

their work is to support local communities in preparing emergency response plans.

The type of problems that could benefit from a local response might result from extremes of weather or a transport problem on the roads or railway. In whichever way the plan develops the essential requirements for an effective emergency response capability in the Village will be co-ordinators and volunteers.

If you would like to be involved in this activity and you could help as a volunteer or act as a co-ordinator, please get in touch with one of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk and you can be involved right from the start in setting up the plan.

Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Looking ahead to 2012, Tuesday 5 June 2012 has been designated an extra Bank Holiday to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The late May Bank Holiday will be delayed to 4 June giving an extra long weekend for the celebrations.

It's early days to make detailed plans but it is not too soon to start thinking about the type of celebration we should have in the village. Please talk about your ideas with friends and neighbours and let one of the Parish Councillors know what you think.

Choice Based Lettings

The way in which local authorities and housing associations allocate properties to tenants is changing. The new scheme, which will be introduced around the end of the year, is called Choice Based Letting. Currently anyone on a housing waiting list has to wait until they are contacted by a housing officer with the offer of a specific property. In future all vacancies will be advertised and those who are registered will know what properties are available and can decide if they want to apply for any of the properties advertised.

There will be a scheme to identify relative need and those in greatest need will be allocated a property they have applied for ahead of others. The scheme allows applications to be made from anywhere in the country. However, many properties will be reserved for tenants with local connections.

Useful Telephone Numbers:-

Crimestoppers Hotline	0800 555 111
Community Police	0845 3300247
Highways Hotline	0845 6096609
Fly-tipping Hotline	0800 807 060
Cumbria County Council switchboard	01539 773000
South Lakeland District Council switchboard	01539 733333

Your Councillors

Francis Mason-Hornby <i>Chairman</i>	01524 782442
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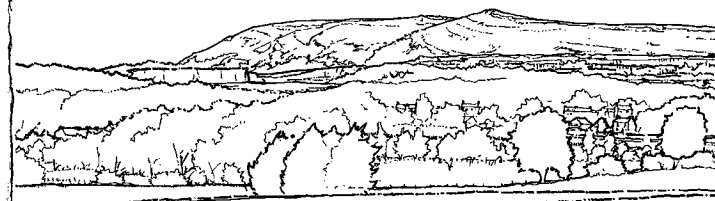
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The Parish Council meets at 7.30 pm in Burton Memorial Hall on the third Thursday of every month. Minutes and the Agenda are displayed on the notice board at the north end of the Memorial Hall and on the Parish Council Website. The meetings are open 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.

Designed by Des Metcalfe



BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL



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Your News Council

Parish News

Parish Plan

It may sound grand, but the Parish Plan is nothing more complicated than the Council's rolling list of projects around the village. Ideas for projects can be suggested by anyone in the village and the Council produce a short list for consideration each year. So if you have some ideas please tell the Council.

Most of the projects will be managed directly by Councillors. Others, probably the larger projects, will be managed by volunteers who have the time, enthusiasm and talent to get the job done. A recent very successful example of this way of working is the provision of new equipment for the Children's Playground on Boon Town. A voluntary team raised the funds, selected the equipment, managed the procurement and oversaw the installation. The Council was happy to encourage and provide advice but it was the volunteers who did all the work and incidentally deserve the thanks of the village for providing such an excellent facility.

Not all projects, which at first sight seemed to be good ideas, will prove to be feasible for the time being or desirable, so they will be dropped from the list and others will be added as they come up or as we have the time and ability to implement them.

In general the plan identifies projects that are over and above normal maintenance tasks.

Some ideas will need careful consultation before they are implemented. One person's pet idea maybe another's bête noir so the Council needs to make sure that there is general support for a project if it is to be added to the plan. (See the item below on Street Lighting!)

