

BURTON- IN -KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17 February, 2005 at 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 20 January, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Action by)

- SLDC require feedback on Cumbria Rural Housing Trust Survey. **Cllrs. instructed the Clerk to write expressing disappointment that there was no consultation at all with the Parish Council and the results were poorly presented and disjointed.** (CD)
- Clerk awaiting quote to submit an insurance claim for gale damage to Boon Town playing field boundary fence (£75 excess). (CD)
- Request from neighbouring landowner for overhanging branches on this boundary to be removed. **Cllrs. instructed the Clerk to write confirming they are happy for him to remove them.** (CD)
- Invitation for Cllrs. to attend the CALC New Planning System seminar. This was retained by the Chairman to make further enquiries. (JH)
- CALC Parish Survey distributed to Cllrs. for feedback at the next meeting. (All Cllrs.)
- Clerk has arranged to see Playdale representative at BMH 9.30am Friday 4 March to obtain replacement costs for playing equipment for insurance renewal purposes. Cllrs. invited to join them.
- Cllrs. agreed Cllr.Isherwood be nominated to attend a Royal Garden Party 14 July 2005 (CD)
- Cllrs. agreed an extension to April of the 10 March date to enable the Parish Council to consider at the next meeting the late Planning Application SL/05/0116 (received 12.02.05). Cllr. Mason-Hornby declared a ~~beneficial~~ **prejudicial** interest. (CD)

4. OPEN FORUM – points raised:-

- PC Casson presented a report of incidents covering December 2004 and January 2005. Speed checks have been carried out at both ends of the village. A number of drivers have been warned and one prosecuted. Cllr.Isherwood highlighted the problem of mud on the main road from the development to the north of Burton and it was agreed the police would monitor the situation.
- Cllr.Willink pointed out there is a similar situation on Docker Lane with forestry operations. Cllrs. instructed Clerk to contact Highways and Forest Enterprises about the situation there. (CD)

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SL/05/0063 – Sandy Gap Cottage, Burton. Use of existing concrete bases for worm farming operation (part retrospective) for Mr.G.Holden

SL/05/0070 – Clawthorpe Hall Business Park. External alterations & first floor extension to create new office space for Duckett Building Services

SL/05/0087 – Bowness, Vicarage Lane, Burton. Two storey rear extension for Mr. I. Henderson. Cllr. Rogers reported visiting this address and saw no problem with the application.

Cllrs. unanimously agreed they had no objection to any of the above applications

SL/05/0113 – Former Burton Garage. Variation of Condition No.3 on Planning Consent SL/04/0459 to permit installation of plastic window and door frames for N.Jackson, Contractors. **Cllrs. unanimously objected to this and the Chairman proposed the contractor be approached to retain the timber windows and doors as per the original planning consent** (JH)

6. FINANCE

Balances at the bank at 7 February 2005:-

BOI Treasurers Account	£10,622.51
Income to date	11,631.71
Expenditure to date	7,868.34

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7. ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED

Clerk's salary and expenses	£253.04
Denis O'Connor Ltd. - Information Centre, Clawthorpe	4990.75
SLDC - Rent for Boon Town Playing Ground	35.00
(AQ) Ltd. - Re-Register domain as burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk	29.38
Burton Tech.Support for website setup	15.00

8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPOSALS

Cllrs. unanimously agreed that the Clerk **book the main hall for 7.00pm Thursday 7 April for a Village Meeting (subject to SLDC and Housing Association's ability to attend)** (CD)

Cllr. Isherwood requested reasons in writing before the next Council Meeting from SLDC for the figure of 12 dwellings proposed for a Boon Town development. **Cllrs.agreed that T.Whittaker, the SLDC representative be asked to send as much information as possible regarding content and proposed format of the Meeting prior to the next Parish Council Meeting for discussion.** (JH)

9. FINALISE THE UPDATE OF THE 2005 VILLAGE PLAN

After further discussion it was agreed, subject to findings on research into costs and benefits to be carried out by Cllr. Jolley and presented to the Council regarding twinning with an Eastern European town, **that the following items be included:- Maintain appearance of the Square (E) (AllCllrs)**

