

BURTON- IN -KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20 August 2009 at
7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal

PRESENT: Cllrs. F.Mason-Hornby (Chairman), J.Hopwood, G.Isherwood, P.Rogers, M.Taylor, A.Wren,
Dist.Cllrs.R.Bingham, B.Cooper, C.Dale (Clerk).

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Five members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs.R.Boddy, J.Brown, I.Hunt,

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 16 JULY: Having been previously circulated, it was unanimously agreed the minutes were correct. They were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

5. OPEN FORUM – The Chairman read out the Police Reports for July & August consisting of minor incidents and apologies for absence from PCSO Rachel Roberts. He then read out an email from a parishioner regarding the colour a neighbours roof tiles had been painted. Cllr.Isherwood circulated a photograph. The Clerk was instructed to write to B.Jackson asking for his opinion as the responsible Planning Officer. (Action)

- Cllr.Hopwood reported issues raised by 2 parishioners at her 7pm surgery – (a) concern that the lack of dog bins on the canal has not yet been addressed. The Chairman explained this was in hand with the Canal Trust and Waterways Board together with provision of seating on the Burton parish section of the canal. This person also said nothing had been done about maize in field with footpath to Scape Lane, also Scape Lane was a disgrace (see Item 13 below). (b) concern that the Burton Playing Ground be cut before delivery of new equipment. The Clerk was asked to contact Grasscare to attend to the matter. (CD)

- A member of the public complained of the state of the A6070 northwards from the Green Dragon. The Clerk was asked to report this onto the Highways Hotline (CD)

- Another parishioner queried a proposed increase of speed limits on the A6070 to the south of the village. The Chairman explained CCC were undertaking a review (with which the Parish Council has asked to be involved) & during discussions they had mentioned this ploy had worked elsewhere

- Another parishioner recommended anyone seeing speeding motorists report the registration no.immediately to the police.

- Another parishioner complained the trailer parked on Tanpits Lane is still causing an obstruction. Also the planting on the Triangle at the bottom of Tanpits Lane needs the Lengthsman's attention please. (PR)

- The Chairman then asked members of the public to withdraw whilst he updated Cllrs.on applicants to date for replacement of the Clerk in October.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Planning applications granted: None
- Planning applications refused: None
- Planning applications received: None

7. FINANCE: The Clerk reported the 09/10 Precept from SLDC of £10,375 had been used to open the new NatWest current account & presented a NatWest Mandate form to transfer a portion of this into an interest-bearing account.Cllr.Rogers proposed £7,500 be transferred to the Bonus Saver account (one withdrawal per quarter only). This was seconded by Cllr.Hopwood and carried unanimously. The Mandate was duly signed. (CD)

Balances at the bank at 20 August 2009:

BOI Treasurers Account	£2,740.48
NatWest Current Account	10,375.00
Income to date	10,375.96
Expenditure to date	4,693.28

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8. ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED

Lengthsman remuneration to 15.07.09 (3 weeks @ £80.85 = £242)	£242.55
Clerk's salary and expenses	349.55
SLDC - Street lighting for 2008/09	887.00
SLDC - Parish election costs for 2008/09	57.00

9. DISCUSS BUDGET WORKING PARTY PROPOSALS FOR 2010/11

Clerk circulated the working paper showing a proposed precept of £13,781 that would reduce reserves further from £5,249 expected at April 2010 to £5,000 by March 2011. After some discussion it was decided the budget would be placed on the September agenda for final agreement (CD)

10. APPROVE ADVERTISING PARISH CLERK VACANCY AT £180 PER INSERTION

The Chairman explained this may not be necessary as some applications have now been received. He asked for approval in case it was decided necessary before the September meeting. Cllr.Rogers proposed approval, Cllr.Wren seconded and this was agreed unanimously

11. AGREE COST OF WEBSITE PROPOSAL

The Chairman read out the quote from A.Nichols for a revised Parish Council website: Initial design & setup £480, plus a further £480pa for monthly updating & maintenance (payable at £40 per month in arrears). He explained this had been agreed last month and compared well with another quote received. Cllr.Isherwood proposed this expenditure be approved, Cllr.Hopwood seconded and this was agreed unanimously

12. PROPOSED LOCATION OF BUS SHELTER AT SOUTH END OF VILLAGE

Cllr.Isherwood reported a meeting with Martin Elson on site where it was agreed the only practicable site for a bus shelter was at the existing bus stop outside the Green Dragon. Cllr.Wren proposed this location be agreed, Cllr.Rogers seconded and this was unanimously carried. It was also decided the bus shelter specification be agreed for ordering within the budget at the next Parish Council meeting (CD)

13. SLAPE LANE

An email previously circulated to all Cllrs from A.Bonacker offering £1,000 towards improvements to Slape Lane was considered. It was stated that this was totally inadequate for the purpose and that the responsibility for Slape Lane was with CCC not the Parish Council. Cllr.Rogers volunteered to respond to A.Bonacker with a request to hold the £1,000 for other more cost effective projects for the Parish Council that could begin next year. (PR)

