

## Council Finances

### Summary Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 March 2007

2005/06	INCOME	2006/07
8,299.00	Precept	8,299.00
414.89	Interest	462.93
0.00	Insurance claim payment for signpost repair	1,974.16
0.00	Grants	3,956.00
504.06	Other	1,312.02
<u>9,217.95</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>16,004.11</u>

	EXPENDITURE	
1,203.62	Provide Information Centre	0.00
295.57	Renovate bench	0.00
45.00	Re-instal Milestone	0.00
160.90	Training costs for Cllrs.& Clerk	0.00
0.00	Memorial plaque	669.75
0.00	3 new signposts	3,956.00
0.00	New notice board	1,244.33
0.00	Signpost repair	2,466.51
2,871.85	General admin/running costs	3,106.74
80.00	S.137	90.00
458.00	Lighting	437.00
807.05	Maintenance	859.00
3,014.92	Staff costs	3,464.55
27.00	Christmas tree & lights	0.00
<u>8,963.91</u>		<u>16,293.88</u>

	CUMULATIVE FUND BALANCE	
7,273.63	Balances b/f at 1.04.06	7,527.67
9,217.95	Add total income	16,004.11
16,491.58		23,531.78
8,963.91	Less total expenditure	-16,293.88
<u>7,527.67</u>		<u>7,237.90</u>

7,186.13	<b>BANK BALANCE</b> at 31.03.07	9,704.41
341.54	Less cheque not yet presented	-2,466.51
<u>7,527.67</u>		<u>7,237.90</u>

### Parking on pavements

An appeal to those residents who park on the pavement – please don't. It is illegal and makes pushing a pram or a wheelchair difficult, if not hazardous. It took the parish council 5 years of lobbying to get the pavements resurfaced, they are not designed to take the weight of a vehicle and parking will reduce the life of the surface material considerably. The police have already placed warning notices on vehicles parked on the pavement of Main Street.

Our County and District Councillor is Roger Bingham  
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### Your Councillors

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Janet Alderson Rep on Burton Recreation Trust	01524 781149
Richard Boddy	01524 781473
John Brown	01524 782066
Jane Hopwood	01524 781248 (evening)
George Isherwood Burton Morewood School Governor	01524 781132
Richard Lawson	01524 781576
Francis Mason-Hornby Vice-Chairman	01524 782644
Quarry Liaison Committee Rep	
Alan Wren Quarry Liaison Committee Rep Memorial Hall 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:-

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



## BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL



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### Quarterly Newsletter

Keeping you in touch with Parish News

### Summer 2007

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where the agendas and minutes  
of the council are published monthly.

Your views count!

## PARISH NEWS

### Summary of the Chairman's Statement from the Council's Annual Report

During the last twelve months Councillors Bill Willink and Ken Ray have left the council. Bill had been a councillor for many years and Ken had been on the council since 2004. However, we welcomed two new councillors, Janet Alderson and John Brown, although Janet was our former clerk and had also been a councillor. Our District and County Councillor is still Roger Bingham. Roger attends the many of our meetings which we welcome and we thank him for his input and support. Things may change as the Boundary Committee for England has recommended that Burton, Holme, Hutton Roof, Lupton and Preston Patrick should form one electoral ward for South Lakeland District Council, represented by two councillors. However, if local government reorganization does result in a unitary authority for Cumbria these changes will not happen. Our designated police officer, PC Suart occasionally attends meetings and forwards a report of incidents in the parish. Fortunately, the Government's proposal to merge the Cumbria Constabulary with the Lancashire Constabulary has been cancelled.

Regarding Quality Parish Status – we did it! There are only eight quality councils in Cumbria and Burton -in-Kendal is one of the three in South Lakeland. Quality Parish Status will enable the council to have more input into the planning and delivery of services. It is recognition by the Government that the council is operating to the highest standards of corporate governance.

As usual we have been inundated by a plethora of consultation documents and as we are adjacent to Lancashire we also receive consultation documents for Lancashire County Council and Lancaster City Council.

