

BURTON- IN -KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17 March 2011
at 7.45 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal

PRESENT. Cllrs F Mason-Hornby,(Chairman), R Boddy, J Brown, I Hunt, G Isherwood, P Rogers, M Taylor, A Wren, and Parish Clerk P Smith. District and County Cllr R Bingham was in attendance.

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies from Councillor J Hopwood were accepted.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** The following councillors declared prejudicial interests: Cllr R Boddy for paragraph 7a, Cllr J Brown for paragraph 7d, Cllr I Hunt for paragraphs 7d and 7h, Cllr F Mason-Hornby for paragraph 7g. Cllr A Wren declared a personal interest for paragraph 7f.
3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17 FEBRUARY 2011.** The minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2011 were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(ACTION)

a. Notice has been received that the Referendum on the voting system for United Kingdom parliamentary elections will be held on 5 May. There are no Parish Council elections in Burton-in-Kendal this year.

5. OPEN FORUM.

a. **LDF Land Allocations Document.** Two members of the public outlined their concerns about the proposal to designate the land behind Clawthorpe Hall for employment use. The land owner noted that he had written to SLDC suggesting that low density housing was a better use. Residents confirmed their objections to the designation of the land south of Dalton Lane and the Land above Church Bank for housing developments.

b. **Police Report.** PCSO Bullock submitted a written report. There were no recorded crimes to report. However, the police wished to warn people of an increase in domestic fuel thefts particularly from rural holiday cottages.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

a. Applications granted: None

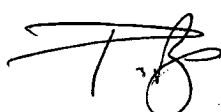
b. Applications refused: None

c. Applications received: **Lancaster City Council 11/00172/FUL.** Fifty metre wind turbine for Moto Hospitality Ltd on Tarn Lane just west of the service road. It was resolved on a vote of 5 to 3 to object 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).

7. RESPONSE TO SLDC CONSULTATION ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK, LAND ALLOCATIONS.

It was resolved to comment to SLDC generally on the consultation to the effect that the Council wanted to see affordable homes built in the village to meet the needs of the recent housing needs survey. However, the scale of growth envisaged in the LDF consultation greatly exceeded the identified need, could not be supported by the existing physical and social infrastructure of the village and would change the character of the village. Furthermore, sensible comment on the suitability of the sites was unachievable without being able to consider the density, infrastructure, type size and mix of housing as in the normal planning process. Three potential sites were identified which would be suitable for small developments of affordable housing which would in total exceed the identified needs of the village. These were The Royal Hotel site, EN14M currently identified for employment use, and future use of the land occupied by the telephone exchange. The following responses to the individual sites would be submitted, this comment would also include the the general comments on the limitations of the village infrastructure:

a. **RN151M** (Employment - Holme Mills) **Supported** but with the caveat it must be restricted for employment use which does not require the use of heavy vehicles for which the access roads are unsuitable.

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- b. **MN14M** (Employment - Clawthorpe) **Not supported** due to its poor access, limited infrastructure and the wish to keep a green gap between the cottages in Clawthorpe and the existing Clawthorpe Hall employment site.
- c. **EN14M** (Employment - Green Dragon) **Not supported** due to lack of definition of the nature of the employment site buildings at this visually important gateway to the village. This site was identified as being more appropriate for affordable housing.
- d. **R76M** (Housing - Above Church Bank) **Not Supported** due to the visual impact of the site on the approach to the village. This site has been previously rejected by planning inspectors.
- e. **R681M** (Housing - Top of Morewood Drive) **Not Supported** due to the visual impact of the site on the approach to the village and more importantly the very poor access roads to the site be it through Morewood drive past the school or via Vicarage Lane.
- f. **RN226** (Housing - Between playground and games area) **Not Supported** due to the very poor access roads to the site through Boontown and the loss of playground land.
- g. **RN145M** (Housing - South of Dalton Lane) **Not Supported** due to the visual impact of the site on the approach to the village from the south and the loss of the defined southern boundary of the village.
- h. **RN144** (Community Use - East of the games area) **Supported**.