Cllr.Hopwood proposed Clerk write to CCC Rights of Way Officer to investigate possible solutions to the problem as a rights of way improvement project. Seconded by Cllr.Wren & unanimously agreed (CD)

14. CLLRS. PROGRESS REPORTS ON 2009 UPDATE OF PARISH PLAN

Allotments: Cllr.Boddy reported 4 allotments have been agreed behind the Kings Arms (RB/JH)

Bus Shelter: Location agreed (see Item 12 above) (JH/GI/FM-H)

Design statement: Progress last month - None. Cllr.Hopwood stated UPVC windows an issue in conservation area (JH/FM-H)

Dropped kerbs: Progress last month - Five new ones installed thanks to Dist.Cllr.Bingham (IH)

Footways A6070: Progress last month - None. (FM-H)

Improve Slape Lane: See Item 13 above (JH)

Path - school to tennis courts: Progress last month - None. (GI/IH/FM-H)

Post boxes: Cllr.Wren in dialogue with Post Office (IH/AW)

Road safety improvements: Inclusion in Speed Reviews with CCC requested (FM-H)

Signage: Awaiting replacement by CCC of two worn metal signs with wooden signs in the autumn of 2009 (PR)

Upgrade Playing Ground: Contractor confirmed Suspension Bridge will be repaired in October 2009 (AW)

15. RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PARISH & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, LENGTHSMAN & CLERK:

- Cllr.Rogers confirmed he will obtain the June/July log from the Lengthsman & action outstanding items from that and the May/June log submitted last month. He also reported that SLDC had failed to maintain the sweeping regime on Main Street. The Clerk was asked to progress this with SLDC (PR)
(CD)
- The Clerk reported that Cllr.Boddy had written to J.Bell, CCC privately about the adequacy of the junction on A6070 with Clawthorpe Hall/Clawthorpe Lane if the proposed business park expansion goes ahead
- Cllr.Hopwood reported offers of grants totalling £26,000 had been raised by the Burton Playing ground committee and Cllr.Wren reported plans made for spending it on play equipment

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16. COMMUNICATIONS – See Schedule below.**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 17 September 2009 at 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.16pm

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 20 AUGUST 2009**Website**

- **Hot Topic:**
- **Feedback:**

Other Communications

- Cllr. Rogers reported sign demolished at junction of Tarn Lane & A6070 on Highways Hotline ref.316473
- Letter to Cllr. Wren from Royal Mail (ref.RM0349-0611) regarding request for extra letter box
- Reply to CALC confirming enquiry that Police do sometimes attend Parish Council Meetings
- Response sent to J. Bell (CCC) for his Highways Report & recommendations
- Enquiry from Australia for historical information forwarded to the Holme & Burton Historical Society
- Parish Clerk Vacancy posted up on Notice Boards, Butchers Shop, Post Office & Kings Arms
- Confirmation of no objections to Planning Application SL/2009/0559 sent to SLDC
- Quote received from Westmorland Gazette for Parish Clerk advertisement
- email from Gordon Hedley Stephens re: colour of roof at 61 St James Drive

For Circulation

- Weekly Rural News Focus 20.7.09, 31.7.09, 12.8.09 & 17.8.09 (forwarded to all Cllrs.)
- Call for evidence – Primary health care & social exclusion project email from Rural Services Network (forwarded to all Cllrs. 21.7.09)
- Invitation from L&K Group to view new Kendal Auction Mart relocation plans at their Open Day on 29 July at 3pm at the County Show Offices (Email forwarded to all Cllrs. 24.7.09)
- Email from SLDC regarding a review of the Gambling Licensing Policy (forwarded to all Cllrs. 28.7.09)
- Update of the North West Plan Partial Review from the Review Board (Email forwarded to all Cllrs. 28.7.09)
- Cumbria Youth Support Services Newsletter (Email forwarded to all Cllrs. 1.8.09)
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment Consultation from CCC inviting comments by 11.9.09
- Northwest Regional Strategy Update (Email forwarded to all Cllrs. 6.8.09)
- Invitation to subscribe to DIS fortnightly news service from NALC (Email forwarded to all Cllrs. 6.8.09)
- Invitation from SLDC to CIEP events this Autumn with CALC booking forms (forwarded to all Cllrs. 6.8.09)
- Cumbria Highways Newsletter No.14 Summer 2009
- Rock Reports No.19 Summer 2009
- Cumbria CVS Newsletter July/August
- Offer from Tim Farron MP to attend a Parish Council Meeting
- Notification from SLDC of new parish council contact (Emma Nichols) (Email forwarded to all Cllrs. 20.8.09)
- Notification from NALC of Leadership Academy 15-18 Sept. (Email forwarded to all Cllrs. 20.8.09)
- Notification from WHI of Walks programme (Email forwarded to all Cllrs. 20.8.09)
- Cumbria CVS Newsletter August/September
- Cumbria CVS Newsletter August/September
- Cumbria CVS Annual Review 2008/09
- CCC Resource Cumbria Newsletter Issue 13 August
- Notification from CALC of Training & Advice sessions for Chairmen 16 & 23 Sept 2009

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