



BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL



Quarterly Newsletter

Keeping you in touch with Parish News

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The Parish Council meets at 7.30. p.m. in Burton Memorial Hall on the third Thursday of every month. Minutes and the Agenda are displayed on the noticeboard at the north end of the Memorial Hall and on the Parish Council Website. The meetings are open to the public and there is an Open Forum, if you wish to raise a matter with the Parish Council. We are always pleased to hear from the residents of the parish.

PARISH NEWS

Parish Plan

The parish council is about to update the parish plan. Representatives of the Recreation Trust, the Boon Town Playing Field Committee, Burton Morewood School, and the Memorial Hall Committee will be asked for their input for the revised plan. Traffic-calming measures on the A6070 to the north of St James' Church, the lack of parking spaces in the village and a Village Design Statement are three of several items to be considered. Villagers and other village organisations that have suggestions for inclusion in the revised plan should contact the parish council **in writing**, via the parish clerk. Obviously, all measures have to be financed, usually by the residents who are council tax payers. Therefore, requests for swimming pools and dry ski slopes will have little chance of being adopted!

Plain Quarry

The parish council has agreed to finance the cost of re-grading of the entrance to the car park to a maximum of £300. The Forestry Commission will carry out the work and then replace the height restriction bar at the entrance. As usual this recreation area has attracted the attention of the anti-social elements of the wider community. Deliberate fire damage, two incidents of fly-tipping and the riding of motorcycles over the picnic tables are some of the latest summer activities.

Boon Town Playing Field

The parish council have agreed to the terms of the new lease from South Lakeland District Council for the playing field. However, the lease will not be signed until the parish council's insurer has inspected the site and agreed that the equipment and site is safe to use; nor will the lease be signed until the inadequate fencing is replaced with something more robust and child and ball proof.

King's Arms Extensions

Planning permission has been granted for extending the dining room of the pub into the ground floor of neighbouring Victoria House. The first and second floors will be used for accommodation.

Public Participation

Members of the public are able to ask questions of the Council and raise issues of concern at the Open Forum part of the council meeting. Similarly, if an issue was deemed by part of our community to be of great importance a request can be made by members of the public to the parish clerk to have the issue put on the agenda of the next council meeting. This notice would enable the councillors to research the issue before the item is discussed at the council meeting.

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Resurfacing

The numerous faults in the road surface of Clawthorpe Lane have been repaired and the lane has been top-dressed. The parish council has contacted Cumbria Highways asking that two areas on the road to Kirkby Lonsdale, near Nineteen Trees, be resurfaced; together with the junction of St James' Drive and Tanpits Lane.

Highways Steward

The newly appointed Highways Steward employed by Cumbria County Council to carry out minor maintenance on the highways in the fourteen parishes in the Kent estuary, including Burton, has resigned. A successor has been appointed, Deborah Williams. The scheme does not seem to have provided any visible results in the parish so far.

Police Community Support Officer

At last we have a new PCSO to replace the excellent PCSO Cahill. She is PCSO Rachel Thomas, based in Milnthorpe. She will be holding a 'drop-in' surgery on the second Monday of every month between 5.30 and 7p.m. at Milnthorpe Library. If you have any matters you would like to raise with the police you can see her there.

Flooding

The torrential rain that has occurred frequently has resulted in flooding of Main Street and adjacent properties at Barton Row on at least two occasions. The flooding is caused by a partially collapsed surface-water drain on Main Street. The parish council has written to Cumbria Highways and United Utilities to ask them to instigate the long overdue repair before this problem reoccurs.

Bus Shelters

Cumbria County Council has agreed to provide £3700 for the provision of a bus shelter by the bus stop at the pedestrian access to the Glebe. The site was agreed after consultation with Cumbria Constabulary, the bus company and Cumbria County Council. The shelter has been ordered from the selected suppliers and will be installed soon.

Incidents

Who says nothing ever happens in Burton? In the first half of August, in addition to the incidents in Plain Quarry, there was a house fire, two incidents of flooding, a serious car crash on Main Street, a police helicopter chase, more fly-tipping, two burglaries at a commercial premises, an incident of wild-camping and associated mess, and a tragic event in Dalton Crag. Let us hope we have no more events of this nature.

Your Councillors

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