



Boon Town Playing Field

Despite the excessive rainfall in January the builders are making steady progress and the playing field should be re-opened in the summer. A new slide will be installed to replace the one demolished to make way for the housing.

Your Councillors

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| Francis Mason-Hornby Chairman | 01524 782442 |
| Richard Boddy Vice-Chairman/Rep on Burton Recreation Trust | 01524 781473 |
| John Brown Memorial Hall Committee Rep | 01524 782066 |
| Jane Hopwood Quarry Liaison Committee Rep | 01524 781248 (evening) |
| George Isherwood Burton Morewood School Governor | 01524 781132 |
| Richard Lawson | 01524 781576 |
| Paul Rogers | 01524 782660 |
| Alan Wren Quarry Liaison Committee Rep | 01524 781387 (evening) |

Clerk to the Council

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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 north 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:-

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| 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
Email:- roger.bingham@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Our other District Councillor is Brian Cooper
Tel:- 01524 781998

Our Member of Parliament is Tim Farron
Tel:- 01539 723403

BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL



Quarterly Newsletter

Keeping you in touch with Parish News

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Your views count!

PARISH NEWS

A summary of the Chairman's Statement given by Councillor P Rogers at the Annual Parish Meeting

The last twelve months have been considerably quieter than the preceding year and as a result this statement will be shorter than is usual. The most important event was the failure of the County Council's bid to become a Unitary Authority. The County Council and South Lakeland District Council have agreed to partake in a much closer working relationship than was previously the case.

Our designated Police Community Support Officer, Margaret Cahill attended meetings and forwarded a report of incidents in the parish. Unfortunately for us, PCSO Cahill was accepted for training as a police constable and left in December.

Our District and County Councillor is still Roger Bingham. Roger attends many of our meetings and we thank him for his input and support. Things will change at the elections in May when Burton, Holme, Hutton Roof, Lupton and Preston Patrick will form one electoral ward for South Lakeland District Council, represented by two councillors.

Planning applications have suddenly decreased – the parish council considered 25 compared to 39 the previous year.

The construction of the affordable housing at the top of Boon Town proceeds apace and should be finished by early summer. Impact Housing Association has placed a notice in the Westmorland Gazette advertising the five houses intended for shared ownership.

The Parish Lengthsman, David Holmes has been working every Wednesday in the parish and he has improved the appearance of our three settlements and the connecting roads and footpaths. David has dug out many old grips, soak-aways and smoot-holes, leading to much reduced winter flooding on the roads despite the torrential rainfall in January. He has removed the longstanding 'deep' litter in the hedges and makes periodic litter 'sweeps' along our roadsides. All signs have been cleaned and up-righted and obscuring vegetation trimmed back. Weeds have been sprayed and moss scraped from the footways. Unfortunately the County Council has decided not to continue financing this scheme. As a result the three parish councils who are

using the services of Mr Holmes have decided to finance the provision of the lengthsman in entirety.

The cobbles on the East side of the Square have been exposed and the map case opposite the Butchers has been refurbished. The road markings at the junction of Clawthorpe Lane and the A6070 have been repainted and limestone boulders placed on Boon Walks to prevent drivers mounting the verge. The missing crossroads warning sign outside 'The Park' has been replaced. The picnic site at Plain Quarry has been tidied up and hopefully the gravelled access will be re-graded soon. Forest Enterprise is rebuilding the dry stone wall between this area and Dalton Woods. Considerable work has been done to improve the appearance of the Recreation Ground and secure its boundaries.

In November the parish council decided to apply to the County Council for funding for the erection of two bus shelters. We await progress on this application.

Other changes in the village – The car park for The King's Arms Hotel has finally been completed. The restoration of Dalton Hall Home Farm for use as a business centre is complete and all the units have been let. Unfortunately, there is no progress on the refurbishment and re-opening of the Royal Hotel.

The balancing good news is that our Post Office has been spared from the cull of these important community hubs in South Lakeland.

I would like to thank all the parish councillors for their commitment during the last year. Individual councillors represent our interests on:-

The Memorial Hall Committee
Burton Recreation Trust
Burton Morewood School Governors
Holme Park Quarry Liaison Committee
Cumbria Association of Local Councils

I would like to thank Charles Dale, the Parish Clerk for his commitment to the council and to the parish and to the assistance and support given to me as Chairman.

Our Quality Parish Status has resulted in no tangible benefits to the parish so far, which is disappointing. Now that the Parish Charter has finally been signed by the County Council, SLDC and CALC this may change. However, we know from the accreditation process that the council is working to a high standard of corporate governance and thanks to Charles' efforts we have a qualified parish clerk. As the role of Clerk to the Council becomes more involved I know that this will stand the council in good stead.

Burton-in-Kendal Parish Finances

Summary Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 March 2008

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| 2006/07 | INCOME | 2007/08 |
| 8,299.00 | Precept | 8,548.00 |
| 462.93 | Interest | 573.34 |
| 0.00 | Insurance and Rent repayment on Playing Ground | 248.16 |
| 1,974.16 | Insurance claim payment for signpost repair | 0.00 |
| 3,956.00 | Grants | 0.00 |
| 0.00 | Reimbursements from CCC & CALC for Lengthsman | |
| 2,863.37 | | |
| 1,312.02 | Other | 463.22 |
| 16,004.11 | TOTAL | 12,696.09 |
| | EXPENDITURE | |
| 669.75 | Memorial plaque | 0.00 |
| 3,956.00 | 3 new signposts | 0.00 |
| 1,244.33 | New notice board | 35.25 |
| 2,466.51 | Signpost repair | 0.00 |
| 3,106.74 | General admin/running costs | 2,985.79 |
| 0.00 | Chairman's Allowance | 5.13 |
| 90.00 | S.137 | 90.00 |
| 437.00 | Lighting | 613.73 |
| 859.00 | Maintenance | 568.06 |
| 3,464.55 | Staff costs: Clerk | 3,413.95 |
| 0.00 | Lengthsman | 3,388.00 |
| 0.00 | Christmas tree & lights | 0.00 |
| 16,293.88 | | |
| | CUMULATIVE FUND BALANCE | |
| 7,527.67 | Balances b/f at 1.04.07 | 7,237.90 |
| 16,004.11 | Add total income | 12,696.09 |
| 23,531.78 | 19,933.99 | |
| <u>-16,293.88</u> | Less total expenditure | -11,099.91 |
| 7,237.90 | 8,834.08 | |
| | BANK BALANCE at 31.03.08 | 9,541.45 |
| 9,704.41 | Less cheques not yet presented | -707.37 |
| -2,466.51 | | |
| 7,237.90 | 8,834.08 | |

Parish Precept

This is the parish council's share of the overall Council Tax levied on all households in the parish. In the financial year 2008/2009 it will rise to £11085 from £10064 in the preceding financial year. The primary reason for the rise is that the parish council has to support the cost of the lengthsman in full. The difference of £1516 between the £8548 quoted in the table above for 2007/8 and the £10064 actually levied on households is the amount collected by SLDC to pay for all the costs of street lighting in the parish.

Parish Council Elections

In April eight of the nine councillors sitting on the parish council were re-elected. Councillor Janet Alderson did not stand for re-election. There is now a vacancy on the parish council which will be filled by co-option.