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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 south 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.

### 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
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## BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL



### Quarterly Newsletter

Keeping you in touch with Parish News

### Autumn 2007

Visit our website at  
[www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk](http://www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk)  
Contact us or leave a comment  
on the feedback page.  
Ask to have the agendas and minutes  
of the council meetings sent to you  
by e-mail.

Your views count!

## PARISH NEWS

### Lengthsman

The parish lengthsman, David Holmes, has been working every Wednesday in Burton parish for the last six months. Hopefully many of you will have noticed an improvement in the appearance of the village and roads and footpaths in the parish. One of his tasks is to clear the mud and weeds covering the cobbles running alongside the Royal Hotel from the Square into Boon Lane. This work is time consuming and is now becoming more like an archaeological dig.

The pilot scheme comes to an end at the beginning of February and the continuance of the scheme in its present form will rely on further financial support from the County Council. Although the scheme is judged to be a success, no firm decisions have yet been made by the County Council.

### Royal Hotel

The parish council have heard nothing more from Punch Taverns on their plans to renovate the Royal Hotel. On a more positive note, the long-awaited new car park to the rear of the King's Arms Hotel is now open. To access it drive through the archway that has been constructed under the barn behind the cobbled yard.

### Tarn Lane Commemorative Oaks

The lengthsman removed three dead oak trees from Tarn Lane in April.

In May contractors working for British Telecommunications dug a trench on the North side of Tarn Lane. There was some minor damage to the trunks of two trees, but the parish council

were more concerned that there may be damage to the roots of the oaks. It was decided to wait and see how the trees fared over the winter months before making any decisions about thinning or replanting.

### Boon Town Playing Field

On 1st September the parish council relinquished its lease on the playing field, after the six-month notice to quit issued by South Lakeland District Council had reached its term. A few days later contractors working on behalf of Impact Housing Association dug pits in the field to examine the underlying geology. The pits were then filled in and the area seeded. As the parish council have no control over the field the grass will not be mown from now on. The parish council have no information as to when construction of the affordable housing will commence.

### Local Government Reorganisation

In July the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government rejected Cumbria County Council's bid to become a unitary authority. However, the government has stated that even if a unitary bid fails there must be changes in the way county and district councils work together and provide services to the public.

In September there was a meeting between officers and councillors of Cumbria County Council and South Lakeland District Council to look at the way they could cooperate in providing services to the public and improve communication between the two councils.

Joint provision of services could lead to shared premises and enable some properties to be sold. The revenue produced would be used to contain rises in Council Tax and improve services. Considerable savings will be made if one

organisation provides the administrative support for all local authorities in Cumbria. This support could cover staff pay and allowances; procuring supplies and equipment; maintenance of property; awarding of contracts and collecting revenue.

However, if these councils are considering these ways of reducing costs, why have they not done this prior to the government forcing them to take this action?

### District Council –

#### Electoral Reorganisation

Now that the proposed Unitary Authority for Cumbria is not proceeding, the Boundary Committee for England's proposals for reorganisation of the wards of South Lakeland District Council should be implemented. It is proposed to add the parishes of Hutton Roof, Lupton and Preston Patrick to the existing Burton & Holme Ward. The ward would be represented by two District Councillors rather than the one (Roger Bingham) at present.

### Kent Estuary Neighbourhood Forum

Burton Parish is in the area covered by the Kent Estuary Neighbourhood Forum. The Forum has been set up by the County Council to give local people an opportunity to raise issues and ideas and lobby their county councillors. In addition, the forum awards grants to help local community groups to promote and develop facilities and projects.

If your group is in need of funding for a project contact Sinead McCann, the Neighbourhood Development Officer, for further details.

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