

BURTON- IN -KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19 May 2005 at 7.00 pm at the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal

PRESENT: Councillors J.Hopwood (Chairman), Cllr. J.Alderson R.Boddy, G.Isherwood, F.Mason-Hornby, K.Ray, P.Rogers, B.Willink, R.Bingham (District Cllr.) C.Dale (Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE: Six members of the public.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Boddy proposed that Cllr. Hopwood be re-elected to the Chair. This was seconded by Cllr. Rogers. **This was unanimously agreed.**

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Hopwood proposed that Cllr. Rogers be re-elected as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr. Isherwood. **This was unanimously agreed.**

3. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- Burton Recreation Trust – Cllr. Boddy
- CALC - Cllr. Hopwood
- Memorial Hall Committee – Cllr. Rogers
- Quarry Liaison Committee – Cllr. Alderson and Cllr. Hopwood
- School Governors – Cllr. Isherwood
- Burton Education Foundation – Mrs K. Unsworth will continue to represent the Parish Council

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 21 April, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct and signed by the Chairman.

6. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Action by)

- T. Jolley's letter of resignation has been accepted. This creates a casual vacancy on the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to ensure this was an agenda item for the next Parish Council Meeting and **Cllrs. agreed to canvass for nominations for the vacancy.**
- A letter from Computashare has revealed an investment of £28.49 in War Gilts. **Cllrs. agreed these should be sold and proceeds transferred to the bank account.** (CD)
- **Cllrs. agreed Cllr. Bingham should take up the matter of the way CCC is handling the unsatisfactory state of Burton's Main Street pavements** (County Cllr.RB)
- Cllr. Willink proposed that Cllr. Hopwood be nominated Parish representative on the CALC Executive Committee. This was seconded by Cllr. Alderson and **unanimously agreed** (JH)
- Cllr. Isherwood agreed to attend the Lancaster Canal Trust AGM on 24 May 2005. (GI)

7. OPEN FORUM – points raised:-

- PC Casson reported two assaults, two thefts, and speeding on Main Street during the past month.
- A parishioner queried the wording of an article in the Lake District Life about Burton, stated that a site for affordable housing had been earmarked by SLDC. In fact SLDC have only identified a possible site at this stage. **Cllrs. agreed that the word 'earmarked did not imply a certainty.** The magazine went to print prior to the Village Meeting. The Chairman thanked Kath Hayhurst for providing the reporter with historical information about the village.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Received – None

Planning Permission Granted –

SL/05/0323 – Kings Arms Hotel, Main Street. Internal alterations for Mitchell's of Lancaster

SL/05/0116 – Home Farm, Dalton Lane. Redevelopment of redundant agricultural buildings to form offices for trustees of F.Mason-Hornby. (Cllr. Mason-Hornby left the room)

Planning Permission Refused –

SL/05/0334 – Coppers End, Tanpits Lane. First floor extension to provide new bedroom with toilet for Mr.P.Wearing

9. FINANCE

Balances at the Bank of Ireland Treasurers Account at 21 April 2005	£14,978.01
Income to date	8,346.71
Expenditure to date	642.33

10. ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED

Burton Tech Support for website	30.00
Clerk's salary and expenses	336.22
Clerks & Councils Direct – Annual subscription	9.00
M D Hanafin – Repair fencing at Boon Town	175.43
Allianz Cornhill Engineering – Inspection of playing ground	397.03

11. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Annual Accounts, having been previously circulated, were discussed and approved. The Annual Return to the Audit Commission was approved and signed Clerk to send letter of thanks to Mr. P. Tubbs the Internal Auditor.

(CD)

12. AFFILIATION FEE TO THE CUMBRIA PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Cllrs. agreed a cheque for £13.30 is prepared for signing at the next Council Meeting

(CD)

13. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Cllr. Hopwood reported that she and Cllrs. Rogers and Boddy had undertaken a desktop study of possible sites and were undertaking further research before producing a report.

(JH)

14. INSURANCE PREMIUM FOR 2005/06

Cllrs. agreed the Allianz Cornhill Insurance premium for 2005/06 of £1284.31

15. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

The Chairman presented Cartmel's as an example and asked for any other suggestions for the folder she has created. A working party of Cllrs. Hopwood, Mason-Hornby, Isherwood & Bingham agreed to progress the Design Statement.

