

BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 11th April 2021

PRESENT: Cllrs. A. Wren, G Isherwood, M Taylor, F. Mason-Hornby, L. Bailey, P Rogers, C Nolan

Also present: Parish Clerk C Davidson

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: 1 members of the public

1) **The Parish Council expressed its sincere and heartfelt condolences to Her Majesty The Queen and all her family following the announcement of the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. A minutes silence was held.**

2) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Jane Hopwood, Cllr Isherwood apologised for arriving late

3) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION:**

None

4) **MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD**

The previous minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chairman.

5) **RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN**

a) The Chairman reported that Cllr Jane Hopwood was stepping down after 21 years of service to Burton-in-Kendal Parish Council. Cllr Wren personally thanked her and gave thanks on behalf of the Parish Council.

b) The Chairman thanked John Mackness who has retired as Burton News Correspondent.

c) Emergency road closure in The Square are due to start w/c 19th April. It was agreed that the handling of the works and the closure by Cumbria County Council was very poor.

d) A notice has been received that the Parish Council election will be uncontested and therefore there is now 2 Casual Vacancies which will be included for discussion on the May Agenda. Clerk to put details on website and social media.

6) **OPEN FORUM**

A letter from some young Burton residents has been received requesting the Parish Council to consider somewhere for older children to go, for example a skate park. It was agreed that this would go onto May Agenda and the Chairman asked Councillors to come up with ideas for discussion.

7) **RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Report from County & District Councillor Bingham was received and circulated to Councillors and Press prior to the meeting.

In a fortnight we go back to open meetings and a partial farewell to zoom etc, This morning we elected Tony Martley conservative councillor from Silloth as the new county chairman

in place of Christine Bowditch a labour rep from Carlisle who, because of the pandemic, had a two year term . The new Vice-Chairman is a Lib-Dem from Appleby. With four by elections imminent the councils composition may change from the current representation of 35 Conservatives, 25 Labour and 12 lib Dems.

Local government reorganisation was touched on with most members being in favour if two Cumbria unitary or else one unitary for the whole County. I can't recall the Morecambe option being mentioned perhaps because it break the government's guide line banning crossing county boundaries.

I am interested in and following closely the suggestion of a market for Burton but have not yet heard about the legalities from the Development Control lawyers. Having been on Millthorpe Market Committee for over 40 years I know that the main problem after marketing the market is to get stall holders and customers for whom we would need better parking. A traffic regulation order might be difficult to obtain because the market might straggle or be very close to the main A road and parking rights claimed by residents would have to be examined and possible compensation be paid.

On The A6070 Highways I am told that a rumour that Main Street would be closed for three weeks because of drainage work being done to nearby cellars is not true. But is it? Also Crooklands Bridge was closed for repairs on Monday but no repair workers. Have been seen yet

8) **PLANNING**

To formulate comments to the following planning application:

SL/2021/0267 54 Morewood Drive, Burton-in-Kendal
Alterations and extension to existing dwelling house.

One objection was submitted on SLDC website.

The Parish Council discussed this application and agreed that no comments or objections would be submitted to SLDC.

9) **TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING A MARKET IN THE SQUARE**

It was agreed that more research is needed to on this subject and therefore would be added to 'Outstanding Items' for discussion each month.

10) **STREET LIGHTING OWNED BY PARISH COUNCIL**

As suspected following a survey Cllrs Wren and Rogers disagree with the inventory supplied by District Council. It was agreed that a photo of each PC owned lamppost would be taken and then submitted to District Council. This would be added to May Agenda for update.

11) **TO APPOINT INTERNAL AUDITOR**

It was agreed that Richard Clark would carry out the Internal Audit of the 2020/21 accounts prior to the Annual Governance Annual Return.

12) **LOCAL GOVERNAMENT RE ORGANISATION**

Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would complete the online consultation on behalf of the Parish Council and hoped that individuals would also complete the consultation

before the closing date on 19th April. The preferred option of the Parish Council is the Allerdale & Copeland option, and definitely not the The Bay proposal.

13) SOCIAL MEDIA

Following discussions about a Parish Council Presence on Social Media, it was agreed that any statements or responses from the Parish Council could be put on the Burton Westmorland page and that more information should be put on the website and encourage visitors to the site.

14) ASSET REGISTER

The asset register has been updated by Cllr Rogers. New benches and playground equipment to be added

15) FINANCE

Consider the bank balances and the Income and Expenditure Account and agree that Councillors Rogers and Bailey authorise the payments

Authorise payment of the following accounts:

a) Lengthsman Hours and Expenses	£ 80.00
b) Clerk's Salary	£357.60
c) Zoom subscription (paid by Clerk)	£14.39
d) HMRC PAYE	£230.40
e) Parish Online	£120.00

16) OUTSTANDING ITEMS

No	Item	Reported by	Action	Status
1	B4RN	FMH		Progressing slowly
2	PSiCA	JH/CN		CN to obtain snagging list and circulate. Also request breakdown of costs
3	Slape Lane			Cllr Mason-Hornby to get contractor to visit site and report back to see what can be done for the £1000 ringfenced money.
4	Church Bank Gardens Issues	JH		Ongoing – Tom Harvey dealing
5	Community Group Update	LB/CD		Calls have increased slightly, mainly prescriptions.
7	Rubbish Bin – Square	Clerk		Will be replaced when scaffold has gone.
8	Boon Town Playground/South Lakes Housing	AW/JH		Work will commence shortly. South Lakes Housing to inform neighbours. New Play equipment will be installed shortly.
9	Barrier, Plain Quarry	FMH	CD	Forestry Commission to supply. CD to contact again.

17) LENGTHSMAN'S LOG, REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS AND REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CLERK.

Cllr Wren to obtain quotes for repairs to benches from Peter Clarke

14) TO RECEIVE AND ACTION COMMUNICATION RECEIVED.

15) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 20th May 2021 at 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall

Agreed Minutes