

BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21 April 2011
at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal

PRESENT. Cllrs P Rogers, (Chairman), R Boddy, J Brown, J Hopwood, I Hunt, G Isherwood, M Taylor, A Wren, and Parish Clerk P Smith. District and County Cllr R Bingham and District Cllr B Cooper were in attendance.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE. Three members of the public were present.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies from Cllr F Mason-Hornby were accepted.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17 MARCH 2011.** The minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2011 were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

(ACTION)

a. In addition to the Referendum on the voting system for United Kingdom parliamentary elections on 5 May, notice has been received that there will also be an election for one of the two District Council seats on the same day.

b. The Minister for the Natural Environment has written in response to the Parish Council's letter, to confirm the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund has been withdrawn and will not be reinstated.

c. CCC have released a public discussion document on the future of libraries including the mobile library. Residents are encouraged to read the document and comment directly to CCC. If comments could be copied to the Parish Clerk these will be considered by the Parish Council at a future meeting.

5. **OPEN FORUM.**

a. **Police Report.** PCSOs Jayne Park and Jess Bullock sent apologies but had submitted a written report. The only crimes of note were damage to an anti-wind-farm sign in a private garden and an assault following a road traffic collision.

b. **Fire Service Report.** Fire Station Manager Callum Graham reported a generally encouraging year for the Milnthorpe Fire Station. There had been fewer incidents than in the previous year and no dwelling fires at all. Mr Graham also announced his imminent retirement and the Parish Council wished him well for the future.

c. A member of the public asked if the council would be considering the likely impact on the village of the new livestock auction market.

d. A member of the public had written to outline her concerns at the potential threat to the mobile library posed by the review of the library service. This would be on the agenda at the next Parish Council meeting. (PS)

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

(PS)

a. Applications granted: None

b. Applications refused: None

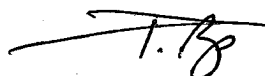
c. Applications received:

i. **SL/2011/0257 – 17, St James Drive.** Ground and first floor extensions requested by Mr R Evans. It was resolved to agree in principle to an extension but to object to the specific design which incorporated an unsightly overhang not in keeping with the general design of properties in the vicinity.

ii. **SL/2011/0199 – Motorway Services.** Illuminated advertising signs for the BP Garage. No objection.

iii. **SL/2011/0206 – Sandy Gap Farmhouse.** Detached storage building requested by Mr and Mrs P Leasor. No Objection

iv. **Lancaster 11/00172/FUL – Motorway Services.** Modification to wind turbine application to show that the tip height is 67 meters rather than the 50 metres originally shown. It was resolved on a vote of 7 to 1 to maintain the objection to the proposed wind-turbine on the grounds of the damage to landscape character and the loss of visual amenity for residents of Burton-in-Kendal due to the major impact on Landscape Character and the major effect on Visual Amenity (Landscape and Visual Assessment Report, Page 17, Table 1.9).



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7. FINANCE.

- a. The Council received the final 2010/11 Annual Income and Expenditure Account and bank balances:

Income to date	£15194.45	Bank of Ireland	£20.09
Expenditure to date	£10977.79	NatWest Current	£2810.33
Difference	£4216.66	NatWest Savings	£8596.09
Bank Balance at 1/04/10	£6462.24	Less cheques etc	£747.61
Carried forward	£10678.90	Carried Forward	£10678.90

- b. The Council received the 2011/12 Income and Expenditure Account and bank balances as at 31 Mar 11:

Income to date	£0.00	Bank of Ireland	£20.09
Expenditure to date	£470.32	NatWest Current	£2810.33
Difference	-£470.32	NatWest Savings	£8596.09
Balance at 1/04/10	£10678.90	Less cheques etc	£1217.93
Carried forward	£10208.58	Carried Forward	£10208.58

8. ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED.**(PS)**

a.	Lengthsman hours and expenses to 31 Mar 2011.	£190.57
b.	Stramongate Press for Spring Newsletter	£90.00
c.	Clerk's salary 1 Apr to 30 Apr 2011.	£200.32
d.	CALC 2011/12 Annual Subscription.	£254.50
e.	Local Council Review 2011/12 Annual Subscription.	£15.50

9. **ELECTORAL COMMISSION REVIEW OF COUNTY COUNCIL DIVISIONS.** It was resolved that no proposals would be sent to the Electoral Commission on the County Council divisions.

