

Council Finances

Summary Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 March 2006

2004/05	INCOME	2005/06
8,299.00	Precept	8,299.00
247.96	Interest	414.89
0.00	Rents	0.00
4,992.19	Donations & Grants	0.00
<u>995.93</u>	Other	504.06
14,535.08	TOTAL	9,217.95

EXPENDITURE		
4,990.75	Provide Information Centre	1,203.62
272.60	Renovate bench	295.57
0.00	Re-install Milestone	45.00
497.28	Training costs for Cllrs. & Clerk	160.90
269.63	Website set-up	0.00
3703.69	General admin/running costs	2,871.85
246.00	S137	80.00
458.00	Lighting	458.00
701.58	Playground maintenance	807.05
2,634.29	Staff costs	3,014.92
<u>53.97</u>	Christmas tree & lights	27.00
13,827.79		8,963.91

CUMULATIVE FUND BALANCE

Balances b/f at 1.04.05	7,273.63
Add total income	9,217.95
	16,491.58
Less total expenditure	<u>8,963.91</u>
	7,527.67

BANK BALANCE at 31.03.06

Add VAT cheque received, not yet presented	341.54
	<u>7,527.67</u>

Useful Telephone Numbers:-

Crimestoppers Hotline	0800 555 111
Kendal Police Station	01539 722611
Highways Hotline	0845 6096609
Cumbria County Council switchboard	01539 773000
South Lakeland District Council switchboard	01539 733333

Your Councillors

Paul Rogers Chairman	01524 782660
Richard Boddy Rep on Burton Recreation Trust	01524 781473
Jane Hopwood	01524 781248 (evening)
George Isherwood Burton Morewood School Governor	01524 781132
Richard Lawson	01524 781576
Francis Mason-Hornby Vice-Chairman	01524 782644
Ken Ray Memorial Hall Committee Rep	01524 781127
Alan Wren Quarry Liaison Committee Rep	01524 781387(evening)

Clerk to the Council

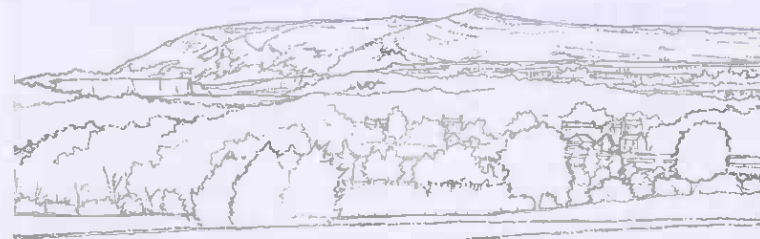
Charles Dale:- Russell Cottage, Dalton, LA6 1NN
Tel: 01524 781145
Email: parish.clerk@burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk

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
Roger Bingham
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Our Member of Parliament is Tim Farron
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BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

Quarterly Newsletter

Keeping you in touch with Parish News

June 2006

Visit our website at

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

Affordable Housing Update

Impact Housing Association has resubmitted the plans for the building of seven dwellings on the Boon Town site. The revised plan takes into consideration some of the comments made by the parish council on the location of the houses with regard to the play area. However, the council have requested a site meeting with the Planning Officer. 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.

Planning applications

The proposed alterations and extensions to the King's Arms and the Royal Hotel have been approved by the Planning (Development Control) Committee of South Lakeland District Council.

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

Councillor Bill Willink resigned from the council at the end of April after eighteen years of sterling service. As no electors requested a bye-election the vacancy will be filled by co-option to the council at the June meeting.

A summary of the Chairman's Statement from the Parish Council's Annual Report

During the course of the last year Janet Alderson retired, Janet was Clerk for a number of years, prior to becoming a Councillor, and her presence is missed. However, we welcomed two new councillors, Alan Wren and Richard Lawson.

Our District and County Councillor is Roger Bingham. Roger attends the majority of our meetings which we welcome and we thank him for his input and support. Another welcome 'regular' at our meetings is PC Casson. Thankfully, PC Casson's reports do not include any serious crime, but we do continue to be very concerned with speeding traffic and we have been lucky indeed that this has not resulted in any serious accidents. It has been announced recently that Cumbria Constabulary is to merge with Lancashire.

