

# BURTON- IN -KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19 January 2006 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. J.Hopwood (Chairman), R.Boddy, G.Isherwood, R.Lawson, F.Mason-Hornby, A.Wren, B.Willink, R.Bingham (District & County Cllr.) C.Dale (Clerk).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ten members of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs. P.Rogers, K.Ray

**2. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS** held on 15 December, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman.

## **3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(Action by)**

- Cllr. Rogers is representing the Parish Council at the Local Works public meeting on the Sustainable Communities Bill at the Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal 7.30-9.30 tonight **(PR)**
- Invitation to the SLCC North West Regional Conference at the Park Hall Hotel, Chorley 10.30-3.45 Tuesday 31 January
- Consultation Review on British Energy Generation Ltd by the Environment Agency. Invitation to become involved & respond by 31 January was taken up by Cllr. Mason-Hornby **(FM-H)**
- Notification from Network Rail of an Open Day in the Victoria Hotel, Grange-over-Sands 12.00-7.00 Wednesday 1 February to publicise closure of the Leven viaduct for repairs for 16 weeks between March & July 2006
- Request from Voluntary Action Cumbria to complete survey form regarding Parish Plans **(CD)**
- Congratulations were extended to the Parish Clerk on successfully completing the Certificate in Local Council Administration. This is an essential step towards the Council applying for Quality Parish status
- Invitation from Cumbria Constabulary to extend the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the parish
- A grant of £13,040 has been awarded to Burton Morewood School from the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund administered by Cumbria Waste Management Environmental Trust for The Wildlife Walk Project

## **4. OPEN FORUM – Points raised: -**

- A member of the public presented a letter to the Council with photographs of an ambulance stranded in the floods on the A6070 at Clawthorpe last autumn. He urged Cllrs. to ask CCC Highways to install another drain in the field between the A6070 and the motorway. The Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the plans of the drains from CCC **(CD)**
- Proposed plans for the Royal Hotel (see Item 5 below) were generally welcomed by the public with the following reservations: The impact on residents of the proposed exit & entrance onto the Square. The movement of gravel & broken glass when the car park floods. A preference for the adjoining cottage to be converted to affordable housing rather than a toilet block

## **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**Planning permission refused :-**

**SL/2005/1243** – Outline planning application for a mixed development of affordable/open market value housing, either for rent or sale on land at Church Bank, Burton for Mr J Simm

**Planning permission granted :-**

**SL/2005/1277** – Renewal of permission for two-storey extension to rear of Old Hall Cottage, Tanpits Lane, Burton for Mr M Jackson & Ms A Berry

**SL/2005/1317** – Consent to illuminated signs on the Burton M6 Northbound Services for Travelodge

**Planning applications received :-**

**SL/2005/1295** - Coat Green Farm - Extension of existing building to form storage area & erection of building for use as farm workshop: Cllr. Mason-Hornby stated a prejudicial interest and left the room.

**Cllrs. unanimously agreed to raise no objections to the application.**

**SL/2005/1404** - Royal Hotel - Internal & external alterations, extension, external works to create service road & terraces, change of use of cottages to form new toilet accommodation for Punch Taverns.

**SL/2005/1406** - Application for listed building consent for SL/2005/1404 above:

**Cllrs. unanimously agreed to the following response:-**

'The Parish Council is very pleased to receive this planning application.'

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The Royal Hotel is an important building to the village both historically and socially. We look forward to the refurbishment and The Royal becoming a thriving business in the centre of our community

Our detailed comments on the application are as follows:-

**THE CAR PARK**

The car park has been a source of problems over many years – tarmacing the access from the Main Street to the recreation Ground and resurfacing the parking areas will be a major improvement. It is important however, that a surface water drainage system is incorporated to prevent rainwater run-off running over the pavement on the Main Street. This is a long-standing frequent and major problem causing flooding and icing and is dangerous to pedestrians and motorists using the Main Street.  
The resurfacing of the car parking area in front of Royal Cottage is not shown on the drawing – could this also be tarmac?

