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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
South Lakeland District Council switchboard	01539 733333

Our County and District Councillor is Roger Bingham  
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## BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL



### Quarterly Newsletter

Keeping you in touch with Parish News

### Winter 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

### Highways Matters

Cumbria Highways is reorganising the way in which repairs and maintenance are carried out. A pilot scheme is running from November until the end of the financial year. Repairs and maintenance will be provided by three distinct teams.

In February the Area Highways Team operating in the South Lakeland area will spend four days in Burton, Dalton and Holme carrying out routine maintenance of kerbs, drains, signage and footways. The team will carry out works which are more complicated than the Lengthsman's tasks. This team will visit all parishes and is not concerned with emergencies. Such occasions will be dealt with by the Emergency Response Team based in Kendal and will include relief of flooding and potholes. Permanent repairs will be carried out by one of the two Permanent Repair Teams operating countywide.

### Royal Hotel

The parish council have heard nothing more from Punch Taverns on their plans to renovate the Royal Hotel. The lengthsman has removed eight bags of litter from the car park and cut back the encroaching vegetation, so it looks better at least.

### Boon Town Playing Field

On the 29th October contractors arrived to fence off the site. Impact Housing Association, the developer, has awarded the contract for building the housing to Thomas Armstrong Ltd. The builders hope to complete the construction of the housing by the end of May. One of the conditions for the granting of planning permission to develop the site is that any playing equipment removed must be replaced by Impact Housing Association. This playing equipment must be installed before any of the dwellings are occupied.

### Bus Shelters

The parish council has decided to apply to Cumbria County Council for a grant to provide two bus shelters in the village. If the application is successful one will be provided in the financial year 2008/9 and the other in a later year. The shelter to the North of the Square will be erected first. The final decision on the siting of these shelters will be made by a board consisting of representatives from the County Council, Stagecoach and the police.

### Rural Wheels

This service provides transport that will collect you from your home and take you to the nearest public transport stop. It is

primarily designed for people with mobility problems for whatever reason. To use this service a smart card needs to be purchased for £5, which is used to pay for the journeys rather than using cash. When the card is running low on credit additional credits can be purchased at libraries and some post offices. The journeys are subsidised by the County Council and cost the equivalent of 30 pence per mile. For further details telephone the Rural Wheels Service on 01228 606721.

### Speed Indicator Device

In October the County Council contacted the parish council and offered to locate a speed indicator device (SID) from time to time at a mutually agreed site on the A6070. The SID would be shared with neighbouring parishes and it would be located in Burton for a week, six times throughout the year. However, the parish council would have to fund the provision a pole and bracket to accommodate the SID. The parish council have decided to accept this offer.

### Footpath to Clawthorpe

A proposed raised footway on the side of the A6070 from the village northwards to Clawthorpe has been placed on Cumbria Highways list of future works. Items on this list often do not progress very much as other works of a higher perceived priority are added to it. However, it is a step in the right direction.

### Boon Lane Closure

The footpath along the side of the Royal Hotel ( Boon Lane) will be closed to the public from 3 January for up to four weeks. This is necessary for the upgrading of the electricity substation which lies behind the orchard.

### 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 [www.cumbriacc.gov.uk](http://www.cumbriacc.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.

### Post Office Closures

*The following article has been submitted by Gill Chilver - Ed.*

Following the article in the Westmorland Gazette about possible local closures, many members of the village have expressed concern over the future of Burton P.O. I will try to

put you in the picture. (There is fuller information on the post office web site [www.postoffice.co.uk](http://www.postoffice.co.uk) under the section "Mail & Cover. news" / "Network Change".)

A copy of all the information from the site is available for consultation at the Post Office.

For each of 50 areas in the UK, an Area Plan is being drawn up detailing the changes proposed. For us (Westmorland & Lonsdale Constituency) and the rest of Cumbria, that will happen during January-February. A list of the Post Offices due for closure, or change to an outreach branch, will then be published. The key factor is **accessibility of Post Office Services.**

In March, 6 weeks of local public consultation will begin. A final decision will be communicated in late May / early June.

Nationally it is expected that more than 80% of post offices are likely to remain open. Tim Farron, our MP, plans to organise a campaign since he rightly believes that in our, substantially rural area the number of closures should be fewer than the national average.

I have been very grateful for expressions and offers of support. You could write to Tim Farron, M.P. explaining how the loss of Burton Post Office would affect you personally. He plans to co-ordinate and forward letters to the Post Office and to the DTI. Directly to the Network Change Programme Office, Post Office Limited, FREEPOST, Network Change.

or Email: [network.change@postoffice.co.uk](mailto:network.change@postoffice.co.uk)

Of course, please continue to use our services as much as possible. The more transactions we undertake, the more we show the importance of the Post Office to the whole community. Please ask at the P.O. for a list of services/products available.

Thanks to you all for your continued support

Gill.

### Bogus Callers

In November an individual was hawking fresh fish around the village, supposedly from Grimsby. As Fleetwood is so near this sounds a little fishy!

At the end of October a burglary was committed and in a separate incident garden furniture was stolen. We have not had such crimes in the village for some time and no doubt we are all becoming a little complacent about such matters.