

BURTON- IN -KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 December 2004, at 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Four members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors R.Boddy, A Jolley, B Willink.

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 18 November, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman after the following amendment was made to item 5 (SL/04/1481 – 1 Hutton Close, Burton:- replace the wording ‘...Cllr.Hopwood declared an interest’ with ‘Cllr.Hopwood declared a prejudicial and beneficial interest’).

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3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SLDC Training for Parish Councillors, **Tuesday 22 Feb. 6.45 - 9.00** in the Kendal Town Council Chamber (or alternative venues on 24 Feb, 1 March). **To be returned by 7 January.** (CD)
- The Lancaster Canal Trust – request for 2005 subscription. **(Cllrs. agreed this should be on the agenda for the next Council meeting)** (CD)
- SLDC precept request form to be signed in duplicate by chairman, member & Clerk and returned to SLDC by 31 December, 2004. (CD)
- Postpone Village Plan Update to next meeting's agenda. **Each Cllr. to bring suggestions.(All Cllrs.)**
- Declarations of interest received for this agenda (see items 5 and 10 below).
- SLDC invitation & agenda for a meeting of the Parish Remuneration Panel 20 December, 2004.
- Invitation to join the Chairman for sherry & mince pies at the end of the meeting

4. OPEN FORUM – points raised:-

- PC Casson reported a busy month dealing with thefts, disorderly youths and a suspicious character on Tarn Lane. A visit was also reported to advise the farmer in Docker Lane how to deal with motor rallies using the lane.
- K.Hayhurst reported the recovery of an historic milepost and requested the Council help in reinstating it within the Parish as well as restoring two other existing original mileposts. The recovered milepost was passed to the Chairman for safekeeping and Councillors **agreed this should be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.** Thanks were expressed to Hedley & Michael Stephenson for their work in restoring the milepost between the Parish Boundary and the football field on the A6070. (CD)

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- **Received: SL/04/1537.** Glaniels Kennels, Station Lane. Relaxation of conditions 1,2 & 3 on planning consent 5/98/1526 for A.J. & S.Sharples. **Councillors expressed no objections**
- **SL/04/1548.** Millholm, Coat Green. Detached double garage & alterations to the vehicular access for Mr & Mrs P.Duckett. Cllr. Mason-Hornby declared a prejudicial interest and left the room. **Councillors expressed no objections.**
- **Planning permission granted –**
- **SL/04/1385.** Deerslet Bungalow, Burton. Erect timber framed cabin to be used as tea room. **With 2 conditions.**
- **SL/04/1453.** Church Bank Farm, Burton. Single storey extension. **With one condition**
- **Planning permission refused –**
- **SL/04/1228.** Coppers End, Tanpits Lane, Burton. First floor extension

6. FINANCE

Balances at the bank at 9 December 2004:-

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| Current Account | £6,441.78 |
| NSB | 5,219.61 |
| Income to date | 11,417.60 |
| Expenditure to date | 6352.55 |

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7. ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED

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| Clerk's salary and expenses | £372.45 |
| Deerslet Nursery- Christmas tree | 23.97 |
| T & S Kitchen - Hedge cutting | 17.62 |
| Grasscare - grass cutting | 282.00 |

8. BURTON-IN-KENDAL COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Cllr. Isherwood declared a non-financial interest and remained in the room without voting. After discussion the Councillors **unanimously agreed to make a donation for three pagers at £72 each.**

9. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Chairman circulated a plan of the proposal prepared by the Impact Housing Association, showing a mixed development of 12 dwellings on part of the Boon Town playing fields, and invited the presence of another Cllr. to join with the Chairman and the Clerk at a meeting at 2pm on 20 December, 2004 between SLDC, Impact and the Council to discuss the proposals further. After a discussion the Councillors, with the exception of one Councillor who expressed opposition to the size of the development, **agreed that subject to a Village Meeting the siting of the development was acceptable, on condition that new playground equipment was provided, maintained and insured by SLDC and that the number of dwellings be reduced.** (Cllr. RM expressed it to be minutes that HE OBJECTED TO THE SIZE OF THE DEVELOPMENT) (JH/CD)

10. PLAIN QUARRY AND ADJACENT WALKS

Cllr. Mason-Hornby declared a personal interest.