**SOUTH ELEVATION (The Square)**

We have a concern about the door opening from the Square to the Dining room. The concern being that users of the Dining Room may be tempted to park in the Square rather than use the Car park – We have major problems with parking in Burton generally and particularly in the Square which is used by residents of the Square and main Street. Additional use by customers of the Royal will cause further upset and neighbour disputes. In addition, use of this door in close proximity to the houses in the Square will cause noise nuisance at night. Could this door be used as a Fire Exit only?  
The existing blocked up kitchen door with extraction unit – could this door be reinstated to match the others dummy door)?

**WEST ELEVATION (Main Street)**

Could the 'shop window' be restored to an opening style and window style to match others?  
Could the two doors not used as doors (door to the cottage and door near the Square) be dummy doors i.e. visually remain the same as existing)?  
The hanging sign believed to be Duke of Edinburgh's Arms (not the present one) be restored?

**THE COTTAGE**

This has many important architectural features, which must be retained, for example:-

- The traditional Westmorland chimney (not shown on the elevation)
- The cruck beam roof trusses
- Mullioned windows (rear elevations)

The parish Council will be sorry to lose the disused cottage as a dwelling – there is a shortage of affordable rented accommodation in the village.

The above are comments that we hope are helpful and will be taken into consideration. The only objection we have is the use of large areas of glazing to the side (new entrance) and to the rear that are unsympathetic and could be achieved using a style and materials that are in keeping with the rest of this important building.

In addition, because of the badly neglected state of the car park, we request that a condition be imposed whereby the opening of the newly refurbished Royal is not permitted until the car park works are also complete."

**SL/2005/1412 - The Tannery, Tanpits Lane - Alterations & extension to dwelling & alterations to access for H.A.S. Jones: Cllrs. unanimously agreed to raise no objections to the application.**

A motion by Mr. L. W. carried not to consider planning applications not on the agenda

**6. FINANCE**

Balances at the bank at 19 January 2006: -

BOI Treasurers Account	£8,101.72
Income to date	8,824.64
Expenditure to date	7,996.55

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

Clerk's salary and expenses	£268.78
Burton Memorial Hall room hire January-December 2005	79.20

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**8. MEMORIAL PLAQUE AND REFURBISHMENT OF PARISH NOTICE BOARD**

Deferred to next meeting: awaiting quote for signwriting. Holme Park Quarry does not have a suitable piece of stone for the plaque. (JH)

**9. SLDC REVIEW OF ARBORICULTURAL SERVICES STRATEGY**

Cllrs. discussed the response from SLDC and asked the Clerk to obtain a list of trees with tree preservation orders on them within the parish (CD)

**10. SLDC CORE STRATEGY ISSUES & OPTIONS**

A majority of Cllrs. agreed a response to the document and the Clerk was asked to complete the questionnaire and return it to SLDC (CD)

**11. WRVS APPEAL FOR DONATIONS**

Cllrs. decided not to respond

**12. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CCC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Cllrs. requested the consultation document be circulated again and defer the item to the next meeting (CD)

**13. PLAYING FIELD ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT**

Cllr. Wren reported he had remedied the majority of items. He & Cllr. Isherwood undertook to obtain chippings to cover the exposed foundation under the 2 seat swings and paint the roundabout seats & decking with protective treatment (the latter is a summer job). Cllrs. unanimously thanked Cllr. Wren for the work carried out so promptly so far. (AW/GI)

The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the repair of the cement rendering on the slide mound (CD)

**14. WORKING PARTY TO PRODUCE THE QUARTERLY PARISH NEWSLETTER**

Cllrs. unanimously decided a working party was not necessary if Cllr. Rogers would circulate a draft of the newsletter to them all, as long as they respond with any suggested amendments within 48 hours (PR)

**15. LITTER SIGNS**

Cllrs. decided to try a sign at the 'lay-by' opposite the football field 'please take your litter home' (CD)

**16. SPEAKER FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 16 MARCH**

Cllrs. asked the Clerk to approach Rodger Read of the South Lakeland Gateway Project (CD)

**17. REVIEW CLERK'S SALARY**

Cllrs. agreed to the recommended increase of one point on the published scale to £256.21 per month with effect from 1 January to reflect completion of the Certificate in Local Council Administration. Cllrs. unanimously thanked the Clerk for the extra time spent over the past 18 months to successfully complete the required portfolio

