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BURTON- IN -KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21 February 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal

PRESENT: Clirs. P.Rogers (Chairman), R.Boddy, J.Brown, J.Hopwood, G.Isherwood, R.Lawson, F.Mason-Hornby, A.Wren, District Clir.R.Bingham, C.Dale (Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE: Three members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr.J.Alderson,

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17 JANUARY: Having been previously circulated, the minutes were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman after the wording of the last sentence of Item 10 (Reports para.3 from Cllr.Boddy) was amended to read 'These were set up to discuss Foundation Trust issues, whereas the audience wanted to discuss the changing service provision at that hospital.'

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Action

- Invitation received from SLDC to attend Parish Charter Launch on 3 March 12.00 to 1.30pm at the Bindloss Room, Kendal Town Hall
 (PR,JH,RB)
- Publicity & Information Packs for District Council elections 1.5.08 from SLDC were distributed to Cllrs.
- Invitation received from CALC to attend a Consultation Conference 29 March (circulated to Cllrs. 7.2.08)
 It was agreed the Consultation documentation would be discussed as an agenda item in March (CD)

4. OPEN FORUM - Points raised:

- In reply to a question from a member of the public, the Chairman explained that the village of Burton Is designated as a Service Centre in the Local Development Plan.
- District Cllr.Bingham was asked to find out the Post Office criteria for Burton PO sustainability(DCIIr.RB)
- Concern was expressed by a member of the public of the state of Slape Lane. The Chairman will ask the lengthsman to redistribute the quarry bottoms surfacing when the weather improves (PR)
- District Cllr.Bingham reported Capita have accepted responsibility for rectifying flooding on Station Lane

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Refusal of planning permission:

SL/2007/1290 - 9 Churchstile, Burton - Change from agricultural land to garden use

Planning applications granted:

SL/2006/0435 – Royal Cottage, Main Street, Burton – Conversion of first floor extension to garage to create one dwelling

SL/2007/1188 – 5 Mowbray Drive, Burton – Extensions & alterations including replacement of flat roof with pitched roof

SL/2007/1345 - Stable Yard, Dalton Hall, Burton - Change of use from stables to offices

SL/2007/1367 - Sandy Gap Cottage, Clawthorpe - Single storey rear extension

SL/2007/1441 - Coat Green Farm, Burton - Polytunnel for housing sheep

Planning applications received:

SL/2008/0051 – Park Cottage, Tanpits Lane, Burton – Two storey rear extension for Mr & Dr Wooldridge.. **No objections**

SL/2008/0088 – Inglenook, Pipers Lane, Clawthorpe – Sub-division of house to form two dwellings for Mrs K.Duckett. No objections

6. FINANCE

Balances at the bank at 21 February 2008:

BOI Treasurers Account £9,482.44 Income to date 12,013.82 Expenditure to date 9,769.28

7. ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED

Clerk's salary and expenses Grasscare – Grasscutting for 6 months to 31 March 2008 .306.51 58.75

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1. PRICES FOR REPLACEMENT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

• Suggestion from parishioner that Christmas lights be sponsored by villagers in memory of a loved one was read out by the Chairman

Cllr.Mason-Hornby detailed a quotation received from Essential Supplies for £132 plus VAT.
 This was seconded by Cllr.Wren and a majority of Cllrs.agreed the items be purchased

(FM-H)

9. CHANGES TO THE WORDING OF THE STANDING ORDERS

As a consequence of adopting the new Model Code of Conduct in July 2007, changes to the wording of the Standing Orders as recommended by CALC were explained by the Clerk. It was proposed by Clir. Boddy that the changes be adopted and seconded by Clir. Mason-Hornby. The proposal was carried unanimously

10. UPDATE ON LENGTHSMAN FUNDING

The Chairman reported that CALC was still fighting the CCC Highways Team Scheme as described at the last meeting and there is a possibility they will support Burton-in-Kendal/Holme/Endmoor going ahead with employing the existing lengthsman as a sub contractor

11. CATTLE GRAZING ON DALTON CRAGS AND BURTON FELL

Cllr.Hopwood reported 10 cattle are grazing on Burton Fell on a permanent basis throughout the year. Although there are none on Dalton Crags at present, Forest Enterprise are proposing to reintroduce cattle there in the spring. She expressed concern that some parishioners are objecting to the presence of cattle on Dalton Crags and suggested the parish council write to Forest Enterprise about these concerns. The owner of the cattle has offered to hold a 'Meet the Cows' day on the fell with all interested parties. After some heated discussion the Chairman proposed the Clerk write to Forest Enterprises with copies to Cumbria Wildlife Trust and English Nature expressing concern over this reintroduction of cattle on the following grounds: 1. Animal welfare issues. 2. Restricting public access. 3. Churning the paths. This was seconded by Cllr.Lawson. 7 Cllrs. voted for the motion and Cllr. Mason-Hornby expressed a personal interest and abstained. (CD)

