

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The Parish Council is proposing to support the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in two very traditional ways. It is proposed that we light a beacon. This would either be in conjunction with neighbouring parishes atop Farleton Knott or we would have a Burton beacon in an appropriate spot on Dalton Craggs. It is also planned that a traditional gift of a commemorative souvenir will be given to all the primary school children.

If you have a primary school age child who does not attend Burton Morewood School and you would like your child to receive the souvenir please would you contact the clerk. If you have other ideas for Jubilee celebrations or lasting commemorative projects do please let us know by contacting any of the Councillors or the clerk. Similarly, if you are planning street parties or other public events and need guidance, SLDC provide very helpful advice on street closures and a very simple form to complete.

Refurbishment of the Market Cross

Whilst not specifically a Jubilee project, it is intended to repair and refurbish the Market Cross plinth in time for the Jubilee. The damaged cornice stone will be replaced, the existing pointing will be removed and replaced with lime mortar, and the stonework will be properly cleaned. On completion, this Grade II listed monument should be looking its best for the Jubilee.

The work will require access to the Cross and scaffolding to be erected. During the period of the work, car-parking on the Parish Council land around the Cross will be restricted.

The Parish Council Budget for 2012/13

The Parish Council budget for 2012/13 is being prepared at the moment. It is intended that projects such as the Market Cross and the Jubilee celebrations can be funded from the small surplus which has built up over the past couple of years. It is hoped that other projects can be funded from grants. This will mean that expenditure should stay roughly the same and that there will be no significant change to the Parish Precept.

Useful Telephone Numbers:-

Community Police	0845 3300247
Highways Hotline	0845 6096609
Fly-tipping Hotline	0800 807 060
Crimestoppers Hotline	0800 555 111
Cumbria County Council switchboard	01539 773000
South Lakeland District Council switchboard	01539 733333

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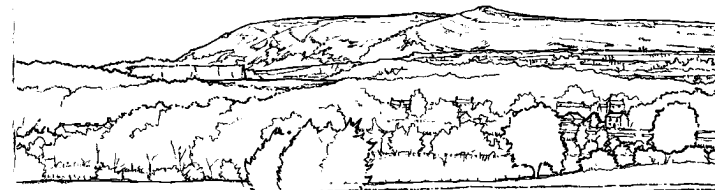
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The Parish Council meets at 7.30 pm in Burton Memorial Hall on the third Thursday of every month. Minutes and the Agenda are displayed on the notice board at the north end of the Memorial Hall and on the Parish Council Website. The meetings are open to the public and there is an Open Forum, if you wish to raise a matter with the Parish Council. We are always pleased to hear from the residents of the parish.

Designed by Des Metcalfe



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Planning Matters

There are several changes happening to the planning regulations and procedures at the moment. It is not clear what the result will be of all these changes, especially as there are bound to be unintended consequences.

However, the following is an attempt to summarise the current position, the next steps that we know about, and the Parish Council policy and intentions.

Starting with a little recent history: the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 established South Lakeland District Council and Cumbria County Council as Local Planning Authorities. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 gave power to the then Regional Assemblies to create planning targets for the regions in the form of Regional Spatial Strategies which were to cover the period to 2025. The Secretary of State in a written statement to Parliament in July 2010 revoked the Regional Spatial Strategies and returned the powers to determine local planning targets to the Local Planning Authorities. The Secretary of State directed that Local Planning Authorities would use their Local Development Frameworks, also introduced by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as the next tier down from the Regional Spatial Strategy, to guide their development decisions.