The Chairman announced that there was another site meeting scheduled for 20 December, 2004 at 9.30am to agree the remedial works required before the official handover of the Quarry to the Council. It was suggested that more boulders are placed at the entrance & adjacent to the lay-by (JH/CD)

11. PROPOSED WEBSITE FORMAT

Hard copies of the website pages were circulated and, apart from some fine tuning, Councillors **agreed the format and unanimously agreed a vote of thanks to Anne and Barry of Burtonweb for their hard work in producing so efficiently such an excellent website.**

12. CLLR. ROGERS NEW ROLE WITH CALC

A short presentation was delivered by Cllr. Rogers explaining his new part time role for CALC as a Regional Advisor within Cumbria to promote the Quality Parish Scheme.

13. REPORTS

- Cllr. Mason-Hornby reported an obscured footpath sign on Kidnappers Lane. (CD)
- Cllr. Alderson reported a complaint about a piece of concrete lying on the footway at the bottom of Vicarage Lane that needs removing by the Highways Department. (CD)
- Cllr. Rogers reported bushes that needed trimming outside 29 St. James Drive (CD)
- Cllr. Isherwood reported that the manhole cover outside Dial House on Main Street has not been attended to by United Utilities, despite him being given three job numbers so far. (CD)
- Also he reported work will commence in January 2005 on the Information Centre, after the agreement has been signed by both parties.
- Cllr. Hopwood reported that she had attended the South Lakeland Affordable Housing Task Group on 25 November. Items discussed included the Yorkshire Dales pilot scheme using income from second homes tax to finance affordable housing; a shared equity model scheme to give grants to people to enable them to purchase their own homes, thus releasing rented homes, and a proposal to encourage private landlords to enter a partnership scheme with the councils to rent at affordable rents. Also the need to provide affordable housing to 'keyworkers' in the area.
- Cllr. Hopwood reported on the Quarry Liaison Group meeting. Only one complaint has been received since March and that concerned blasting. This is now taking place on the south face of the quarry near Clawthorpe and is being monitored by both SLDC and Aggregate Industries. The next phase of the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund is due to be announced soon. The Group is formulating a bid pending the announcement.
- Cllr. Hopwood reported that she and Cllr. Boddy met the Avebury Taverns Property Manager at the Royal Hotel on 23 November and discussed the purchase of the Recreation Ground as well as the purchase of

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the cottage adjoining the Hotel by a Housing Association to provide affordable rented accommodation as well as proposals for the car park.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

Per attached Schedule

To circulate:

Per attached Schedule

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 16 DECEMBER 2004

Communications

- North West Air Ambulance asked to send a copy of their latest accounts
- Persimmon agreed to ask sub-contractors to tidy Caterpillar Walk
- Cllr. Bingham asked to request Cumbria County Council to adopt Caterpillar Walk
- Grant application forms received from Voluntary Action Cumbria for website costs
- Letter received from the WI President re removal of phone boxes – Cllrs. **agreed this should be on the agenda for the next Council meeting**

For Circulation

- Copy letter from P. Onions to Kirkby Lonsdale Motor Club regarding Docker Lane being used as a motor rally. Clerk informed PC Casson.
- Public consultation document from the National Health Service on the Future of Acute Health Services in North Cumbria.
- Guidance booklet on local investigations from the Standards Board for England.
- Invitation from the Cumbria Community Foundation to apply for grants from the Holehird Trust.
- SLDC Training for Parish Cllrs. (See item 3 above)
- SLDC Register of Electors notification for 2005.
- Waterwitch magazine for winter 2004 from the Lancaster Canal Trust.
- Steering Group Meeting Minutes of 22 October for the Northern Reaches Restoration Group for the Lancaster Canal from SLDC
- CALC Training Programme for Winter/Spring 2005
- CALC Circular for December and January
- NALC Legal update on the Freedom of Information Act
- Article from the Daily Telegraph 9 December, 2004 'Switch that Light off'

Glossary of Abbreviations for the Above:

CALC Cumbria Association of Local Councils

NALC National Association of Local Councils

SLDC South Lakeland District Council

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