

BURTON- IN -KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17 March, 2005 at 7.30 pm at the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Six members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs. R.Boddy & K.Ray, plus PC D.Casson

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 17 February, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct (after the word 'beneficial' was changed to 'prejudicial' on Item 3.8) and signed by the Chairman.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Action by)

- Letter from Avebury Taverns setting out their intentions for the Royal Hotel was read to the meeting
- A Review of the Standards Board Code of Conduct requires a response by 17 June. **Cllrs. A.Jolley, P.Rogers, B.Willink & J.Hopwood volunteered to contribute and each received a copy**
- Cllrs. were asked to respond to a CALC request for nominations for Cllrs. to sit on the South Lakeland District Standards Committee. **(All Cllrs.)**
- Notification from Capita of length restriction at Badgergate Bridge between Hutton Roof & the A65.

4. OPEN FORUM – points raised:-

- PC Casson's email reported very few incidents in the past month apart from speed checks that resulted in one endorsable prosecution, two none endorsable fixed penalty tickets and three verbal warnings. All were local villagers.
- The Licensee of the Royal Hotel expressed concern over the long term future of the Royal Hotel. **Cllrs.expressed their full support for the future development of the business.**
- K.Hayhurst presented a report on the progress of the Lost Ways Footpath Survey and the blockage of one at Moss Farm. She also reported the Local History Society had been given the old AA sign from the Green Dragon Farm and requested it be included in future Parish plans for signs restoration. **(CD)**
- A Parishioner deplored the state of the pavements in the village and the problem of obstruction by vehicles. **Cllrs.instructed the Clerk to inform the police.** **(CD)**
- The owner of The Old School House explained details of the planning application SL/05/0183 (below). He also highlighted a problem with light pollution from the street light opposite. **Cllrs.unanimously agreed the Clerk ask CCC to put a shield on the light and ensure any future street lighting requests would specify downlit shielding to minimize light pollution**

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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SL/05/0116 – Home Farm, Burton. Redevelopment of redundant agricultural site to form offices for trustees of Mr. F. Mason-Hornby. **(Cllr.F.Mason-Hornby a prejudicial interest and left the room).** Having made a site visit prior to the Meeting, Cllrs. expressed concern over the levels of traffic that may be generated on Dalton Lane but **unanimously supported the scheme for it's local employment possibilities and sensitive preservation of the building and surroundings.**

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

Planning Permission Granted:

SL/05/0063 – Sandy Gap Cottage, Burton. Use of existing concrete bases for worm farming operation (retrospective) for Mr. G. Holden

SL/05/0087 – Bowness, Vicarage Lane, Burton. Two storey rear extension for Mr. I. Henderson

SL/05/0113 – Former Burton Garage. Variation of condition No.3 on Planning Consent SL/04/0459 to permit the installation of plastic window & door frames

6. FINANCE

Balances at the bank at 17 March 2005:-

BOI Treasurers Account	£6,943.36
Income to date	13,539.15
Expenditure to date	13,191.51

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7. ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED

Clerk's salary and expenses	£256.28
Panorama Artist – D.Metcalf	380.00

8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPOSALS

(Cllrs. J.Hopwood & R.Bingham declared a prejudicial interest and left the room). Cllr. Rogers took the chair and Cllrs.unanimously agreed the agenda for the Village Meeting at 7.00pm Thursday 7 April and instructed the Clerk to prepare & distribute around the Village in the form of a Notice (CD)

9. INFORMATION CENTRE OFFICIAL OPENING

Cllrs.unanimously agreed the final arrangements for 2pm on Saturday 19 March.

10. STREET LIGHTING

Cllrs.unanimously agreed to discuss the possibility at the next Meeting of purchasing a street light for outside the Post Office.

11. INSURANCE VALUES

Cllrs.unanimously agreed the Clerk submit the updated list of items and values to the Insurance Company for a quote on renewal at 1 June 2005. (CD)

12. CALC SURVEY ON PARISH FUNCTIONS

This was duly completed within the meeting with the involvement and agreement of all Cllrs. and the Clerk was instructed to send it off by the due date. (CD)

13. ROADSIGNS AT CLAWTHORPE

Cllrs. unanimously agreed the Clerk should write to CCC requesting roadsigns for Clawthorpe Lane & Pipers Lane (CD)

14. CLERK'S TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND REMUNERATION

The Clerk and all members of the public were asked to leave the room. Cllrs.unanimously agreed that the Chairman write to the Clerk to confirm that the six months probationary period had been completed satisfactorily. It was also unanimously agreed that the Clerk's pay be increased to spinal column point 16 on the NALC pay scales.