8. **FINANCE.** The Council received the Income and Expenditure Account and bank balances as at 17 Mar 10:

Income to date	£14920.26	Bank of Ireland	£20.09
Expenditure to date	<u>£10683.57</u>	NatWest Current	£3076.08
Difference	£4236.69	NatWest Savings	£8576.88
Bank Balance at 1/04/10	<u>£6462.24</u>	Less cheques etc	<u>-£974.12</u>
Carried forward	£10698.93	Carried Forward	£10698.93

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

- a. Lengthsman hours and expenses to 31 Jan 2011. £167.48
- b. Clerk's salary 1 Feb to 28 Feb 2011. £200.26
- c. HMRC Clerk's PAYE. £150.18
- d. Annual Stationery and postage. £156.64

10. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FORESTRY COMMISSION ON THE MAINTENANCE OF PLAIN QUARRY RECREATION FACILITY.** It was resolved to adopt the memorandum of understanding with the Forestry Commission for the maintenance of Plain Quarry.

11. **WITHDRAWAL OF THE AGGRAVATE LEVY SUSTAINABILITY FUND.** It was resolved to write to the Secretary of State for the Environment and Rural Affairs deploring the decision to withdraw the Aggregate Levy Sustainability Fund and to ask that the decision be reconsidered. (PS)

12. **COUNCILLORS REPORT ON PARISH PLAN ITEMS AND ADD NEW ITEMS TO THE PLAN.** The status of current items was reported:

- a. **Design Statement:** Parish Council version to be prepared and published. (JH,FM-H)
- b. **Road Safety improvements:** Road markings on Main St have been completed. (PS)
- c. **Signage:** Nothing new to report. (PR)
- d. **Emergency Plan:** Hand operated grit spreader delivered. (PR)
- e. **Facilities for Young People:** Secondary school headteachers to be contacted. (PS)
- f. **Car Parking:** Survey completed, report being prepared. (JB,GI,AW)

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

- a. The playground log was inspected. No problems have been reported.
- b. Cllr A Wren requested that hedging saplings be provided for the playground. It was agreed that these would be provided by the lengthsman. (PR)
- c. Cllr P Rogers reported that:
- The lengthsman had cleared the waste from the side of the Memorial Hall.
 - The Gully Pots urgently needed emptying. This had been requested twice and a formal complaint that they have not been done should be made with the next request. (PS)
- d. Cllr R Boddy reported that residents attending the Neighbourhood Watch meeting with the police had shown genuine interest in the scheme. There were four schemes currently running in Burton.

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- e. Cllr I Hunt reported that:
- i. A resident had proposed that the trees in front of the Memorial Hall be decorated with lights at Christmas. The resulting requirement for power to be available at the trees would be discussed with Memorial Hall committee. (JB)
 - ii. A resident had proposed Children at Play signs be put up at the entrance to St James Drive. These would be requested. (PS)
- f. Cllr F Mason-Hornby reported that a stretch of the white lining by Church Bank had been completed but the full scheme agreed with CCC remained to be completed. CCC would be reminded. (PS)

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 take place on Thursday 21 April 2011 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting Closed at 9:28pm

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 12 MARCH 2011
Significant communications not otherwise on the Agenda

1. **By e-mail forwarded to Councillors:**
 - a. Comments by residents on the Land Allocations Document.
 - b. South Westmorland LAP Agenda for 17 March 2011.
 - c. SLDC Survey of Empty properties in Burton.
 - d. Weekly lists of planning applications received by SLDC.
 - e. Electoral Register updates for March.
 - f. CALC Newsletter.
 - g. Neighbourhood Watch Meeting in Burton on 9 March 2011.
2. **In circulation folder:**
 - a. Letter of thanks from Citizens' Advice South Lakeland.
 - b. Local Council Review – Spring 2011.
 - c. Clerks and Councils Direct - March 2011.

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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