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BURTON- IN -KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 June 2005 at
7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal**

PRESENT: Cllrs. J.Hopwood (Chairman), J.Alderson, R.Boddy, G.Isherwood, K.Ray, B.Willink,
R.Bingham (District Cllr.) C.Dale (Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE: Eight members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. F.Mason-Hornby, P.Rogers

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 19 May, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman after the word 'record' was inserted between 'correct' & 'and' on Item 5, plus a comma was inserted between 'thefts' & 'and' on item 7.1, plus the word 'which' was inserted between 'Burton' & 'stated' on item 7.2 and the word 'earmarked' was enclosed with inverted commas.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Action by)

- The Standards Board have decided the allegation against T.Jolley of using the work of the Parish Council for political gain should not be investigated.
- Request from SLDC to update registrations of Cllrs. financial interests was actioned.
- Invitation to CALC General Meeting 22 June – **Cllrs. Hopwood & Willink agreed to attend.**
- In response to a request from the Panorama artist D.Metcalf, **Cllrs. agreed credit for his work should appear on the website.**

4. OPEN FORUM – points raised: -

- PC Casson reported criminal damage at Plain Quarry being investigated and said more evening patrols will be made. Patrols have also been requested for the village on evening and weekend shifts to address anti social behaviour.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SL/05/0558 – 3 Chester Terrace, Burton. Replacement window (retrospective) & replacement rear door for Sarah Colyer. **Cllrs. had no objections**

SL/05/0604 – The Swiss Barn, The Square, Burton. Conversion & Extension to provide additional dwelling for Mr & Mrs C.J.Cairns. **A majority of Cllrs. voted to object to the proposal on the grounds that the plans failed to show any provision for parking**

6. FINANCE

Balances at the bank at 16 June 2005: -

BOI Treasurers Account	£12,845.04
Income to date	8,445.73
Expenditure to date	2,874.32

7. ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED

Cumbria Playing Fields Association – Affiliation Fees	£13.30
Alto Building Services – Supply plaque for Information Centre	32.90
Clerk's salary and expenses	291.43

8. REQUEST FROM BOYS BRIGADE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FIRST AID TRAINING

Cllr. Bingham withdrew. **Cllrs. unanimously agreed to donate up to a maximum of £50**

9. TRANSFER PARISH COUNCIL DOCUMENTS TO THE COUNTY ARCHIVE SERVICE IN KENDAL

Cllrs.unanimously agreed to this being done by the Parish Clerk on an annual basis (CD)

10.USER-FRIENDLY STILE AT TOP OF MOREWOOD DRIVE

Cllrs.unanimously agreed that ownership of the wall in question needs to be established (GI)

11.AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Chairman reported that investigations into alternative sites will be completed by the next meeting

12. REPORTS

- Councillors have has received complaints about the security shuttering and the neglected state of the Royal Hotel. The Chairman has been given to understand this will be attended to when a new tenant has been installed.
- Drains at the bottom of Boon Town are blocked (CD)
- Cllr.R.Boddy presented a Recreation Trust report on the drainage problem. This was put into the Circulation File. It was agreed further investigations are required when it is raining (GI)
He also requested a 15 mph speed limit on Clawthorpe Lane (CD)
- Cllr.G.Isherwood requested an extension to the white lines on the road junction outside the school and a parking space marked for one disabled vehicle. He agreed to provide the Clerk with a plan (GI)
- Cllr.J.Hopwood reported that the bid to the Countryside Agency had been submitted. The panel meets on 19 July.

13. COMMUNICATIONS – Per attached schedule

14. WEBSITE: Cllrs.unanimously agreed the Hot Topic for the coming month would not be changed

The meeting finished at 9.40

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 21 July, 2005 at 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall

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SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 10 JUNE

Website

- **Hot topic results:** Would you mind if the Royal Hotel was redeveloped for housing?

No	72.7%	Votes: 8
Yes	27.3%	Votes: 3
- **Suggestions:** Although I agree wholeheartedly that there is a need for affordable housing, I would be saddened to see The Royal used for this. It's a prime site in the centre of the village and I would far rather see it used for business and/or recreational purposes. It may be that 2 pubs are not sustainable in the village on drinks sale alone, but there surely is a need for accommodation and good food places to which visitors could be enticed? What about using the site for other business/leisure use instead of as a pub? (No I don't mean as a supermarket or anything so massive!) Bringing in custom from outside the parish must be good for village businesses and will help to ensure Burton remains a lively vibrant living community and doesn't become just a dormitory area for commuters elsewhere. Identifying pockets of land where a small number of houses may be built is important, but this needs to be done without damaging the commercial side of village life. In my view it's a matter of getting the balance right between housing and commercial activity to keep the village healthy - people need homes AND places to work and spend their leisure time.
- Noticed a comment in the editorial of the June issue of Burton News concerning Dog Mess and wondered if the provision of more poop scoop bins in and around the village would encourage people to clean up after their dogs. An ideal place would be at the bottom of the steps onto the canal at Burton Wharf or by the bench at the side of the motorway bridge on Station Lane.

Other Communications

- Insurance claim for gale damage to fence settled by Allianz
- Slippery manhole cover at top of Tanpits Lane reported to Highways Agency - Reference 65902
- Highways Agency asked to progress hump on Kirkby Lonsdale Road reported 27.02.05 - Reference 57501
- Broken light outside 5 Glebe Close reported to SLDC
- CALC notification of a General Meeting 22 June at Newton Rigg
- Kent Estuary Neighbourhood Forum Meeting Agenda 8 June at Milnthorpe
- Notification of application for transfer of the Justices' off licence at Mossdale Service Station
- Letter to Chairman of Memorial Hall Trust re proposals for commemorative bench
- Letter to T.Farron MP re T.Jolley
- Decision by Standards Board not to investigate allegation re T.Jolley
- Letter from SLDC with expiry date for election nomination as 23 June
- Letter to Computershare requesting payment of outstanding interest
- Knotweed reported on Ticking Lane (Highways Hotline Ref. 67289)
- Slape Lane overgrown - reported to Capita *Dicken*

For Circulation

- CCC pre submission draft Statement of Community Involvement for the Cumbria Minerals & Waste Development Framework
- British Waterways Plans for the Future publicity
- Shaw's booklist
- Parish Profile from CCC
- Rights of Way Update
- Recreation Trust Report on Causes of Drainage Problems
- Sketch for Proposed World War 2 Commemoration Bench

Glossary of Abbreviations:

CALC	Cumbria Association of Local Councils
CCC	Cumbria County Council
CWT	Cumbria Wildlife Trust
DEFRA	Dept. for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
SLDC	South Lakeland District Council

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