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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.

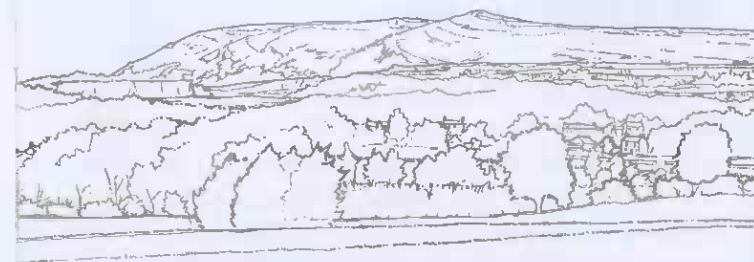
The meetings are open to the public and there is an Open Forum, if you wish to raise a matter with the Parish Council. We are always pleased to hear from the residents of the parish.

Our County and District Councillor is  
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Crimestoppers Hotline	0800 555 111
Community Police	0845 3300247
Highways Hotline	0845 6096609
Fly Tipping Hotline	0845 6096609
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South Lakeland District Council switchboard	01539 733333



# BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL



## Quarterly Newsletter

Keeping you in touch with Parish News

## Spring 2007

Visit our website at  
[www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk](http://www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk)  
where the agendas and minutes  
of the council are published monthly.

Your views count!

## PARISH NEWS

### Affordable Housing Update

At the December meeting of the council the revised plans for affordable housing on the Boon Town site were examined. The majority of the council agreed that the plans were an improvement on previous applications. However, the council resolved to oppose a future planning application using these revised plans unless Impact Housing Association agreed to replace all the existing play equipment with new items. The Housing Association should also provide details of who it classified as 'local' in relation to allocating the houses if they were to be built. In January Impact Housing Association resubmitted the plans, but called the development 'low cost housing' rather than 'affordable housing'. As the parish council had received no assurances from Impact, the council resolved to object to the development application in its entirety. However, at the Planning Committee meeting in February the application was passed.

### Parish Councillor Vacancy

John Brown was co-opted at the December meeting of the council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ken Ray.

### M6 Plantation

After a great deal of correspondence between Cllr Boddy, the Parish Clerk and the Highways Agency, the agency has admitted that it does own the plantation bordering the M6. The drainage channels have been neglected for years and have gradually silted up. This has resulted in the plantation becoming more waterlogged and the death of a great number of the trees. Hopefully, as this dispute is now resolved, the agency will carry out the necessary remedial action.

### Footpath Signs

Several old aluminium signs on public footpaths in Clawthorpe have been replaced by eco-friendly wooden signposts

### Lengthsman

A pilot lengthsman scheme is to be trialed in a few parishes in the South Lakeland area. It will involve 4 lengthsman working one day in each of 9 selected parishes throughout a 12 month period. The parish council have agreed to partake in the 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.

Burton will share a lengthsman with the parishes of Holme and Preston Richard (Endmoor). He or she will spend one day each week in each parish. The second attempt to recruit a lengthsman proved successful and the lengthsman for the three parishes is Mr David Holmes.

### District Council –Electoral Reorganisation

The Boundary Committee for England have published their proposals for reorganisation of the wards of South Lakeland District Council. 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. Of course if Cumbria becomes a unitary authority (see Local Government Reorganisation below) South Lakeland District Council and its wards will cease to exist.

### Local Government Reorganisation

The Government White Paper on Local Government reorganisation was published at the end of October. County Councils and District Councils that wish to merge to become a single Unitary Authority to provide all services should be allowed to do so. County and District Councils that do not wish to merge will be obliged to radically restructure to avoid the present situation where some services are provided by both authorities. In January Cumbria County Council submitted its bid to become the unitary authority for Cumbria. At a special meeting of all members of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils (parish councils) it was decided to back the unitary option but ask the Cumbria County Council to provide more details as to how the unitary authority would work. South Lakeland District Council and the other district and borough councils in Cumbria oppose the county council's bid, but have not submitted a bid of their own.

### Audacious Theft

The restored historic milestone located between the entrance to Curwen Woods and the Burton Thistle Ground on the A6070 has been stolen. This theft was carried out one night at the end of January. It is hard to believe that the theft was not noticed by someone driving past. The milestone had been returned to the parish in 2000 after previously being stolen and hidden for a period of ten years. If any reader has some useful information relating to this theft please contact the parish clerk.