/25