(All Cllrs.)

16. COMMEMORATION FOR THE END OF WORLD WAR 2

After some discussion **Cllrs. agreed the Clerk should contact the Memorial Hall Committee to discuss possibilities**

(CD)

17. LIGHTING OUTSIDE THE POST OFFICE

It was agreed the Clerk would contact the SLDC Street Lighting Engineer for suggested improvements (CD)

18. REPORTS

- Cllr. Boddy reported the Recreation Trust was still awaiting a response from the owners of the Royal Hotel regarding the state of the car park. He agreed to pursue the possibility of drainage being provided by the Trust for the surface water from the tennis courts (RB)
- Cllr. Mason-Hornby asked if there had been any complaints about camping in Tip Wood (CD)
- Cllr. Willink asked for an update on the hump in the Kirkby Lonsdale Road (CD)
- Cllr. Isherwood reported no demand for more dropped kerbs in the village. He then highlighted the need for a user-friendly stile at the top of Morewood Drive. It was agreed that Cllrs. would look at the site before the next meeting and agree a way forward then. (All Cllrs.)
- Cllr. Alderson reported a slippery manhole cover at the top of Tanpits Lane. It was agreed the Clerk would report this to the Highways Agency. She also reported receiving a letter asking for Burton to be designated an area of outstanding natural beauty. The Clerk was asked to reply that this designation applies to the countryside, not to villages (CD)
- Cllr. Ray reported that two bins have been removed from the Royal car park

19. COMMUNICATIONS – Per attached schedule

20. WEBSITE

Cllrs. unanimously agreed the Hot Topic for the coming month should be 'Would you mind if the Royal Hotel was redeveloped?'

(CD)

The meeting finished at 9.10pm

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and will take place on **Thursday 16 June 2005 at 7.00pm** in the Memorial Hall, followed by the Parish Council Meeting

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 18 MAY 2005

Website

- **Hot topic results:** Do you think the Parish Council should formally commemorate the end of World War Two? Yes: 92%. No: 8%. Total votes: 12
- **Feedback:** I would far rather see something more practical in the village, which could then be, dedicated as a living memorial/thank you to those who served our community. I'm thinking of a new facility such as a skateboard ramp, or a heritage room with storage/research facilities, or even go the whole hog and consider a replacement for the Memorial Hall incorporating new facilities more suited for village life in the 21st century.

Other Communications

- Invitation to K.Milligan (Cumbria Wildlife Trust) to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm on Thursday June 16
- Application sent to Awards for All for a grant to restore signposts
- Letter of resignation from T.Jolley
- Letter from CCC confirming Main Street footways are included as a scheme in the Structural Maintenance List but the priority was not high enough for this year's spending plans
- Letter of apology from SLDC for non attendance at the Village Meeting on Affordable Housing

For Circulation

- CALC circular for May 2005
- CALC Quality Parish Scheme update May 2005
- Waterwitch Magazine for Spring 2005
- Childline Appeal
- RBS Auditing Solutions Ltd. publicity
- Playground Management Ltd. publicity
- Clerks & Councils Direct May 2005
- IT Essentials brochure
- Local Council Review May 2005
- CCC notification of long vehicles prohibition on C5087
- CCC consultation on preparation of the Statement of Community
- Letter from IMI Memorial Safety Inspection Service
- CWT request to carry out a dormouse survey adjacent to Holme Park Quarry
- Highways Agency Traffic Information Leaflet May to August 2005
- Letter to Tim Farron regarding the Liberal publicity surrounding Cllr.Jolley
- Letter to the Standards Board for England
- Burton Educational Foundation Annual a/cs & list of students from K.Unsworth
- Traffic Information Leaflet May-August 2005 from The Highways Agency
- Letter from SLDC granting planning permission for Home Farm, Dalton Lane

Glossary of Abbreviations:

- CALC** Cumbria Association of Local Councils
- CCC** Cumbria County Council
- CWT** Cumbria Wildlife Trust
- DEFRA** Dept. for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
- NALC** National Association of Local Councils
- ODPM** Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
- SLDC** South Lakeland District Council

W. Jolley
16/6/05