**18. REPORTS**

- Cllr. Boddy reported a meeting between Burton Recreation and Punch Taverns to discuss an offer from the Trust to buy the land they currently occupy
- Cllr. Mason-Hornby reported an ongoing litter problem at Plain Quarry and suggested Forest Enterprises should remove the litterbins to encourage people to take their litter home. Also, now the fence is complete, they should install a kissing gate. (JH)
- Cllr. Willink reported that the site of forestry operations on Docker Lane had not been tidied up. Cllr. Mason-Hornby suggested there was still more extraction to be carried out next summer
- Cllr. Isherwood reported a salt bin needs installing at the top of Morewood Drive. The Clerk was asked to request one from CCC Highways (CD)
- Cllr. Hopwood reported there would be a CALC meeting the following day at which she will propose Burton & Holme as a suitable case for a pilot lengthsman in Cumbria (JH)

**19. COMMUNICATIONS – See Schedule below**

**20. WEBSITE:**

Cllrs. unanimously agreed the Hot Topic for the coming month should remain 'Is there a need for a youth centre in Burton? If so, where should it be sited?' (CD)

**The meeting finished at 10.00pm**

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21. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 16 February 2006 at 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall

## **SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 17 JANUARY 2006**

### **Website**

**Hot Topic:** 'Is there a need for a Youth Centre in Burton?' Yes: **2 Votes**, No: **1 Vote**

- **Feedback:** On the question of where should a Youth Shelter be placed ... we need to ask the young people of Burton where \*they\* would like it to be, and then discuss the pros and cons of the site(s) with them.
- I agree with Barry's comment (Post 47) but can't we have a concerted effort to try to persuade \*them\* and all villagers to get on this website and leave some feedback if they are unable or unwilling to come to a Parish Council meeting
- Two planning applications for extensive alterations to the Royal Hotel have been submitted to SLDC. According to the planning apps only two neighbours are to be consulted. Surely all neighbours of the Royal should be included not just the two properties mentioned in the applications?
- Julia Wilson of Voluntary Action Cumbria was looking at the website last week. She tells me she was very impressed with the layout.
- Regarding Anne's message about the planning app for the Royal - anyone thinking they should have been consulted - contact Barry Jackson, planning officer 01539 733333.

### **Other Communications**

- Request to SLDC for copy of S106 Agreement on Boon Town playing field
- Reply to Cumbria Police Authority on proposed restructuring
- Letter to SLDC regarding apparent new dwelling at Burtlands
- Objections sent to SLDC regarding planning application on Church Bank
- Letter to CCC expressing concern over proposed bus service cuts within Kendal
- Request to SLDC to send hard copies in future of development plans
- Request to Tim Farron MP to respond to letter sent 29 April 2005
- Certificate in Local Council Administration awarded to the Clerk by The National Training Strategy for Town & Parish Councils
- Notification from SLDC of South Lakeland Gateway Project presentation at Lane Farm, Crooklands on Wednesday 11 January 2.00 to 8.00pm
- Notification from CALC regarding Voluntary Action Cumbria

### **For Circulation**

- 'Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The Future' from ODPM
- Citizens Advice South Lakeland Annual Report 2004/05
- Citizens Advice South Lakeland Health & Community Care Project publicity
- Overhead Wires Project Newsletter December 2005
- CCC Cumbria Highways Newsletter Winter 2005
- SMP Playgrounds leaflet
- Clerks & Councils Direct Yearbook 2006
- Clerks & Councils Direct January 2006
- Local Council Review January 2006
- Publicity leaflets from Glasdon
- Cumbria Community Foundation Annual Review 2004-2005
- Update from the Cumbria Police Authority with regard to amalgamation
- Notification from CALC that the number to contact Cumbria Police for non-emergencies is now **0845 33 00 247**
- Letter from a parishioner regarding quality of water supply in Burton

### **Glossary of Abbreviations:**

<b>CALC</b>	Cumbria Association of Local Councils
<b>CCC</b>	Cumbria County Council
<b>CWT</b>	Cumbria Wildlife Trust
<b>DEFRA</b>	Dept. for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
<b>NALC</b>	National Association of Local Councils
<b>ODPM</b>	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
<b>SLDC</b>	South Lakeland District Council
<b>SLCC</b>	Society of Local Council Clerks