The Chairman also asked Cllr. Hopwood to organise a 'Meet the Cows Event'

(JH)

12. REPORTS

- Cllr.Rogers reported unsuitable items overloading the paper bank & asked the Clerk to write to two members of the public in Priest Hutton. Also the fact that only half jobs requested have been carried out by CCC Highways Team during their recent visit be pursued with CALC. (CD). He also reported cleaning graffiti off the new substation behind the Royal Hotel, removing fly tipping from Plain Quarry and further fly tipping at Lime Kiln Quarry, not yet removed. He also read a letter out from a member of the public regarding raw sewage on Main Street. It was agreed the Clerk should write to United Utilities with a copy to the Environmental Health Dept.of SLDC. (CD)
- Cllr.Boddy expressed concern over the building work being carried out on the Boon Town Playing Fields. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Dept.asking if boundaries have changed (CD)
- Cllr.Isherwood requested the Clerk obtain further information from 'Fields in Trust'. Also to ask the Police again for a monthly report (CD)
- Cllr.Hopwood reported meeting with Martin Colledge at Plain Quarry who has agreed to replace steps in stone, instal a drain at the entrance and regrade the surface.

 She will also chase up the Bus Shelter grant application with CCC (JH)
- Cllr.Brown reported overhanging foliage on footway opposite Ivy Cottage on Main Street. The Clerk
 was asked to investigate
- Clir.Lawson alerted everyone to the increasing number of travellers 'calling for scrap' around Burton

12. COMMUNICATIONS - See Schedule below.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 20 March 2008 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will precede this and commence at 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

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SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 21 FEBRUARY 2008

Website

Hot Topic: SuspendedFeedback: Suspended

Other Communications

- · Request to Cumbria Constabulary to reinstate a monthly Incident Report
- Request to SLDC for a speaker from the Planning Dept.to address the Annual Parish Meeting
- Request to Signpost Restoration for approximate date for installation of Milepost & check Dalton signpost
- Notice of deletion of Rating List entry for Plain Quarry
- · Letter from parishioner regarding raw sewage in drainage system on Main Street
- Copy of correspondence between possible owners of southern boundary wall of Caterpillar Walk
- Potholes at Post Office & Church entrance reported to Highways
- Burglary 15.1.08 of 8 alloy wheels reported to Police on log no.271
- Suggestion from parishioner that Christmas lights be sponsored by villagers in memory of a loved one
- Invitation from SLDC to attend Parish Charter Launch on 3 March 12.00 to 1.30pm at the Bindloss Room, Kendal Town Hall
- Notification from Allianz Insurance of increase to £250 excess on all future claims

For Circulation

- South Lakeland Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Call for sites with development potential. email from SLDC and forwarded to Clirs. 1.2.08
- SLDC Overview & Scrutiny Consultation email forwarded to Cllrs. 28.1.08
- Invitation received from CALC to attend a Consultation Conference 29 March (Email forwarded to Clirs. 7.2.08).
- Wicksteed Playscapes brochure
- Local Councils Update for January/February from Clerks & Councils Direct
- Cumbria Care Homes Consultation from CCC
- Notification from Cumbria CVS of an Employment Network Event on Thursday 28 February
- Cumbria CVS February Newsletter
- Cancer Care publicity for Sponsored Star Walk from Kendal at midnight 12 May 2008
- The North West Plan partial review from the North West Regional Assembly
- Minutes of the SLDC Standards Committee meeting held on 11 October 2007
- Friends of the Lake District E-Newsletter for February forwarded to Cllrs. 20.2.08
- Affordable Housing Update, January 2008 from SLDC
- CALC Circular February 2008

Glossary of Abbreviations:

CALC Cumbria Association of Local Councils

CCC Cumbria County Council CVS Cumbria Voluntary Service

DEFRA Dept for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

NPS Norfolk Property Services

NALC National Association of Local Councils

SLDC South Lakeland District Council
SLCC Society of Local Council Clerks
VAC Voluntary Action Cumbria

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