

## Your Councillors

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The Parish Council meet 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.

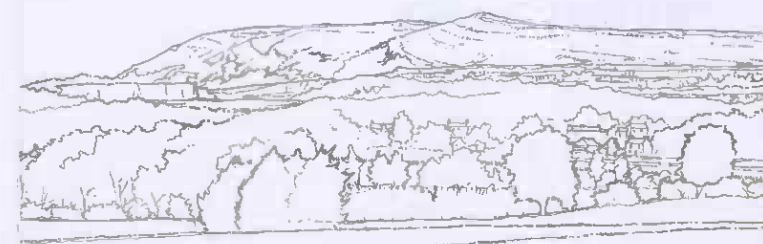
The meetings are open to the public and there is an Open Forum, if you wish to raise a matter with the Parish Council. We are always pleased to hear from the residents of the parish.

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Crimestoppers Hotline	0800.555 111
Community Police	0845 3300247
Highways Hotline	0845 6096609
Cumbria County Council switchboard	01539 773000
South Lakeland District Council switchboard	01539 733333
Fly Tipping Hotline	0845 6096609



# BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL



## Quarterly Newsletter

Keeping you in touch with Parish News

## Autumn 2006

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

### Quality Parish Council Award

The parish council was awarded Quality Status in July by the Cumbria Accreditation Panel. This independent assessment of the council confirms that the council is working to national standards of local governance.

Parish and Town Councils (Local Councils) are the first tier of local government. The second (District Councils) and third tier (County Councils) are required by the Government to undergo performance assessment. No such requirement is made for local councils. However, the Government believes that as these local councils raise funds through taxation (as part of the Council Tax), they should undergo voluntary assessments to judge whether they meet the standards expected of a corporate body. A Quality Local Council is one that has been found to be active, competent and professional.

Having said this, what does this mean for the residents of the parish. There are four benefits to acquiring quality status, in addition to the primary one of having an independently accredited council.

1. Greater participation in the planning and delivery of services (e.g. repairs to roads and footways).
2. A monitoring function in assessing how well the local authorities, both District and County Council, deliver services to the community.
3. The parish council could provide certain devolved services on behalf of the local authorities. However this function is really aimed at town councils such as Kendal.

The three functions above are to be covered in a Charter between parish and town councils, South Lakeland District Council and Cumbria County Council. The Charter will set down the respective roles and obligations of all parties and will include special arrangements for Quality Councils. The Charter is in draft form and will be sent out for consultation in the next few weeks. However, the wheels of local government grind exceedingly slowly, so it will take time for these changes to come into effect.

4. Fourthly, the Government has agreed in theory to extend its grants to quality parish councils for community projects.

The net result is there should be no significant increase in the parish council's share of the Council Tax levied on the households in the parish. The whole process of gaining quality status has involved a cost of approximately 10 pence per household!

### Affordable Housing Update

Impact Housing Association resubmitted the plans for the building of seven dwellings on the Boon Town site in July. The SLDC Planning Committee visited the site in August to consider the proposals made by the parish council to locate the housing in a position which would maximise the playground area. The council have also written to Impact requesting details of the criteria the Housing Association will use to assess who is eligible for this housing. At the August meeting of the Planning Committee the application in its present form was refused.

### New Parish Councillor

Janet Alderson has been co-opted onto the council to fill the vacancy for a councillor.

### Memorial Plaque and Fingerposts

The memorial plaque to commemorate all the Burtonians who served their Country in WW2 has been affixed to the Memorial Hall.

The replica Westmorland County Council signpost has been erected at 19 Trees on Dalton Lane. The two refurbished fingerposts have been returned to their locations on Station Lane. The latter two projects were funded in entirety by the Friends of the Lake District and the Cumbria Waste Management Environmental Trust.

Unfortunately the Westmorland CC signpost located at the 'triangle' on Station Lane, which was demolished by a vehicle in December will take 12 months to be repaired and reinstalled.

### Burton Recreation Trust Lease

Punch Taverns, who own the Royal Hotel, have renewed the lease of the Recreation Ground to the Recreation Trust for another thirty years.

### Traffic Calming

SLOW has been painted on the surface of Clawthorpe Lane at the steep section just beyond Piper's Lane. On Morewood Drive the KEEP CLEAR area has been extended to increase visibility at the junction with the A6070 and a disabled parking area has been delineated.

### Lengthsman

A pilot lengthsman scheme is to be trialed in a few parishes in the South Lakeland area. It will probably involve 2 lengthsman working one day in each of 6 selected parishes throughout a 12 month period. The parish council have expressed an interest in taking part in the pilot scheme. Most of the funding comes from Cumbria County Council and the Cumbria Association of Local Councils. Each participating parish council will have to contribute £1000 to the scheme.

The Lengthsman scheme is the reincarnation of the old concept of a local person contracted to maintain roadside verges and drainage, public open space and pathways. The modern Lengthsman role has been expanded to act as a handyman for parish councils maintaining street furniture and council property.

Possible tasks for a lengthsman are:-

1. Painting of street furniture and playground equipment
2. Cleaning and maintenance of bus shelters, benches and notice boards
3. Walling, hedging and fencing maintenance
4. Litter removal
5. Clearing blocked surface water drains
6. Cleaning road signs and street names
7. Cutting back vegetation on footpaths and clearing obstructions to Public Rights of Way
8. Clearing drainage ditches
9. Clearing weeds from carriageway gutters and edges of footways

### Pavements

At last, after several years of lobbying of the County Council, the pavements in the village are being repaired and resurfaced.