

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.

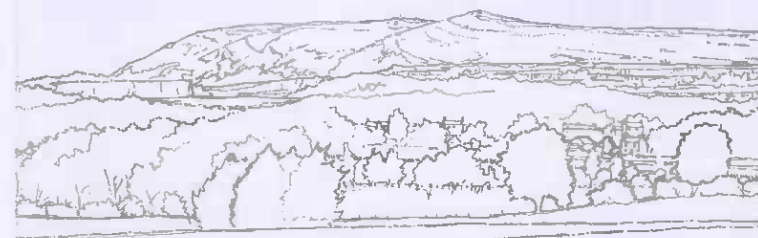
The meetings are open to the public and there is an Open Forum, if you wish to raise a matter with the Parish Council. We are always pleased to hear from the residents of the parish.

Our County and District Councillor is
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Useful Telephone Numbers:-

Crimestoppers Hotline	0800 555 111
Community Police	0845 3300247
Highways Hotline	0845 6096609
Fly Tipping Hotline	0845 6096609
Cumbria County Council switchboard	01539 773000
South Lakeland District Council switchboard	01539 733333



BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL



Quarterly Newsletter

Keeping you in touch with Parish News

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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

Quality Parish Council Award

The Chairman of the parish council was presented with its Quality Parish Certificate at the Annual General Meeting of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils in Kendal on 4th November. This independent assessment of the council confirms that the council is working to national standards of local governance.

Affordable Housing Update

In September the South Lakeland Development Control (Planning) Committee rejected Impact Housing Association's application to develop part of the Boon Town playing field site. However, the Planning Committee still agrees in principle with the development. In November a site meeting was held between representatives of the parish council, Impact Housing Association, the District Council Housing Department and Planning Department. At the meeting Impact agreed to relocate the proposed housing away from the play area and place the housing on the most uneven part of the field. The slide would be relocated nearer the rest of the play equipment.

At the parish council meeting in November, subsequent to the site meeting, revised plans were submitted to the councillors for their comments. As these plans only arrived on the morning of the meeting it was decided to defer discussion until the December meeting.

Direction Signs

The badly-faded and outsize direction signs along the main road (A6070) through the parish have all been replaced by smaller, more legible versions.

Station Lane

The resurfacing of Station Lane from the junction of Tanpits Lane to Burtlands Farm has been completed. I am sure people would agree that it has been a great improvement.

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 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

VACANCY FOR A LENGTHSMAN

The modern lengthsman is a local, self-employed person who really can make a difference to the community environment by maintaining roadside verges, footways and drainage. In addition he/she would maintain public footpaths, street furniture and parish council owned property.

Appropriate training on the hazards of working on the highway and standards of work to be achieved will be provided by Cumbria County Council. The position involves working one day a week (less a period for holidays) in each of the parishes of Burton-in-Kendal, Holme and Preston Richard (Endmoor). The contract is with the three parish councils and is for a year only but may be extended.

All applicants have to have the use of a vehicle and a mobile telephone. The position is not gender specific. Interested:- contact Paul Rogers on 01524 782660.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

A new parish councillor will be co-opted at the December meeting of the council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ken Ray.

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.

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 cumbria.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.