

BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 February 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal

PRESENT. Cllrs P Rogers (Chairman), J Brown, I Hunt, G Isherwood, F Mason-Hornby, A Wren, and Parish Clerk P Smith. County and District Cllr R Bingham and District Cllr B Cooper were in attendance.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE. Eight members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs R Boddy, J Hopwood and M Taylor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Cllrs Brown, Hunt and Wren declared personal interests in item 11 because they lived close to proposed Land Allocation sites.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19 JANUARY 2012. The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(ACTION)

a. There will be a meeting of the CALC District Association on Thursday 1 March in Kendal Town Hall at 7:00pm. The Clerk will attend.

b. There will be a meeting of the South Westmorland Neighbourhood Forum on Wednesday 22 February at 7:30pm in Hutton Roof village hall. Cllr J Brown will attend.

5. OPEN FORUM.

a. As one of the trustees of the late Bob Mason's legacy, Mrs Curwen presented the Parish Council with a cheque for £1227.60 to cover the cost of refurbishing the War Memorial. The Council expressed their appreciation for this generous grant. A formal letter of thanks will be sent. Now that funding is available approval for the project will be on next month's agenda. **(PS)**

b. A resident expressed her general concern at the size of the proposed housing developments for Burton-in-Kendal in the Local Development Framework Land Allocations. Her particular concerns were that the school was already full and would not be able to accept additional pupils, the village could not absorb the extra traffic which would result from such a large expansion, and there were insufficient employment opportunities in the village. She also listed her objections to the development of the field above Church Bank. Specifically, she noted the unsuitable vehicle access, no safe for access for pedestrians, no right of way access onto the bridle way, and the irrelevance of the village panorama above the site if the development goes ahead. These views were supported by another resident.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

(PS)

a. Applications granted:

i. **SL/2011/0935 – Alby House, Clawthorpe.** Double garage and change of land use to domestic garden for Mr I Boustead.

ii. **SL/2011/0997 – Forestry Houses, Dalton.** First floor extension for Mr Graeme Wheelhouse.

iii. **SL/2011/0928 – 6, St James Drive.** Single storey extension for James McPeake.

b. Applications refused: None

c. Applications received:

i. **SL/2012/0014 – Curlews, Clawthorpe.** Extensions and alterations for Mr and Mrs Woodend. No Objection.

ii. **SL/2012/0022 – Farleton View, Vicarage Lane.** Detached Garage for Mr Coates. No Objection.

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7. **FINANCE.** The Council received the Income and Expenditure Account and bank balances as at 16 Feb 12:

Income to date	£13981.04	Bank of Ireland	£20.09
Expenditure to date	<u>£11594.96</u>	NatWest Current	£4790.09
Difference	£2386.08	NatWest Savings	£8674.13
Balance at 1/04/11	<u>£10678.90</u>	Less cheques etc	<u>£419.33</u>
Carried forward	£13064.98	Carried Forward	£13064.98

8. **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED.** (PS)

a.	Lengthsman's hours and expenses to 31 January 12.	£205.01
b.	Clerk's salary 1 February to 29 February 12.	£200.32
c.	Lancaster Canal Trust Membership.	£14.00

9. **RISK ASSESSMENT, BANKING AND INTERNAL AUDIT.** The risk assessment and internal control plan was reviewed. It was resolved to close the Bank of Ireland account. It was further resolved to seek an account which would pay a higher rate of interest on the reserve. The Council reviewed the effectiveness of internal audit and resolved to reappoint Mr Peter Tubbs as the internal auditor noting that the terms of Reference for the internal audit are in the financial regulations. The Council will write to Mr Tubbs to express their thanks for his continuing support of the Council. (PS)

10. **GRASS CUTTING ARRANGEMENTS.** It was resolved that Mr David Ireland of Springs View Landscapes should continue with grass cutting during 2012 at an unchanged price of £975 + VAT. (PS)

