

BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL
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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20 October 2011
 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal**

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

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

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15 SEPTEMBER 2011. The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2011 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(ACTION)

- a. The Neighbourhood Forum will meet on Thursday 3 November at 7:30pm in the Levens Institute.
- b. The CALC AGM will be held on Saturday 12 November at 10:30am in the Castle Green Hotel. Are there any volunteers. The Clerk will attend. **(PS)**
- c. The CALC District Association will meet on Thursday 24 November in Kendal Town Hall at 7:00pm. Are there any volunteers? The Clerk will attend. **(PS)**
- d. The Act of Remembrance will be held at 0945 on Sunday 13 November at the War memorial. The Chairman will lay a wreath. **(PR)**
- e. The Chairman had attended the meeting of the Local Area Partnership at which a particularly interesting presentation had been given by the South Cumbria Rivers Trust.
- f. The LAP also confirmed the purchase of a speed indicator device for use by member parishes. Details of how it would be allocated and the insurance arrangements were to be confirmed.

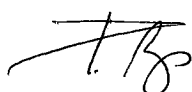
5. OPEN FORUM.

- a. PCSO Bullock reported the theft of a watch from a residence in the village. A suspect had been apprehended. The previously reported nuisance in Boon Town appeared to have stopped following police attendance. A complaint had been received about a party at Plain Quarry. The police had attended. Subsequently the area had been tidied up by the party goers. There had been a report in Holme of a young door-to-door salesman upsetting a resident in Holme. PCSO Bullock advised any resident who was upset by a door-to-door seller to report the matter to the police.
- b. A resident asked if the Council was aware of any progress on the development of the Royal Hotel site.
- c. County Councillor Bingham commented on the proposed parliamentary constituency boundary changes emphasising his concern that any new constituency did not combine south Cumbria and north Lancashire.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

(PS)

- a. Applications granted:
 - i. **SL/2011/0511 – Hall Gardens, Tanpits Lane.** Widen driveway, replace garage doors with patio doors.
 - ii. **SL/2011/0628 – Limestones, Clawthorpe.** Alterations to garage and installation of solar panels.
 - iii. **SL/2011/0649 – Sandy Gap Farmhouse, Clawthorpe.** Two storey extension.
- b. Applications refused: None
- c. Applications received:
 - i. **SL/2011/0660 – Bank House Barn, Holme Mills.** Revision to formation of new vehicular access. No Objection.
 - ii. **SL/2011/0726 – 9, St James Drive.** Single storey extension and garage for Mrs Phillips. No Objection.
 - iii. **SL/2011/0800 – Clawthorpe Hall.** Renewal of existing planning permission 2008/0733 for Duckett Building Services. No Objection.

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7. **FINANCE.** The Council received the Income and Expenditure Account and bank balances as at 20 October 11:

Income to date	£13456.65	Bank of Ireland	£20.09
Expenditure to date	<u>£9509.47</u>	NatWest Current	£3841.40
Difference	£3947.18	NatWest Savings	£11649.74
Balance at 1/04/11	<u>£10678.90</u>	Less cheques etc	<u>-£885.15</u>
Carried forward	£14626.08	Carried Forward	£14626.08

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

a.	Lengthsman's hours and expenses to 30 September 11.	£273.70
b.	Clerk's salary 1 September to 30 September 11.	£200.12
c.	Springs View Landscapes Grass Cutting ½ Year.	£585.00
d.	Astarte Web Design – website hosting.	£120.00
e.	Allianz Engineering Playground Inspection.	£566.33
f.	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.	£50.00
g.	Stramongate Press Autumn Newsletter.	£90.00

9. **CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL GRANT FOR LENGTHSMAN.** It was noted that Cumbria County Council had provided a grant of £1000 from the County Councillor's discretionary fund towards the cost of the lengthsman. The Council expressed its thanks to County Cllr Bingham for his continued support of this service.

10. **APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR 2012/13.** The budget for 2012/13 was approved. It was agreed that a precept of £12403 would be raised to support the budget. This was the same precept as last year. (PS)

11. **CELEBRATION OF THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.**

- a. It was noted that Beetham, Holme, Preston Patrick and Burton-in-Kendal Parish Councils have all expressed an interest in a joint Jubilee Beacon on Farleton Knott. Beetham PC has asked Dallam Tower Estate for approval in principle.
- b. It was agreed that Cllr Mike Taylor would lead the Jubilee Beacon project for Burton-in-Kendal Parish Council. (MT)

12. **CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED NEW PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY.** It was resolved that the Council would respond to the Boundary Commission consultation on the proposed parliamentary constituency boundary changes. The Clerk would draft a response which would be circulated to councillors. The following points would be made in the response: (PS)

- a. The reduction of constituencies from 6 to 5 in Cumbria is supported.
- b. The proposed divisions do not recognise the natural geographic divisions, the local government boundaries, or the natural north south divide of communities within Cumbria.
- c. It is also important to the rural communities of Cumbria to have Members of Parliament who can represent rural communities in Parliament and becoming expert in rural affairs.
- d. The Council believes that a more sensitive division of the County would be possible which grouped the rural communities and market towns of the south Lakes into one rural constituency. The second rural constituency could comprise the rural communities and market towns of the north Lakes and north Cumbria. Two west coast constituencies and a Carlisle constituency would complete the picture for Cumbria.

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

- a. An update on the plans for repairing the resurfacing defects will be requested. (MT)
- b. Refurbishment of the Market Cross is scheduled for January. However, it was subsequently agreed that a request would be made for an estimate to replace the missing top of the column. (IH)
- c. An estimate would be obtained for the refurbishment of the war memorial and its surround. This would be considered at a subsequent meeting along with the possibility of obtaining a grant for the work. (IH/PS)

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

- a. The playground defects log was inspected. There were no reported defects.
- b. Cllr Hunt had received a report about the poor state of "Kidnappers Lane". This would be investigated and attended to as far as was possible. (MT/AW)
- c. Cllr Hunt reported that work would be starting on the Memorial Hall at the start of November.

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- d. Cllr Mason-Hornby reported that the meeting of parish broadband champions had discussed the idea of using local help to extend the fibre optic connections from central hubs to dispersed locations.
- e. Cllr Mason-Hornby reported that a second gate onto Dalton Craggs had been installed.
- f. Cllr Taylor reported that he intended to change the management of the field above Slape Lane to control the run-off onto the footpath.
- g. Cllr Wren reported that the Quarry Liaison Committee were told that funding is available to improve the drainage of the A6070 in the vicinity of the Duke. He would mark the areas which needed attention.
- h. Cllr Isherwood presented an old photograph of the Market Cross showing the original top.

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

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 17 November 2011 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

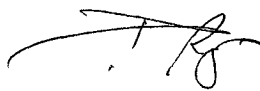
Meeting Closed at 8:59pm

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 15 OCTOBER 2011
Significant communications not otherwise on the Agenda

- 1. **By e-mail forwarded to Councillors:**
 - a. LAP Agenda for 19 October.
 - b. Correspondence from Mr McQueen.
 - c. CALC – Government code of practice on data transparency.
 - d. Consultation on Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries.
- 2. **In circulation folder:**
 - a. NALC – Responding to planning applications.
 - b. Playing Fields Association Annual Report.
 - c. Friends of the Lake District Community Green Spaces.
 - d. SLDC Standards Committee Agenda and papers.

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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