

**BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20 September 2012  
at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal**

**PRESENT.** Cllrs M Taylor (Chairman), J Hopwood, I Hunt, G Isherwood, F Mason-Hornby, P Rogers, M Rowley, A Wren, and Parish Clerk P Smith. County and District Cllr R Bingham was in attendance.

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE.** PCSO Jess Bullock and one member of the public were present.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr J Brown. Apologies were noted from District Cllr B Cooper.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION.** No declarations of interest were made.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 16 AUGUST 2012.** The minutes of the meeting held on 16 August 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**(ACTION)**

- a. The CALC AGM will be on Saturday 10 November at 1030 at Carlisle Race Course.
- b. The next South Westmorland Neighbourhood Forum will be on Wednesday 24 October at 7:30pm in Crosthwaite Memorial Hall.
- c. There is new advice from CALC which recommends that Councillors should not participate in the open forum discussion at Council meetings when they have a disclosable pecuniary interest. The Clerk recommends that the Council does not rush into changing Standing Orders until the reasoning behind this advice is understood.
- d. There is another SLDC Land Allocations consultation. The planning inspector has asked SLDC to document the reasoning behind their recommendation for each area. This document is available for consultation until 15 October.

**5. OPEN FORUM.** PCSO Bullock reported that there had been no significant Crime in the village or the surrounding area since her last report.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

- a. Applications granted:
  - i. **SL/2012/0610** 9, Burton Park. Rear Dormer for Mr Martin Dew.
  - ii. **SL/2012/0338** Alby Bank Clawthorpe. Two storey extension with garage for Mr Ionnadis.
- b. Applications refused: None
- c. Applications received: None

**7. FINANCE.** The Council received the Income and Expenditure Account and bank balances as at 20 Sep 12:

Income to date	£13943.00		
Expenditure to date	<u>£11899.32</u>	NatWest Current	£5363.77
Difference	£2043.68	NatWest Savings	£11717.75
Balance at 1/04/11	<u>£12846.32</u>	Less cheques etc	-£2191.52
Carried forward	£14890.00	Carried Forward	£14890.00

**8. ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED.**

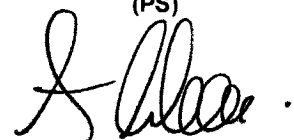
**(PS)**

- a. Lengthsman's hours and expenses to 31 July 2012. £264.37
- b. Clerk's salary and expenses 1 August to 31 August 2012. £200.77
- c. HMRC Clerk PAYE. £320.40
- d. Springs View Landscapes grass cutting half year. £585.00
- e. Playground Insurance Safety Inspection. £605.98
- f. SLDC Annual Playground Rent. £75.00
- g. Astarte Web Design web-site hosting and tech support. £120.00

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9. **PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.** It was resolved that the playground roundabout would be refurbished up to a cost of £3000. Funding would come from a grant of £2000 from CCC supplemented by the Parish Council. (PS)
10. **PLANTING OF DAFFODILS.** It was resolved that up to £260 would be spent on native daffodil bulbs to cover the cost of 100m of linear planting and 6sqm of planting around the trees at the bottom of Tarn Lane. (JH,PS)
11. **COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME.** It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to the SLDC consultation on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme supporting SLDC's proposal to offset the costs of the scheme by removing the 10% discount on second homes council tax. It was further agreed that the Clerk should respond to the Government's consultation on the effect of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme on local precepts supporting the government's proposal to protect local precept payers from increases which could result from potential changes to the Council Tax base. (PS)
12. **CCC HIGHWAYS WINTER SERVICE PLAN.** It was agreed that the clerk would make the following response to the CCC Highways Winter Service proposals: (PS)
- The Council does not wish to be involved in formally volunteering to assist the County Council to plough and grit minor roads. The Parish Council would, whenever practical, grit minor roads and residential areas where these were not done by the County Council.
  - The Council does not support a scheme to padlock grit bins. The Council believes that this scheme is not practical. It would depend on key holders being available, it is also possible that padlocks would corrode and be unusable when needed. The Council believes it would be better to educate the public on the proper use of the grit bins. To this end information stickers could be attached to bins.
  - The Council does not wish to be involved in formally becoming a CCC volunteer organisation to clear and grit footways. The Council could see no need to join a County Council run scheme when the Parish Council already does this work voluntarily.
13. **DONATION TO POPPY APPEAL.** The Council resolved that a donation of £50 would be given to this year's Poppy Appeal. (PS)
14. **DRAFT 2013/14 BUDGET.** The draft budget for the financial year 2013/14 was noted. It was agreed that the precept would be reduced by 5%. The Clerk will present a final budget for approval at the next meeting. (PS)
15. **AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS.** It was agreed to amend Standing Orders Paragraph 5 – *Motions Not Requiring Written Notice* - to include the following additional matter which may be moved without written notice:  
*"xxvii. To receive declarations of interest and to consider applications for dispensations."* (PS)
16. **OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS.** The following changes to the recorded Action Items were noted:
- The installation of the timed 20mph signs at the school has been delayed because similar signs have suffered wind-damage.
  - It was agreed that the Royal Oak would be sited in the field at the South end of the village where the old oak tree fell.
17. **LENGTHSMAN'S LOG OF PLAYGROUND INSPECTION, REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS, AND REPORTS FROM PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.**
- A loose gate-post was reported on the playground defects log. Cllr Wren volunteered to fix it. (AW)
  - Cllr Rogers reported that the lengthsman had cut the hedge at the Boon Town playground and trimmed the verges on the approaches to the village. He also reported that CCC had cut back the foliage on both Slape Lane and Boon Town Lane. He had also persuaded CCC to site a temporary speed indicator device on the A6070 at Clawthorpe.
  - Cllr Mason-Hornby asked that Burton Morewood School be congratulated for having such a good turn-out at the Westmorland County Show. (GI)
  - Cllr Hunt reported that the proposed resurfacing of Hutton Close appeared to have been abandoned. Cllr Hopwood reported that she had been asked by a resident to request that Burton Park be resurfaced. The Clerk was instructed to find out from CCC why these two roads had not as yet been resurfaced as planned. (PS)
  - Cllr Hopwood reported that the Recreation Trust Fun Run had been very successful and she thanked the volunteers, the participants and the local businesses who had sponsored events for their help.
  - Cllr Hopwood reminded the Council noted that the planted area at the junction of Station Lane and Tanpits Lane was in need of attention. The volunteers who had looked after the area for many years had retired and no-one had taken their place. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Burton News to request volunteers for this task. (PS)



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

19. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will at 7:30pm on Thursday 18 October 2012.

**The Meeting Closed at 8:43 pm**

**Schedule of Communications to 15 September 2012  
Significant communications received:**

**1. By e-mail forwarded to Councillors:**

- a. LAP 23 August Meeting Notes and Actions.
- b. Hospital Vascular Services campaign update from Tim Farron
- c. Local Policing Summary.
- d. From Mr Hesketh on Slape Lane.

**2. In circulation folder:**

- a. Clerks and Councils Direct.
- b. Cumbria County Council Local News and Views.
- c. SLDC Standards Committee meeting papers.

**GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>CALC</b>	Cumbria Association of Local Councils
<b>CCC</b>	Cumbria County Council
<b>DCLG</b>	Department of Communities and Local Government
<b>LAP</b>	Local area Partnership
<b>LDF</b>	Local Development Framework
<b>PCSO</b>	Police Community Support Officer
<b>ROWIP</b>	Rights of Way Improvement Programme
<b>SLDC</b>	South Lakeland District Council

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