So at the moment, the key document for us is the South Lakeland (outside the National Park) Local Development Framework (LDF) published by South Lakeland District Council. The LDF Core Strategy has been adopted and the most important next step in the LDF is the allocation of development sites or Land Allocations as we have referred to it over the past few months. Before discussing the Land Allocations it is worth spending a minute on the LDF Core Strategy. (It is available on the SLDC website for those who wish to read it in detail.) The LDF defines our towns and villages as either Principal Service Centres (Kendal and Ulverston), Key Service Centres (Milnthorpe, Kirkby Lonsdale and Grange), Local Service Centres (17 villages including including Burton-in- Kendal and Holme) and then smaller villages and hamlets. The LDF sets a target of building 6000 homes in South Lakeland outside the National Park in the period 2010-2025 this equates to 400 a year across the district. The LDF proposes that 21% (84 per year) of these are built in the

17 Local Service Centres. This would mean that Burton should have on average 5 new homes per year. Put like that it seems easily achievable. Of course over 15 years it amounts to 75 homes which is a large housing estate. It is also important to remember that the LDF does not define a target for Burton-in-Kendal it sets an overall target for the 17 Local Service Centre villages. Additionally, 35% of all the houses built should be affordable homes.

The results of the Land Allocations process should be published this autumn. There will then be an independent examination next spring and final adoption next autumn. As you know South Lakeland District Council published their initial proposals in the spring of this year and many residents were involved in the consultation process. The main housing sites proposed were south of Dalton Lane, the top of Morewood Drive, the field between the games area and the playground, and above Church Bank. During the first consultation some residents proposed alternative sites these were added to the list of possible sites. The main new ones were the Green Dragon Farm, the area west of the Main Street properties from Tarn Lane to Neddy Hill, the field between Church Bank and Slape Lane, Millers Garth Clawthorpe, the land east of the games area, and the top of Thornleigh Drive. In responding to both consultations the Parish Council has taken the view that development should be in scale to the overall size and infrastructure of the village, that development should concentrate on affordable properties and that it is possible to identify small sites around the village where development in scale could take place and indeed for which, in the case of the Royal Hotel, planning approval has already been given.

Looking ahead, you will have seen in the newspapers mention of the National Planning Policy Framework and the Localism Bill. The National Planning Policy Framework greatly simplifies much of the existing planning policy. It makes clear that where plans are not in-place or up-to-date development should be allowed. Thus, if development within South Lakeland is to be managed by the local authority, an up-to-date Local Plan is essential which is why the Land Allocations process is important. As an aside it is worth remembering that within the Planning Policy Framework, the Government has set great store by protecting Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks. It is likely therefore that areas such as ours which are just outside both would be particularly attractive to developers. The opportunity for the village is to "cash-in" on our appeal by demanding high quality well planned development which

meets the local need, can be supported by the local infrastructure, and is in scale with the existing village.

Which brings us neatly to the Localism Bill which will introduce, amongst much else, the concept of neighbourhood planning. A Neighbourhood Plan could give the village the right to determine the type and location of future housing and employment development. The current version of the Localism Bill tells us that parishes can use neighbourhood plans to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood; set planning policies for the development and use of land; and give planning permission through Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders. Neighbourhood Plans will have to support the strategic policies of the Local Plan. This once again highlights the importance of getting the Local Development Framework and the Land Allocations process right because neighbourhood plans should positively support these policies.

South Lakeland District Council has offered parishes in the district the opportunity to pilot the neighbourhood planning process. The Parish Council has agreed to express an interest in Burton-in-Kendal being one of the pilot parishes. The advantage of being in a pilot programme is that there may be financial assistance to prepare the plan and hold the subsequent referendum to adopt or reject the plan. The disadvantage is that the regulations may well change during or as a result of the pilot process. The aim of the plan would be to allow more appropriate scale developments to meet local need. It is important to recognise that the process cannot be used to block existing planning policies. The Parish Council's aim would be to refine current planning policy so that it can be implemented in the most relevant way for Burton-in-Kendal. Given the parking problems for residents in the village, a simple example of what might be in the plan would be a policy to ensure that all new developments recognised car parking as a local problem and over-provided car parking spaces within the development.

If Burton-in-Kendal is selected as one of the pilots the Parish Council will wish to consult all residents on the Neighbourhood Plan as it is developed. It may be that it will be appropriate to ask for volunteers who would be willing to participate in the process. In any event it is likely that the plan could only be adopted if supported by a local referendum so expect to hear more about it in future issues of the Newsletter.