

BURTON- IN -KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21 April, 2005 at 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Six members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. J.Alderson

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 17 March, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct (after the word 'prejudicial' was changed to 'beneficial' on Item 5.1) and signed by the Chairman.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Action by)

- A misleading Liberal election poster and leaflet in circulation was brought to the attention of the Council. Cllr.Jolley apologised. **It was agreed the matter would be reported to the Standards Committee as bringing the Parish Council into disrepute by Cllr.Jolley using its name for political purposes and bringing it into disrepute, as the Parish Council is a non political body.**
- Request from CALC to vote for Parish Member of South Lakeland Standards Committee. **Cllrs.unanimously voted for Cllr.Muirhead, a member of the Kirkby Lonsdale PC (CD)**
- Request from Capita for suggested locations for dropped kerbs in Burton. **Cllr.Isherwood volunteered to respond by the due date of 20 May - after consulting with disabled parishioners (GI)**

4. OPEN FORUM – points raised:-

- PC Casson reported one drunk, two assaults being investigated and four traffic incidents being followed up. There have been complaints about mopeds being ridden near the tennis courts. Police presence in the village has been low recently due to staff shortages, but she gave a talk to parents at the school and highlighted the need to minimise parking in the area. She has also been asked to address children attending the Out of School Club
- Vandalism at Plain Quarry was reported. **The possibility of solar powered CCTV will be investigated (JH)**

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SL/05/0323 – Kings Arms Hotel, Main Street. Internal alterations for Mitchell's of Lancaster (work having already been carried out). **Cllrs. expressed no objections**

SL/05/0334 – Coppers End, Tanpits Lane. First floor extension to provide new bedroom with toilet for Mr.P.Wearing. **Majority of Cllrs. objected on grounds of unneighbourliness, the overbearing nature of the proposal and that it cuts light from an already overdeveloped site (CD)**

Planning Permission Granted:

SL/05/070 – Clawthorpe Hall Business Park. External alterations & first floor extension for office space for Duckett Building Services

SL/05/0183 – The Old School House, Main Street, Burton. Two storey and single storey extensions for Mr. & Mrs. Chaldecott

6. FINANCE

Balances at the bank at 31 March 2005:-

BOI Treasurers Account	£7,653.63
Income to date	14,535.08
Expenditure to date	13,827.79

7. ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED

CALC - Tutorial costs for Clerk	£50.00
SLCC – Registration Fee for Cert.in Local Admin. For Clerk	70.00
CALC – Annual subscription	213.50
CALC – Local Council Review annual subscription	13.00
Clerk's salary and expenses	295.83

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8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPOSALS

- The Chairman reported that she had been advised it was appropriate for her to remain in the Chair for this item now that the Village Meeting had taken place.
- The Minutes were agreed and the **Clerk instructed to write to the SLDC Housing Department expressing disappointment that a good meeting had been spoilt by the non-attendance of T.Whittaker, or any other member of SLDC** (CD)
- Cllr.P.Rogers summarised the conclusions from the meeting and a way forward. **It was unanimously agreed that a Working Party be formed, made up of Cllrs.Boddy/Hopwood/Rogers to investigate other potential sites in Burton for consideration by SLDC as alternatives to the Boon Town proposal**

9. FUNDING FOR THE RESTORATION OF VILLAGE SIGNPOSTS

Cllrs.unanimously agreed that the project be postponed until the remaining £2,100 required had been raised. Clerk to thank Friends of the Lake District for their contribution of £1200 (CD)
Contributions from Holme Park Quarry to be sought in the form of a boulder positioned at 19 Trees (JH)

10.STREET LIGHTING

Cllrs.unanimously agreed to consider quotes for a solar street light outside the Post Office (JH)

11.ALTERNATIVE INSURANCE QUOTATIONS

Cllrs.unanimously agreed the Clerk accept the quote from Allianz of £1,167.64 (for Scheme A with the Long Term Agreement discount) (CD)

12.REVIEW THE PANORAMA COMMITMENTS

Councillors agreed these as being £1,505 expense committed against £1,542 funds raised to date (BW)

13.GRASS CUTTING FOR 2005

Cllrs. unanimously agreed the Clerk should confirm the cost with GrassCare as £480 (CD)