15. REPORTS

- Cllr.Rogers reported that he & Cllr.Hopwood had attended a seminar on the new 'Local Development Framework'
- Cllr.Mason-Hornby requested the website address be printed on all Parish Stationery and displayed prominently on Parish Notice Boards (CD)
- Cllr.Willink reported progress on arrangements for etching the Panorama design and producing a website version. Erecting the Panorama awaits better weather.
- Cllr.Hopwood reported that she had attended a seminar on Standards Training for Parish Councils. She had also attended a Quarry Liaison Meeting. Lancashire Life contacted the Parish Council about doing an article on Burton-in-Kendal and K.Hayhurst gave the reporter a tour of the village

16. COMMUNICATIONS – Per attached schedule**17. HOT TOPIC**

Cllrs. unanimously agreed the Hot Topic on the website for the coming month should be whether or not Burton-in-Kendal should be twinned with a similar village abroad. (CD)

The meeting finished at 9.55

18. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 21 April, 2005 at 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall

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SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 17 March 2005

WEBSITE

- **Hot topic results:** Do you think the PC website is....

A useful source of information	55.6%	Votes: 5
A good place to make suggestions	33.3%	Votes: 3
A way of putting Burton on the map	11.1%	Votes: 1
Useful to others but not for you	0.0%	Votes: 0
A complete waste of time and resources	0.0%	Votes: 0

Total votes: 9

- **Suggestions:** The area of the Main Street outside the Post Office is especially dark at night. Could anything be done to improve the lighting for pedestrians on this bit of road?

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter sent to P.Cummings thanking him for alerting the Parish Council to gale damage to the playing field fence and that Cllrs. are happy for him to remove any branches overhanging his field. (Minute 3/17.02.05)
- Insurance claim for gale damage to fence lodged for £395
- Forest Enterprises have agreed to ensure mud on road and damage to verges is rectified on Docker Lane. Highways Hotline (job ref. 57501) informed of damage to road at junction of Docker Lane/Kirkby Lonsdale road.
- Letter to SLDC expressing disappointment that there was no consultation at all with the Parish Council before the Cumbria Rural Housing Trust Survey was carried out and the results were very poorly presented
- Booking form completed for Cllrs. Hopwood & Rogers to attend the CALC New Planning System seminar
- SLDC requested to re-site litter bin in the Square away from the Royal Hotel
- Invitation sent to the Countryside Agency for them to attend the official opening of the Information Centre at Clawthorpe
- Capita requested to re-instate the litter bin outside the Information Centre
- Letter to BT requesting the rocking manhole opposite Dial House, Main Street be fixed. (Minute 11/17.02.05)
- Letter to Cumbria Contract Services requesting reinstatement of damaged verges on Boon Walks, Main Street no later than the end of March
- Grant application submitted to Friends of the Lake District for restoration of three historic signposts
- Reply to Burton News regarding post boxes
- Letter to Burton News setting out facts to date regarding the affordable housing issue

FOR CIRCULATION

- NALC Local Council Review for March 2005
- www.info4local.gov.uk information leaflet
- Town & Parish Standard:03 for March 2005 issued by the Standards Board
- Regionalisation of emergency fire control rooms update
- Parish Remuneration Panel's report for 2005/06 from SLDC
- CALC circular for March 2005
- Dept. of Transport Traffic Information & Roadworks leaflet February – April
- Clerks & Councils Direct – March 2005
- Rural Road Character Research –Report from Friends of the Lake District
- Review of the Standards Board Code of Conduct – responses required by 17 June
- Broadband information CD to Parish Councils from DEFRA
- SLDC publicity regarding the South Lakeland Residents Open Week
- Poster advertising CCC Rural Infrastructure Support Programme
- Poster advertising CCC strategic grants to the community/voluntary sector

Glossary of Abbreviations for the Above:

CALC	Cumbria Association of Local Councils
CCC	Cumbria County Council
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
SLDC	South Lakeland District Council

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