Planning applications have suddenly increased – the parish council considered 39 compared to 13 the previous year. At this rate every house in Burton will soon have an extension or a conservatory.

The planning application for affordable housing at the top of Boon Town has caused much discussion and has led to heated exchanges in the community and in council meetings. SLDC Development Control (Planning) Committee approved the application in principle, subject to design modifications. Finding an available and affordable site which meets planning criteria and the

approval of the parish as a whole is well nigh impossible. The parish council persuaded Impact Housing Association to move the planned housing to a part of the site that caused the least loss of important amenity open space. However, Impact would not agree to replace all the existing play equipment with new equipment and had not produced a draft Section 106 agreement as requested. Therefore, the parish council objected to the proposed development in entirety when the last planning application was submitted to the Development Control Committee in January. As you are aware the Development Control Committee approved the application against the wishes of the parish council.

On a more positive note this has been a year of achievement in which several long-standing issues have been resolved and many refurbishment works have been completed.

The pavements in the middle of the village have been resurfaced after five years of lobbying. Station Lane, Moss Lane and a section of the road to Kirkby Lonsdale have been resurfaced. The two historic fingerposts on Station Lane have been refurbished. A replica of a cast-iron Westmorland fingerpost has been erected at Nineteen Trees. The historic Westmorland County Council fingerpost that was damaged has been repaired and re-erected on the triangle at Station Lane.

The county council has conducted a comprehensive survey of all footpaths in the parish and has already provided several, new, wooden signs in Clawthorpe. All direction signs along the A6070 in the parish have been replaced. The signage along Neddy Hill, Drivers' Way and Station Lane has been replaced to be more helpful to non-residents. Clawthorpe Lane has had 'SLOW' road marking and a community sign. Various other measures have been introduced to promote road safety. After extensive correspondence the Highways Agency have finally admitted to owning the plantation beside the M6. Hopefully the council will be able to persuade the agency to clear the silted-up drainage ditches. Without the determination of Richard Boddy and Charles Dale this ownership issue would not have been resolved.

The parish council now has the services of a lengthsman for one day each week. He is David Holmes and he is already improving the appearance of the parish.

Other changes in the village – The King's Arms Hotel has been granted planning permission for radical changes to the internal layout, a car park and holiday apartments to the rear. Work has commenced on the car park and holiday apartments. The Recreation Trust has renewed

the lease of the recreation area. A tearoom has opened adjacent to the garden centre at Deerslet Farm. The Clawthorpe Hall Business Centre has opened and all the units are occupied. The restoration of Dalton Hall Home Farm for use as a business centre proceeds apace. Unfortunately, there is no progress on the refurbishment and re-opening of the Royal Hotel.

**THE FUTURE.** The major change on the horizon is the proposal by Cumbria County Council to become a unitary authority. If this happens the district and borough councils will be abolished and their functions will be provided by the county council. The county council would be reorganised. A small strategic headquarters would remain at Carlisle. Beneath this would be four area committees made up of the county councillors representing the electoral divisions for those areas. The area committees would be Carlisle City, Barrow -in- Furness, West Cumbria and East Cumbria (currently South Lakeland and Eden Districts). Some powers and budgets would be devolved more locally to approximately 25 community boards covering groups of parishes. This has exciting implications for our parish council, we shall have to wait and see what happens.

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 and the Cumbria Association of Local Councils.

Parish councillors give their leisure time to serve the interests of the parish. The council's efforts to serve the people of the parish are often frustrated, as the delivery of services is not usually within its remit, but it does make a difference.

### Council Tax increase

The parish council's share of the Council Tax for each household has increased by 8.4% from the previous year. The parish council has increased its budget for the first time in five years by 3%. The extra 5.4% increase has been caused by the district council increasing 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.

### Other News

The mobile branch of the National Westminster Bank visits the Memorial Hall car park every Friday from 10.45 to 11.30 a.m.