14.VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

The Chairman explained the purpose of this and issued a folder for circulation for Cllrs. consideration as an agenda item at the next Meeting (CD)

15. WEBSITE POLL ON TWINNING

After some discussion **Cllrs. unanimously decided not to pursue the issue**

16. SPEAKER FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON 16 JUNE

Cllrs.agreed the Clerk should invite Kerry Milligan of the Cumbria Wildlife Trust (CD)

17.REPORTS

- Cllr.Rogers is continuing investigations into the possibility of employing a lengthsman and will report back (PR)
- Cllr.Mason-Hornby suggested commemorating the end of World War Two with a plaque (FMH)
- Cllr.Willink continues to progress erection of the Panorama (BW)
- Cllr.Hopwood reported that she had applied to the Countryside Agency for a grant towards employing a lengthsman (JH)
- Cllr.Isherwood reported a damaged seat in Plain Quarry that needs repairing (GI)
Also that the Youth Club are not allowed to access the Recreation Club since a risk assessment Has been carried out on the car park of the Royal Hotel
- Cllr.Ray reported the manhole cover opposite Dial House has been replaced

18. COMMUNICATIONS – Per attached schedule

- 19. WEBSITE: Cllrs. unanimously agreed that 'Suggestions' be renamed 'Feedback'** (CD)
Cllrs. unanimously agreed the Hot Topic for the coming month should be whether or not the Parish Council should formally commemorate the end of World War Two (CD)

The meeting finished at 10.05

- 20. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and will take place on **Thursday 19 May, 2005 at 7.00pm** in the Memorial Hall

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SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 18 APRIL 2005

Website

- **Hot topic results:** Do you think the suggestion that Burton-in-Kendal be twinned with a similar village abroad is....
 Worth pursuing 28.6% Votes: 4
 A waste of time and resources 71.4% Votes: 10
Total votes: 14
- **Suggestions:** The area of the Main Street outside the Post Office is especially dark at night: Improve the lighting and insist on "Full Cut Off Lighting" which cuts out all direct light going upwards. Visit the Campaign to Protect Rural England website at www.cpre.org.uk to read about the Campaign for Dark Skies.

Other Communications

- Letter sent to SLDC asking for road signs at Clawthorpe, shield for streetlight outside the Old School House and remedial work for the pavements on Main Street
- Insurance claim for gale damage to fence lodged for £149.30
- Quotation from Hanafins accepted
- Police asked to monitor parking on pavements along Main Street
- Letter to Capital Symonds, Carlisle requesting remedial work to footpaths and signs around the parish reported by the participants in the Lost Ways Project – especially footpath 507010 blocked by farm buildings at Moss Farm
- Grant application approved for £1200 by Friends of the Lake District towards restoration of three historic signposts
- Parishioner's complaint about dog mess on Neddy Hill to Station Lane. Clerk logged complaint with SLDC – Case No. 43152 for street cleaners to action
- SLDC Urban Potential Study 2004 Consultation Draft

For Circulation

- CALC circular for April 2005
- Friends of the Lake District Report & Newsletter Spring 2005
- Cumbria Constabulary appeal for special constables
- Signpost Restoration Ltd. Newsletter No. 1
- Standards Training for Parish Councils Seminar 22.02.05 – Notes on the Personal & Prejudicial Interests Workshop
- SLDC Agenda for a meeting of the Standards Committee 05.04.05
- DEFRA Quality Parishes News Release 16.02.05
- CALC copy of handouts used at the Local Framework Presentation 16.03.05
- Announcement of CART loan fund
- Shelters brochure from Glasdon
- Summer Specials brochure from Sovereign Play Equipment
- Spring Offers from SMP Playgrounds
- Advertisement from Sign Systems for notice boards, map cases, etc.
- Publicity from Wicksteed Leisure for Play Equipment
- Commemoration of end of World War Two
- Village Design Statement Folder
- Cutting from the Times
- Trafalgar Weekend publicity from NALC
- Summary of Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Bill from SLDC (DEFRA news release)
- Citizens Advice Bureau appeal for volunteers
- Licensing Act 2003 – SLDC Guidance Fact Sheet

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

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