Regarding Quality Parish Status – we are very nearly there! Our Clerk has completed the Certificate in Local Council Administration and we now produce a quarterly Parish Newsletter delivered to all households to keep Parishioners abreast not only of Parish matters but District and County matters which affect us. We hope to achieve Quality Parish Status this summer. Being a Quality Parish will enable us to

access more funding and to provide and/or administer more services.

This year would seem to have been the year for Public Consultation and we have responded to requests for input on a raft of public consultation documents. They include District and County Structure Plans, the new Local Development Framework, energy generation, electoral boundaries, sustainability scoping, and minerals and waste development frameworks – not only within Cumbria but neighbouring Lancashire, which of course affects us being so close to the Lancashire border.

Planning applications were down yet again this year – the PC commented on only 15 compared to 25 last year. We received a planning application for affordable housing at the top of Boon Town which received a mixed reception. The SLDC Planning Committee approved it in principle, subject to design modifications. Burton, in common with many rural communities, lacks affordable housing. The 'right to buy' council houses and the upward trend in the 'buy to let' market has dramatically reduced the available stock of housing at affordable purchase prices and rents. Finding an available and affordable site which meets planning criteria and the approval of the parish as a whole is well nigh impossible.

We have real concern over the state of our pavements, surface water drains and roads; continuing to press for repairs and resurfacing. Our Clerk has a substantial file of correspondence with Cumbria County Council and we have verbal assurances that we will be getting some pavement resurfacing next financial year.

We received grants again this year from the Aggregate Levy Sustainability Fund – a fund we can tap into by being close to Holme Park Quarry. Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust administers part of this fund on behalf of Cumbria County Council and they have contributed £2756 to our signpost restoration project together with the Friends of the Lake District who have offered £1200. CWMET have also granted £13,000 to a 'Wildlife Walk' in the schools grounds, this has been match funded by the Neighbourhood Forum, the National Lottery's 'Awards for All' and the PTA's own fund raising. The Countryside Agency (now merged with English Nature and known as 'Natural England') has pledged £140,000 for a variety of conservation, footpath, access and awareness schemes in the parishes of Burton and Holme. One of the projects is the production of 'Jubilee Walks' Leaflets. You may remember that the Parish Council commissioned a series of walks within the parish to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and Kath Hayhurst, then a Parish Councillor, devised four walks. Kath

is reproducing these walks in leaflet form with contributions from the Burton Art groups and Burton Fell-Walkers and they will be published and distributed to all parishioners during June. Kath continues to be custodian of our footpaths, boundary markers and signs and we thank her for this valuable service.

Other changes in the village – The panorama on Slape Lane was completed and an extract from the panorama adorns the headings of our website and quarterly newsletter. We lost the telephone box at Clawthorpe. Dalton Crag is now officially open to the public. A new housing development is nearing completion on the site of the old Burton garage at Church Bank. The Royal Hotel changed hands yet again and, for the moment is in the ownership of Punch Taverns. It remains closed but has planning permission for a complete refurbishment.

THE FUTURE. We continue to update our Parish Plan and welcome any suggestions from parishioners which will enhance village life. We are still doggedly pursuing funding opportunities which will enable the employment of a parish lengthsmen. The Cumbria Association of Local Councils has recently bid for funding for a pilot scheme in Cumbria and we have attended meetings with Cumbria County Council to discuss the practicalities of such. CALC are confident that running a pilot scheme will prove its value and lead to more funding being deployed down to parishes, to enable them to employ their own lengthsmen and not to rely on the County Council to carry out the minor, but no less important routine maintenance jobs.

Rather disappointingly, our super website is not being used as much as we would like. The results from the 'Hot Topic' and feedback we do get are very useful to us but we would like to see more.

Parish Councillors freely give up a considerable amount of time in the interests of the parish. They are the level of government closest to the people they serve. Our efforts to best serve the people of the parish are often frustrated as the delivery of services is not within our remit but we can and do make a difference. As can be seen by the number of consultation documents filled in and returned and related meetings attended this year, parish councils are better recognised now and our input does affect District and County decision making.

Footnote:- The Parish Council's share of the Council Tax for each household has increased, as the District Council has increased its charges to the Parish Council for the provision of footway lighting, automatically adding that increase to the Parish Council's share of tax to be collected.