11. **CONSULTATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT AND LAND ALLOCATIONS.** *(This item was considered directly after the Open Forum to link it to the concerns of the public attending the meeting.)* It was resolved that the Council would respond to the consultation to point out again the inappropriate size of the proposed expansion. Specifically SLDC will be asked to reduce the size of the Green Dragon development and to exclude the land above Church Bank and the land adjacent to Boon Town from development plan. It was also agreed that the Development Plan Document should be updated to reflect the changes in the village since the document was originally produced. Specifically the following changes would be requested:

- The housing development approved but not yet built should be noted and included in the total of houses to be built.
- The recent increase in employment sites within the village at Clawthorpe Hall, Dalton Hall and Burtlands should be mentioned. Particularly the sufficiency of car-parking at these sites.
- The essential requirement for new housing and employment sites to have enough car-parking spaces must be emphasised. It is highly desirable that new developments also provide parking opportunities for village centre residents.
- The Green Dragon site will need a play area at least as big as the Boon Town playground.
- The school will need to be able to meet any predicted increase in local numbers.
- Road access from the Green Dragon site should be via Tarn Lane only.

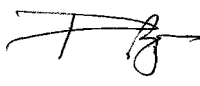
The Clerk will prepare a draft response for Councillors to consider and amend before the next meeting. The item will be discussed again at the next meeting when a response to the consultation will be approved. (PS)

12. **REPORT ON PARISH ACTION PLAN ITEMS.** The following changes were reported on action items:

- a. The market Cross refurbishment is complete. The Council will write to Mr Waller to express their thanks for the replacement capping stone which he provided at no cost. (PS)
- b. As previously noted the refurbishment of the War Memorial will be on the agenda at the next meeting for approval. (PS)
- c. The proposal for a Royal Oak sapling will be on the agenda for approval at the next meeting. The cost of providing a suitable tree guard will also be included. (AW)(PS)

13. **LENGTHSMAN'S LOG OF PLAYGROUND INSPECTION AND REPORTS FROM PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.**

- a. There were no reported defects on the playground defects log.
- b. Cllr Mason-Hornby reported that a supply of grit/salt had been delivered.
- c. Cllr Hunt noted that Burton-in-Kendal had not had the moveable Speed Indicator Device in the village for a long while. The Clerk will request that it be scheduled. (PS)

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- d. Cllr Rogers noted that a new County sign had been erected South of the village. It was agreed that at the next meeting the Council will consider erecting an "Historic County of Westmorland" sign. (PS)
- e. Cllr Rogers reported that the hand push gritter had been successfully used during the recent cold spell.
- f. Cllrs Rogers and Wren reported the various activities planned for the Jubilee weekend. Cllr Wren volunteered to act in liaison with the Sports Committee and Cllr Rogers would provide them with the Parish bunting. During discussion of the beacon the owner of Hanging Hill volunteered that it could be used for the beacon. It was agreed that an overall summary of activities including the presentation of mugs, the street parties, the beacon, sports activities and the Jubilee Walks, would be drawn up for presentation as an agenda item at the next meeting. (PR)(AW)
- g. Cllr Wren reported an initiative by local residents to restrict the speed of vehicles passing the school.
- h. Cllr Isherwood noted that, in the absence of a Burton-in-Kendal police report, the monthly area report gave a comprehensive overview of crime and other incidents in the local area.

14. TO NOTE COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED. The communications listed below were noted. No further actions were ordered.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 15 March 2012 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall. **This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7:00pm**

Meeting Closed at 8:50pm

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 11 FEBRUARY 2012

Significant communications received:

1. By e-mail forwarded to Councillors:

- a. Agenda for CALC District Association Meeting – 1 March 2012
- b. The Big Jubilee Lunch
- c. Query from resident regarding CCC action on Slape Lane.
- d. Royal Garden Party Nominations

2. In circulation folder:

- a. Standards Committee Agenda.
- b. CCC Minerals and Waste Development Framework resubmission.
- c. Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation.
- d. Westmorland Flag.

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

CALC	Cumbria Association of Local Councils
CCC	Cumbria County Council
LAP	Local area Partnership
LDF	Local Development Framework
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
SLDC	South Lakeland District Council

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