- Light over PC notice board and refurbish (quote required) (GI)**
- Refurbish mapcase outside Hill House (quote required) (CD)**
- Engage a sub-contractor Lengthsman (JH&PR)**
- Draft a Village Design Statement (JH)**
- Twinning Burton with an Eastern European Village (TJ)**
- Refurbish two historic signposts on Station Lane (grant req.) (CD)**
- Replace historic signpost at 19 trees (grant required) (CD)**
- Repair wall and railings on A6070 (opp.Church Bank Farm) (PR)**
- Replace road signs at junction of Dalton Lane/Tarn Lane/A6070 (JH)**
- Replace waymarkers on footpaths (FMH/Burton FellwalkingSoc.)**
- Provide a Local Heritage Centre (grant funding required - possibly from The Countryside Agency - Historical Society to be consulted) (HistSoc)**

10. INFORMATION CENTRE OFFICIAL OPENING

Cllrs.unanimously agreed **this would be carried out at 2pm on Saturday 19 March by Cllr.Alderson**
An official plaque with acknowledgements to the Countryside Agency will be provided. (JH)

11. REPORTS

- Cllr.Isherwood reported the Information Centre litter bin needs relocating & manhole on Main Street still not fixed (CD)
- He also reported positive feedback from the Morewood School Governors Meeting with 152 pupils
- Cllr.Jolley requested the SLDC Cleansing Dept. Bin be relocated away from the Royal Hotel (CD)
- Cllr. Boddy reported issues raised at the Recreation Trust Meeting
- Cllr.Rogers reported bushes outside 29 St. James' Drive have been trimmed
- Cllr.Hopwood reported on the CALC South Lakeland Area Committee where an SLDC Officer spoke on changes to playground maintenance and inspection.
- Cllr.Willink presented the completed Panorama design and reported that a CD version, when available, will be used as the Parish Council's Website logo
- Cllr. Alderson reported that the Countryside Agency had agreed to contribute another £200 to the Information Centre
- Clerk required feedback from Cllrs. for Capita on the mirror at the junction of the A6070 & Vicarage Lane. **A circular convex, instead of the rectangular convex mirror requested, was supplied and reflection from the sun causes problems. Otherwise Cllrs. felt the installation to be of benefit.**

12. Communications - Per attached schedule

The meeting finished at 10.25

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 17 March, 2005 at 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall

Approved

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 17 FEBRUARY 2005

Communications

- A parishioner enquired about the possibility of speed bumps on Morewood Drive
- Reply to parishioner explaining why the Council informed SLDC of their disappointment at the decision to refuse planning permission to the Kings Arms for a car park. (Minute 4 20.01.05)
- Request to Capita to move bus stop sign at the Clawthorpe lay-by
- Street light on Neddy Hill not working reported to Highways – given Job no. 55373
- Letter to Householders at 29 St James Drive requesting bushes be trimmed by 1 March 2005 (Minute 15)
- Clerk informed by Police that reinstatement of walls after accident on the A6070 south of Burton has been agreed between the owners and the driver (Minute 15)
- Notification of publication on www.planningcumbria.org.uk of the Cumbria & Lake District Joint Structure Plan Panel Report
- Notification that the Kendal Register Office will operate an appointments only system from 1 March 2005 (bookable on 01539 773566/7). **Clerk to place on notice board.**
- Notification from SLDC that the Arts Strategy for South Lakeland 2005-2010 is currently open to public consultation – copies available on 01539 733333X7395 or www.southlakeland.gov.uk **Response from public required by 28 February 2005**
- Letter received from parishioner commenting on the Parish Council’s handling of planning applications (circulated 20.01.05 – **Clerk to respond saying the points made have been noted by Cllrs.**)

For Circulation

- SLDC – Local Development Framework – background to the search for sites/premises suitable for employment/business use
- CALC Survey of Parish Functions. **Response from Parish Council required by 31 March 2005**
- CALC Circular – February
- NALC 2005/06 salary awards for Clerks from 1 April 2005
- Friends of the Lake District Overhead Wires Newsletter - January
- ODPM Local Government Strategy Documents
- Outline of measures covered by the Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Bill (introduced 7 December 2004) from DEFRA
- Glasdon – Local Councils Newsheet
- CALC Course information on ‘Effective Local Councils’

Glossary of Abbreviations for the Above:

CALC Cumbria Association of Local Councils

CCC Cumbria County Council

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