Over the last year some projects have been fully completed or are being worked on at the moment:

- *A Bus Shelter at the South of the Village.* Now installed.
- *Upgrade the Playing Field Equipment at Boon Town.* Completed. See above.
- *Allotments.* Another good example of a project managed successfully by others. The allotments committee has been offered suitable land (enough for four or five plots) and will manage the allocation of the allotments.
- *More Dropped kerbs for Wheelchair Users and Pushchairs.* These have been installed.
- *Improvements to Slape Lane.* After taking advice on the best way to manage the gradually sections of the trees, the

County Council, who have the responsibility for maintaining bridleways, agreed our plan to fill the areas with stone. The delivery of the stone and the repairs to the path are being made by volunteers who have the equipment and expertise to do the work. All who use Slape Lane will be grateful for this voluntary effort.

- *Replacement of Fingerposts and Signs with Traditional Designs.* Rusty metal footpath signs have been replaced with wooden signs and the work is ongoing as signs need replacing.

Some projects, having made it to the short list, were dropped after investigation:

- *A Marked Parking Bay for Disabled Drivers at Boon Walks.* This measure was dropped as it was felt that disabled drivers could park directly outside the shop and marking a slot would reduce the parking spaces for all users.
- *Footpath from Recreation Ground to School and Roadside Footpaths from Clawthorpe and Heronsyke to the Village.* These were dropped from the immediate action list because the land was not available.
- *Provision of Two More Letter-Boxes in the Village and a Red Telephone Box in The Square.* Royal Mail investigated the request for letter-boxes but rejected it as, in their opinion, there are sufficient boxes in the village. The proposal for a red-telephone box was dropped after further consideration.

The final group are underway at the moment but awaiting action from others:

- *Survey of Highways Issues by the County Council.* This is underway at the moment – you may have noticed the recorder wires across main street in a couple of places and you may have already seen the plans for surface road markings when Main Street is resurfaced.
- *Village Design Statement.* We are waiting for the publication of the Character Appraisal for the Burton-in-Kendal Conservation Area by South Lakeland District Council before proceeding any further.
- *Facilities for Young People in the Village.* This requirement made it to the short list without any real ideas for what could be done. The requirement is still there. So if you have some ideas, please let us know. If you are willing to be involved in the project so much the better.

So how do you get involved?

If your reaction to a problem around the village is "Somebody should do something about this", then the Parish Council will either try to help directly or contact the organisation that can help on your behalf. But projects on the Parish Plan are much more for when your reaction is "I know what we should do about this". Next to one of the

Parish Councillors or the Parish Clerk know what your idea is and if you would be willing to help with its implementation.

Turning Off Street Lighting Overnight

You may have seen the suggestion made at a recent Parish Council meeting that we consider turning off some of the Village street lighting in the small hours of the night in order to save unnecessary use of power and to improve the natural environment.

If such a scheme were to be considered several questions would need to be answered. For example: which lights could be turned off and which should be left on, over what time period should the lights be switched off, would any costs far outweigh any advantages, and most importantly, would the scheme be supported by the residents.

You may be aware that similar schemes have been introduced by some county councils in their rural areas. Essex, for example, has introduced the scheme and Norfolk is currently consulting on it. The main concern of residents in those areas has been that the darkness might lead to an increase in the opportunity for crime. The Council would like to know what you think, so please contact any of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk to let us know your views.

A Village Emergency Plan

The reaction of many residents to the period of heavy snow and ice on the pavements and roads illustrated what can be achieved by a few willing volunteers. There were many examples of people helping neighbours who were less able to get about, and of people clearing the ice and spreading grit for the benefit of everyone.

This has prompted consideration of a village emergency plan which would have the aim of helping volunteers help others in response to a variety of emergencies.

Nothing is new of course. Several years ago there was a Cumbria volunteer emergency response plan in the Village and a trained group of volunteer residents ready to respond. The volunteers were supported by the County Council but funding was cut and the County-wide scheme was disbanded.

The situation today is that the emergency services across Cumbria work together in a partnership known as Cumbria Resilience and support for this partnership is co-ordinated by the County Council Emergency Planning Unit. Part of