

BURTON- IN -KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Four members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. K.Ray, B.Willink, PC Casson

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 16 June, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman after the name 'Ticking Lane' was replaced by 'Dicken Lane' on item 13 in Other Communications.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Action by)

- Strimmer damage to small oaks on Tarn Lane reported. **Clerk to ask Cllr. Willink for information & Cllr.Mason-Hornby to examine and report back.** (F.M-H & CD)
- SLDC Statement of Community Involvement inviting a response from the Parish Council within the next month. **Cllr. Rogers volunteered to respond via the SLDC website as requested.** (PR)
- Pipers Lane, Clawthorpe sign placed on the wrong side of the lane. **Clerk to inform SLDC.** (CD)
- Cllrs. were asked to consider the issue of allowances by the SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel. **Clerk to inform them there are no new recommendations from the Parish Council for 2006/07.** (CD)
- Cllrs. agreed a request from Tim Farron MP for posters to appear on the Parish Notice Boards publicising his visit to Burton Post Office on Friday 5 August 2.30 – 3.00 to meet constituents. (CD)
- Cumbria Police Authority questionnaire inviting a response from the Parish Council within the next month. **Cllr.Alderson volunteered to complete the survey.** (JA)

4. OPEN FORUM – Points raised: -

- State of the road between Heronsyke and the Lancashire border. **Clerk to notify Capita.** (CD)

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: None at present

- Applications granted: **SL/05/0558** – 3 Chester Terrace, Burton. Replacement window (retrospective) & replacement rear door for Sarah Colyer

6. FINANCE

Balances at the bank at 21 July 2005: -

BOI Treasurers Account	£12,654.23
Income to date	8,579.25
Expenditure to date	3211.95

(this is viewable VAI)

Cllrs. agreed an increase of £41.02 on Panorama commitment per Cllr.Willink's request.
Cllrs. Isherwood & Hopwood agreed to inspect the Clawthorpe Information Centre prior to authorising the final payment to the builder. (GI & JH)

7. ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED

Clerk's salary and expenses	£272.46
Chairman's expenses (mileage to Penrith)	40.90

8. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Cllrs. asked Clerk to post up request for written applications by Friday 9 September. (CD)

9. STILE AT TOP OF MOREWOOD DRIVE

Cllrs. asked Clerk to approach the owner of the wall for permission to make the stile more user-friendly at the Parish Council's expense. (CD)

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10. AFFORDABLE HOUSING*personal*

Cllr. Mason-Hornby declared a ~~beneficial~~ interest. A report prepared by the working party on alternative possible sites was discussed. **A majority of Cllrs.voted for the Council to respond to SLDC's request (for suggestions before the 2006/07 deadline expired) for affordable housing proposals by setting out the working party's preferred sites in order of preference.** Cllr. Isherwood voted against the proposal.

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11. REPORTS

- Cllr.Rogers presented a Quality Parish Assessment after declaring his personal interest with the duties he carries out with CALC. Cllrs.agreed this should be an agenda item at the next meeting and the **Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for publishing a Quarterly Report in the Burton News(CD)**
- Cllr.Rogers reported counter proposals from the Memorial Hall Committee regarding a suitable position for the proposed World War 2 memorial plaque. **It was agreed these would be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting.** (CD)
- Cllr.Isherwood presented sketch maps of the white lines requested outside the school (reported at last month's meeting). **These were agreed by the Cllrs. who asked the Clerk to submit a formal request to CCC.** (CD)
- Cllr.Boddy reported the AGM of the Burton Recreation Trust had been postponed as it was inquorate.
- Cllr.Hopwood reported that the bid to the Countryside Agency had been successful in that £73,530 had been awarded to the Holme Park Quarry Liaison Committee for environmental and access improvement work in the area around the quarry. Unfortunately funding had not been allocated for a lengthsman nor for the purchase of the recreation ground. Other funding options were being pursued. She also reported that she had been elected to the CALC Committee and reported on the June Meeting of that body.

12. COMMUNICATIONS – See Schedule below**13. WEBSITE: Cllrs.unanimously agreed the Hot Topic for the coming month would be suspended**

The meeting finished at 9.40

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 18 August 2005 at 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall**SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 21 JULY****Website**

- **Hot topic results:** Would you mind if the Royal Hotel was redeveloped for housing?

No	60.0%	Votes: 15
Yes	40.0%	Votes: 10
- **Suggestions:** I hope that the current hot topic as picked by the Parish Council hasn't encouraged Avebury Taverns to offer The Royal for sale
- As I understand it from the Avebury website, the Royal is listed for Marketing (i.e. lease) not Disposal (i.e. sale). All (!) it needs now is for someone to be prepared to take it on - on the terms they are offering
- How sad that Avebury have not kept their word and removed those dreadful steel shutters from the Royal. Everyone I've spoken to during this last few weeks has been deploring them. They are such an eyesore! Can something be done to have them removed asap?
- Did you seriously expect that they would?! SLDC can take out an enforcement order as they are infringing planning laws for listed buildings. I have emailed the letter sent to Avebury to the planning officer who will set the ball in motion - we had rather hoped that asking them nicely would have done the trick!
- Whilst in no way defending Avebury for the eyesore which we personally have to view on a daily basis, do we really expect them to leave unoccupied and unprotected a historical building of local interest?
We endure on a daily basis the vandalism which gets undertaken at the back of the Royal already, as our garden backs onto the Royal beer garden. Let's hope for a swift resolution to what happens to the pub and let's hope it is as a revitalised village amenity - not housing!

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Other Communications

- Audited accounts for 2004/05 returned signed by District Auditor
- Slippery manhole cover at top of Tanpits Lane reported to Capita who will paint it with a non-stick paint (it is the only cover to fit that width of pavement)
- Capita Highways asked to paint 'Slow' signs onto Clawthorpe Lane
- Capita Highways asked to unblock the drains at the bottom of Boon Town
- Notification from the Post Office of changes to the Carlisle mobile post office
- Kent Estuary Neighbourhood Forum meeting summary 8 June at Milnthorpe
- Letter to Yealand Parish Clerk alerting them that the footpath from Tarn Lane/Yealand Road Bridge requires attention
- Parishioner's concern about damage by strimmers to young oaks on Tarn Lane
- Letter to Avebury Taverns Ltd regarding the Royal Hotel
- Persimmon contacted regarding Caterpillar Walk being overgrown
- Posters from Tim Farron MP publicising a constituency summer tour

For Circulation

- CALC Circular for June/July
- CALC Quality Parish Development Programme – Update 2 (15.06.05)
- Standards Board Town & Parish Standard:04
- Clerks & Councils Direct July
- NALC Local Council Review July
- NALC 'Pointers to Good Practice' guide for Parish Councils
- Record Playground Equipment Ltd. new Playsystem details
- SMP Playgrounds Ltd. Nexus range details
- E-mail from A.Nichols re BBC link about roadside adverts alongside M6
- Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 – DEFRA update
- 'Licensing window is closing', 'Volunteers weighed down by Licensing Act' Articles
- Music Bus Rural Tour publicity
- SLDC Standards Committee Agenda for a Meeting 21 June in Kendal

Glossary of Abbreviations:

CALC	Cumbria Association of Local Councils
CCC	Cumbria County Council
CWT	Cumbria Wildlife Trust
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