

BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL
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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2011
at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal**

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

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE. PCSOs J Bullock and J Park and four members of the public were present.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr J Hopwood.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None given.

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20 OCTOBER 2011.** The minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

(ACTION)

a. SLDC have asked that everyone be reminded that they now accept envelopes and clean aluminium foil in the recycling boxes.

b. The Boundary Commission are conducting a review of of the County Council districts. There are no significant changes which effect us but residents are invited to respond to the consultation if they wish.

c. The CALC District Association will meet on Thursday 24 November in Kendal Town Hall at 7:00pm. The Clerk will attend.

(PS)

5. **OPEN FORUM.**

a. PCSO Bullock reported that there had been no significant crime in the parish. However she warned that there had been several thefts of valuables from cars in the general area. In discussion it was noted that metal theft is a continuing problem and that there was an e-petition running to prohibit the sale of scrap metal for cash.

b. A member of the public reported that the Dalton mile post at Heronsyke had apparently been splashed with paint.

c. Mrs Hayhurst proposed that the Burton-in-Kendal Jubilee Walks be repeated on the four Wednesdays in June 2012 as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. This idea was enthusiastically supported by the Council.

d. A resident asked what action was proposed for Kidnapper's Lane. Cllr Taylor volunteered to work with the lengthsman to clear some of the overgrowth to restore the width of the path. In discussion the Council made clear that they would have no objection to volunteers clearing paths where this work had not been done by the County Council who were responsible for path maintenance.

(MT)

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

a. Applications granted:

i. **SL/2011/0660 – Bank House Barn, Holme Mills.** New access drive.

b. Applications refused: None

c. Applications received:

i. **SL/2011/0928 – 6, St James Drive.** Consideration deferred until application validated by SLDC.

7. **FINANCE.** The Council received the Income and Expenditure Account and bank balances as at 17 Nov 11:

Income to date	£13956.65	Bank of Ireland	£20.09
Expenditure to date	<u>£9911.20</u>	NatWest Current	£3006.25
Difference	£4045.45	NatWest Savings	£11649.74
Balance at 1/04/11	<u>£10678.90</u>	Less cheques etc	<u>+48.27</u>
Carried forward	£14724.35	Carried Forward	£14724.35

8. **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED.**

(PS)

a. Lengthsman's hours and expenses to 31 October 11. £201.41

b. Clerk's salary 1 November to 30 November 11. £200.32

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9. JUBILEE MUGS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN. It was noted that Bardon Aggregates had provided a grant of £500 to go towards the purchase of Diamond Jubilee Mugs for the primary school age children of Burton-in-Kendal. It was resolved that a letter of appreciation would be sent to the company. It was resolved to purchase mugs for the primary school age children resident in the village from Lakes Personalised Prints at a cost of £2.90 per mug. It was agreed that a traditional design would be used. (PS)

10. PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS. It was resolved that the Council would not purchase and install Christmas lights on the trees in front of the Memorial Hall. It was felt that this was more properly a Memorial Hall infrastructure project. It was resolved that Cllr Brown, as the Council's representative on the Memorial Hall Committee should make clear to the Committee that the council would consider a request for financial support for the project subject to other grants being made available. (JB)

11. SOUTH CUMBRIA WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT GROUP. It was noted that the Environment Agency is supporting the South Cumbria Water Level Management Group (formerly Lyth and Winster Land Drainage Group) by running a consultation to gauge public opinion on the feasibility of creating an internal drainage board in South Cumbria which will have the power to tax Burton-in-Kendal residents to pay for local drainage work. It was agreed that Council would respond to the consultation to make the following points: (PS)

- a. The Council acknowledges the need to keep the gravity drainage ditches across Burton and Holme Mosses functioning.
- b. The Council does not believe that the success criteria for the proposed new board have been objectively identified in the aims and objectives.
- c. The Council does not believe that the boundaries have been set in accordance with the guidance given for establishing new drainage boards. It does not support the proposal to extend the boundaries of the drainage board to include the water catchment areas. It appears that this was done to massively increase the tax base. If it is likely that the project is not feasible without this larger tax base then the Council believes it may be better to seek alternative solutions such as the Environment Agency or the County Council supporting the land owners to maintain the gravity drainage ditches across Burton Moss.

12. REPORT ON PARISH ACTION PLAN ITEMS. The following changes were reported on action items:

- a. Able Memorials had offered to replicate the old top of the Market Cross free of charge as part of their work. This generous offer was received with appreciation by the Council.
- b. The County Council had examined the historic lamp and could find no fault. Cllr Wren will re-examine the light fittings. (AW)
- c. Cllr Taylor proposed that, with some question over the landowner's consent on Farleton Knott, the village has a Jubilee Beacon on a high point in the village which could be seen and appreciated by people in the village. This proposal was agreed. It was noted that this would not necessarily preclude our participation in a beacon on Farleton Knott as part of the national chain. (MT)
- d. Able Memorials were preparing a quote for the refurbishment of the War Memorial and its surround. The Clerk was directed to contact the War Memorials Trust to seek a grant to support this work. (IH/PS)

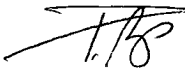
13. LENGTHSMAN'S LOG OF PLAYGROUND INSPECTION AND REPORTS FROM PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.

- a. The playground defects log was inspected. There were no reported defects.
- b. Cllr Mason-Hornby reported that the Cumbria Wildlife Trust were drilling a bore hole on Lancelot Clarke Storth to obtain water for the grazing cattle. He also reported that dry stone walls at plain quarry were being repaired.
- c. Cllr Wren reported that the village fireworks had gone off according to plan.
- d. Cllr Rogers reported that several potholes had been filled by the County Council's Better Highways team.
- e. The Chairman noted the large turnout by residents for the Act of Remembrance on Sunday.

14. TO NOTE COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED. The communications listed below were noted. No further actions were ordered.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 15 December 2011 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting Closed at 8:45pm


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

1. By e-mail forwarded to Councillors:

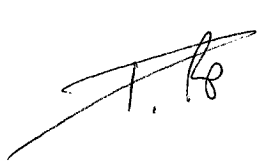
- a. Monthly Police Newsletter.
- b. Government consultations on implementation of parts of the Localism Bill:
 - i. The operation of the Community Infrastructure Levy.
 - ii. Neighbourhood Planning
- c. CCC Community Engagement on highways maintenance.
- d. Request for donation from Cumbria Military Museum.
- e. SLDC invitation to be part of a Participatory Budgeting pilot scheme.

2. In circulation folder:

- a. Cumbria Community Foundation Review.
- b. Clerks and Councils Direct.
- c. Cumbria Community Messaging.

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

CALC	Cumbria Association of Local Councils
CCC	Cumbria County Council
LAP	Local area Partnership
LDF	Local Development Framework
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
SLDC	South Lakeland District Council

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