

BURTON- IN -KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 August 2007 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal

PRESENT: Cllrs. P.Rogers (Chairman), J.Alderson, J.Hopwood, G.Isherwood, A.Wren, District Cllr.R.Bingham, C.Dale (Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE: Five members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs. R.Boddy, J.Brown, F.Mason-Hornby. **ABSENT:** R.Lawson

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19 JULY:** Having been previously circulated, the minutes were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** **ACTION**

- Invitation received to attend SLDC Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee Meeting 21 August
- Annual accounts for 2006/07 have been returned duly signed by the Audit Commission. Issues raised by them regarding risk assessment and fidelity insurance for Cllrs. are to be raised separately by CALC with the Audit Commission as other parish councils in Cumbria have had the same issues highlighted with them by the Audit Commission this year

4. **OPEN FORUM – Points raised:**
Members of the public present requested consideration be given to a bus shelter to be provided outside the Memorial Hall. The Chairman explained this would be part of the discussion under Agenda item No.8 below and it was agreed this item would be brought forward to immediately follow the Open Forum

8. **BUS SHELTER**
The Chairman reported that since the last meeting the Clerk had found out that CCC currently have funds available in their budgets for bus shelters. As a result he and the Clerk met with a representative of Signature Ltd, a preferred supplier of CCC, to look at the possibility of siting a northbound shelter at the Green Dragon bus stop and siting a southbound shelter between Vicarage Lane and the pedestrian entrance to Glebe Close. The plans were then circulated together with quotes for various materials up to £3,403.69 per shelter in 6mm crinkle cut glass reinforced plastic.
After a long discussion about the suitability of the shelters it was agreed that a working party be formed under the chairmanship of Cllr.Isherwood of Cllrs.Alderson & Hopwood to report back at the next parish council meeting on alternative suitable styles and locations with costings and availability of grants from other sources. The Chairman pointed out that no funds could be made available from the parish council due to the tightening finances revealed by the 2008/09 proposed budget to be discussed under Agenda Item 9 below. He agreed the Clerk would join the working party to assist as necessary. (GI)

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- **Planning applications granted:**
 - SL/2007/0720 – Clawthorpe Hall – Retention of gates & fencing at entrance to builders yard for Duckett Building Services
 - SL/2007/0752 – The Square Substation, Burton – Removal of 4-metre section of hedgerow for United Utilities
 - SL/2007/0773 – The Swiss Barn, The Square, Burton – Detached garage, porch & install external flue for Mr G.Ormerod
- **Planning applications received:**
 - SL/2007/0673 – Hall Gardens, Tanpits Lane – Slate canopy to street facing elevation for Mr DW Parsons. Cllrs.unanimously agreed they had no objections. (CD)

6. **FINANCE**
Balances at the bank at 16 August 2007:

BOI Treasurers Account	£12,189.57
Income to date	10,268.76
Expenditure to date	5,317.09

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7. ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED

Lengthsman remuneration to 15.08.07 (4 weeks @ £77 = £308)	£308.00
Clerk's salary and expenses	291.75
Grasscare - ground maintenance to 31.08.07	301.99

9. 2008/09 BUDGET

The proposed budget prepared by the Budget Working Party was circulated by the Clerk. The Chairman explained the increased costs to £11,649 expected for 2007/09 were due to withdrawal of subsidy for a lengthsman £1,000 plus £500 parish council election expenses expected for May 2008 plus application of 4.4% for inflation on other costs (RPI June 2006 to June 2007).

By reducing the expected reserves from £6,961 to £5,500 by the end of the year it is possible to restrict increasing the precept required to £9,788. This represents an increase of £2.20 per household on Band D properties for 2008/09.

Cllrs. agreed the budgeted expenditure had been kept as low as possible in the circumstances.

Cllr. Isherwood proposed the budget be adopted for 2008/09. This was seconded by Cllr. Hopwood. The proposal was carried unanimously.

(CD)

10. BOON TOWN PLAYING GROUND

There were no further developments to report

11. REPORTS

- Cllr. Rogers reported potholes in Memorial Hall entrance had been fixed. A broken 30mph sign has been reported to the Highways Hotline (See 'Communications' below)
- Cllr. Hopwood reported a meeting with Forest Enterprises where it was agreed they would be reinstating 6 cows on Dalton Crags next spring and would be holding a 'Meet the Cows Day'. She also announced an £85,000 grant for the area from the Aggregates Fund, which will include money for ponds at Burton Morewood School and fencing/walling repairs on the Nature Reserve. The potholes at the entrance to Plain Quarry will be mended shortly.
- Cllr. Isherwood reported that an estimate for £23,000 had been received for levelling the School field
- Cllr. Alderson reported the pothole on Vicarage Lane had still not been repaired
- Cllr. Wren reported his attendance at the Memorial Hall Committee Meeting where a request was received for a questionnaire to be circulated with the next Parish Newsletter. It is understood this is now in hand with Burton News

12. COMMUNICATIONS - See Schedule below.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 20 September 2007 at 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 16 AUGUST 2007

Website

- **Hot Topic:** Suspended
- **Feedback:** Suspended

Other Communications

- Invitation from SLDC to attend the Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee Meeting on 21 August at 2.00pm
- Confirmation from Capita that bus stop sign will be replaced
- Potholes at entrance to south end of Memorial Hall notified to Highways Hotline (ref.144814)
- Slape Lane badly overgrown & notified to Highways Hotline (ref.144580)
- A broken 30mph sign opposite Sunnybank reported to the Highways Hotline (ref.145961)
- Notification from CCC of cancellation of closure of U5412 Ash Grove, Clawthorpe for now
- Notification sent to SLDC of adoption of revised code of conduct
- 2006/07 Accounts signed & returned by Audit Commission

For Circulation

- Letter from CCC Highways regarding surface water drain cleaning programme
- Notification from Friends of the Lake District of Rural Greens Workshops for the autumn
- Update from Lancs.Minerals & Waste Development Framework
- South Lakeland Council for Voluntary Service August Newsletter
- Cumbria Community Foundation announcement of grants for under 19s
- CCC 2nd Local Transport Plan - Update Report
- CCC Rural Support Programme information poster
- Invitation to Memorial Hall Autumn Coffee Morning 29 September 2007
- Advert from CALC for a Project Officer for Lakes Parish

Glossary of Abbreviations:

CALC	Cumbria Association of Local Councils
CCC	Cumbria County Council
NPS	Norfolk Property Services
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
SLDC	South Lakeland District Council
SLCC	Society of Local Council Clerks