

Parish News

Crime

Three houses in Burton were burgled on the same night in November following a series of burglaries in Kirkby Lonsdale the previous day. The thieves were quickly in and out and stole items that would be easily sold on. They gained access by using a wire to turn keys which had been left in the keyholes after the door was locked. It would be prudent in future not to leave keys still engaged in the locking mechanism.

Parish Plan

The excessively wet weather has prevented work starting to improve the muddiest areas of Slape Lane. However, the stone required for the work has been acquired.

Two wooden fingerposts have been installed on Vicarage Lane, replacing metal signposts which had definitely seen better days. The bus shelter has been erected adjacent to the northbound side of the Main Street at Green Dragon Farm at the southern end of the village. These last two items were installed at no cost to the parish council.

Burton Playing Ground

The Playing Ground Committee has installed two more pieces of equipment, a "whirling bowl" and a "supernova". If sufficient funds are left then "monkey bars" will also be erected. This will make the playing ground surely the best equipped in South Lakeland. The Parish Council has agreed to accept ownership of the equipment and pay for the insurance and maintenance in future.

Flooding

At the end of November the parish experienced some of the heaviest rainfall in memory. Thanks to the lengthman's work in clearing the ditches, grips and soakaways the flooding of the minor roads soon subsided. This is an important part of his work in the winter months.

Fly-posting

The parish council, after complaints from the public, asks the organisers of charity fund raising events not to saturate the village with posters and not to place them too far in advance

of the event. Two weeks should be plenty of time unless it involves buying tickets in advance. These posters should be removed immediately after the event has taken place. Posters advertising services or events for businesses will be removed immediately. A poster in the village shop window, the butcher's window, the King's Arms, both doors of the Memorial Hall and outside the school, together with an advertisement in Burton News, would probably be sufficient; and maybe a couple more.

Winter Driving

Cumbria County Council has produced a leaflet explaining their policy on highway gritting and snow clearance. Details can be obtained from the County Council website at cumbria.gov.uk

The A6070 is a second priority road and will be gritted within 5 hours of commencement of operations, as will the A6. The A65 and the A591 to Kendal are first priority roads and will be gritted within 3 hours.

The M6 and the A590 are the responsibility of the Highways Agency not the County Council. For details of gritting and snow clearance telephone Amey Mouchel on 0845 6001628.

Kent Estuary Local Area Partnership (LAP)

A LAP for the Kent Estuary area is being set up to include of representatives from the relevant Parish Councils, South Lakeland District Council and Cumbria County Council. LAPs are based on groups of parishes which agree to work together on common interests, to achieve greater influence on decision-making on services delivered in their area.

The following paragraphs have been produced by Cumbria County Council and South Lakeland District Council and outline how it is hoped that the LAP will function and what hopefully will be achieved.

What benefits will a LAP bring?

The needs and aspirations of communities can be better understood by service delivery organisations and across communities

Communities can more effectively recognise that they can influence service delivery and strategic planning

Improved partnership working in local areas which

can improve services and reduce costs

More opportunities to work together on common issues using shared resources

Improved and shared information gathering, communication and consultation

Communities able to choose to be more involved in delivering devolved services locally

... faster responses/action to address issues raised locally

What influence will the LAPs have?

The recommended approach is for the LAPS initially to operate as influencing bodies, rather than setting up separate legal entities with defined delegated powers from the outset. Formal delegation of powers will be reviewed as each LAP evolves and develops as appropriate.

What will the Membership of a LAP be?

Membership will include representatives of the Parish Councils which fall in the LAP area. The method of representation will be a matter for each LAP to determine based on its circumstances. Each LAP will also include each District Council Member whose wards fall within the area of the Board. Similarly each County Council member whose electoral divisions fall within the area of the Board will be part of the LAP. The LAP may co-opt additional persons to serve as members of the Board, e. g fire, police, PCT representatives.

What could a LAP do?

A LAP could choose to be involved in a number of different activities. These could include all or some of the following:-

- advise and make recommendations to the District and County Council or other bodies about changes to policies and resources which, in the view of the Partnership, are needed to meet the needs of the locality.
- consider the impact of significant decisions in relation to planning matters as they affect the well-being of the local area.

- develop priorities for the LAP area, taking account of parish community plans and community needs.
- review the quality and suitability of the services received by their communities.
- discuss and influence the budgets allocated to the area by the local authorities and other partners
- discuss and determine any services to be devolved to the area.
- express views on policy, strategy or other matters specifically referred to the Partnership by the District and/or County Council, or other bodies, and where appropriate to co-ordinate and agree consultation responses with local stakeholders and communities.
- advise on the potential development of joint county, district and town/parish council shared facilities and service provision in the locality.
- ensure effective mechanisms are in place in the area for encouraging and supporting local communities to engage more effectively with other public bodies supporting greater civic engagement and participation.
- ofge close links at a locality level, helping join up consultation, improve sharing of intelligence at community level, and provide a forum for local challenge on local priorities and performance.

Wind Farm

The parish council recently received a map indicating the site of the proposed wind farm to the east of Hutton Roof. The site is at Longfield Tarn and is for a total of nine wind-turbines in three rows. Although these proposed turbines would not be visible from the village, they would probably be visible from the parish boundary where it crosses the road to Kirkby Lonsdale, near Crag House Farm. The parish council will be consulted if a planning application is submitted. Residents will be able to make their opinions on the proposed installation known to the Development Control Committee of South Lakeland District Council at that time.

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 Chairman	01524 782442
Richard Boddy Vice-Chairman / Rep on Burton Recreation Trust	01524 781473
John Brown Memorial Hall Committee Rep	01524 782066
Jane Hopwood Quarry Liaison Committee Rep	01524 781248 (evening)
Ian Hunt	01524 781978 (evening)
George Isherwood Burton Morewood School Governor	01524 781132
Paul Rogers	01524 782660
Mike Taylor	01524 781334 (evening)
Alan Wren Quarry Liaison Committee Rep	01524 781387 (evening)

Our County and District Councillor is Roger Bingham
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Our other District Councillor is Brian Cooper
Tel:- 01524 781998

Our Member of Parliament is Tim Farron
Tel: 01539 723403

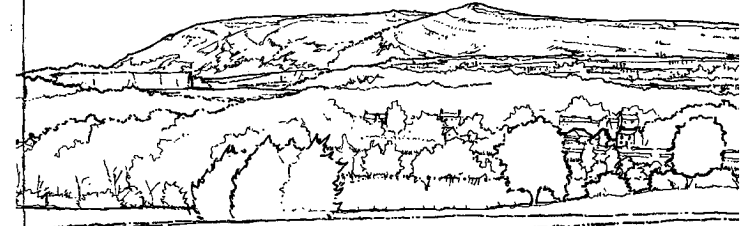
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The Parish Council meets at 7.30. p.m. in Burton Memorial Hall on the third Thursday of every month. Minutes and the Agenda are displayed on the notice board at the north end of the Memorial Hall and on the Parish Council Website. The meetings are 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



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