10. **REQUEST FOR DONATION FROM NW AIR AMBULANCE.** It was resolved to send a donation of £50 to NW Air Ambulance. **(PS)**

11. **COUNTY COUNCIL TIMBER TRANSPORT AGREED ROUTES MAP.** It was resolved to write to the County Council to forcefully object to the inclusion of Clawthorpe Lane, Vicarage Lane and Main Street as timber transport routes. Clawthorpe Lane and the continuation to Hutton Roof is very narrow, includes tight narrow corners, and offers no opportunity for vehicles travelling in the opposite direction to pass without causing severe damage to verges. Vicarage Lane is very narrow, passes through residential areas and exits into the centre of the village at a very narrow junction. Main Street though the centre of the village is a residential street with on street parking and narrow pavements. The Parish Council recommends that the route currently agreed with the timber yard should be utilised by timber felling operations. This would bring all timber traffic down Dalton Lane turning southbound on to the A6070 and thus to the A6 and M6. The Parish Council directed that, in reporting their view to the County Council, the Clerk should make clear the irritation felt by the Parish Council at the incompetence of the work which developed the proposed maps. **(PS)**

12. **COUNCILLORS REPORT ON PARISH PLAN ITEMS AND ADD NEW ITEMS TO THE PLAN.** There was no change to the status of Parish Plan items except that the gritters had been put on to the insurance policy.

13. LENGTHSMAN'S LOG OF PLAYGROUND INSPECTION AND REPORTS FROM PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

- The playground log was inspected. No problems have been reported.
- Cllr G Isherwood reported that where the hedge and fencing between the playground and the adjoining field was damaged the boundary would be made stock proof by using cut branches to cover the gaps. He also reported that Burton Morewood School is seeking Academy status.
- Cllr A Wren reported that he had carried out repairs to the playground rope bridge. He also reported that a resident was concerned at the safety of the wall on Caterpillar Walk. The Chairman agreed to check the condition of the wall. The resident would be advised to contact Persimmon Homes if repairs were necessary. **(PR)**
- Cllr P Rogers reported that the gully pots have been emptied, the grass has been cut and a new bench has been installed on the canal bank.
- Cllr J Brown reported that the Memorial Hall management committee would look into the possibility of putting the Christmas Tree lights up in the trees along the front of the hall car park. He also reported that the

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Memorial Hall improvements programme was progressing and the committee were hoping to receive approval for the grants for which they had applied.

f. Cllr R Boddy hoped that now that the gully pots have been emptied the flooding outside the creamery would not happen but if it did the reasons should be fully investigated.

g. Cllr I Hunt asked if there was any progress on the Main St resurfacing faults and the flooding problems under the railway bridge. No progress had been reported by the County Council. (MT)

h. Cllr J Hopwood reported that the Quarry Liaison Committee had also written to DEFRA on the withdrawal of the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund. No reply had as yet been received. She also reported that the cattle were back on Dalton fell.

14. TO NOTE COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED. The communications listed below were noted. No further actions were ordered.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting. It will take place on Thursday 19 May 2011 at 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting Closed at 8:37pm

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 16 MARCH 2011 Significant communications not otherwise on the Agenda

- 1. By e-mail forwarded to Councillors:**
 - a. Revised Draft Cumbria Transport Plan.
 - b. Minutes of 17 March Local Area Partnership Meeting.
 - c. Police monthly newsletter.
- 2. In circulation folder:**
 - a. SLDC Standards Committee meeting papers.
 - b. The Good Councillor's Guide and NALC guidance booklets.

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

ALSF	Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund
CALC	Cumbria Association of Local Councils
CCC	Cumbria County Council
CIEP	Cumbria Improvement and Efficiency Partnership
LAP	Local area Partnership
LDF	Local Development Framework
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
SLDC	South Lakeland District Council

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