

BURTON- IN -KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2005 at
7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal

PRESENT: Cllrs. J.Hopwood (Chairman), R.Boddy, G.Isherwood, F.Mason-Hornby, P.Rogers, A.Wren, K.Ray,
B.Willink, R.Bingham (District Cllr.) C.Dale (Clerk). *R. Lawson*

IN ATTENDANCE: Five members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS held on 20 October, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Action by)

- Adrian Dalton, Chairman of CALC, was welcomed to the meeting as an observer
- A letter of thanks from Janet Alderson was read out for flowers, cards and letters received
- SLDC invitation to respond by 23 December to the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and the Statement of Community Involvement. It was agreed these would be circulated to all Cllrs. in preparation for the next meeting (CD)
- Signposts at Burtlands removed for restoration now full funding has been sourced with the balance of grant approved by the Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust
- Lancaster City Council invitation to remain on their update database for Local Development Framework Documents. It was agreed this should be accepted (CD)
- *The Chairman welcomed Councillor Lawson* *JH*

4. OPEN FORUM - Points raised: -

- PC Casson presented her Report for September and October
- Cllr.Wren gave PC Casson details of a scooter ridden by a non-local youth seen causing a disturbance on Main Street
- Members of the public reported ongoing parking and dog fouling problems on Neddy Hill and Tanpits Lane

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- **SL/2005/1243** - Outline planning application for mixed development of affordable/open market value housing either for rent or sale at Church Bank for Mr J Simm (received 17 November)
This was received too late to be included on the agenda. It was agreed the Clerk would inform SLDC planning Department that a response will be forthcoming after the next Parish Council meeting (CD)
- Appeal lodged against enforcement notice re partial demolition of a barn lying within the curtilage of a listed building for **SL/2005/1191** - Mitchells Breweries of Lancaster, Kings Arms, Main Street

6. FINANCE

Balances at the bank at 17 November 2005: -

BOI Treasurers Account	£9,134.59
Income to date	8,768.84
Expenditure to date	6,907.88

7. DONATION TOWARDS A BRITISH LEGION WREATH FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

A donation of £30 was proposed by Cllr.Boddy and seconded by Cllr.Mason-Hornby. This was unanimously agreed

8. ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED

Clerk's salary and expenses	£289.04
Grasscare grass cutting on playing field	282.00
T&S Kitching hedge cutting on playing field	17.62
North West Air Ambulance	50.00
British Legion wreath for Remembrance Sunday	30.00

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9. MEMORIAL PLAQUE AND REFURBISHMENT OF PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Quotes received but deferred to next meeting. Holme Park Quarry have agreed to donate stone if a suitable piece can be found

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10. SLDC REVIEW OF ARBORICULTURAL SERVICES STRATEGY

Deferred to next meeting for District Cllr.Bingham to obtain clarification from SLDC

(RB)

11. REPORTS

- Cllr.Boddy reported Burton Recreation Trust is obtaining quotes for CCTV. They are considering the possibility of a joint approach with the Parish Council to Punch Taverns to resolve the access problems over the dilapidated car park to the Royal Hotel. Burton Morewood School has expressed an interest in using the Trust's sports facilities
- Cllr.Rogers reported a site visit with John Bell of CCC to review road markings and signs around the village. They have agreed to submit a suggested unified scheme to the Parish Council. He also reported on the CALC Annual General Meeting
- District Cllr.Bingham reported a site visit with Chris Baines to review drain problems around the village. This included a blocked drain opposite 'Lugano' on Vicarage Lane
- Cllr.Mason-Hornby reported six cars parked on the pavement outside the Memorial Hall ^{at about 8pm Wed. 9.11.05} the ^{JH} previous night in contravention of the Highway Code
- Cllr.Isherwood reported the overgrown hedge on Main Street has been attended to
- Cllr.Wren reported that the blocked drains at Burtlands are being addressed by Capita
- Cllr.Willink reported that a photograph of the Panorama has been submitted to Burton News
- Cllr.Hopwood reported that Holme Park Quarry will apply to CCC for an increase in lorry activity to satisfy increased demand should they be successful in winning contracts to supply stone for sea defence work at Blackpool and Morecambe. Complaints had been received of louder bangs than usual from the quarry. These could also be felt within the homes in Clawthorpe. These are being investigated by the quarry and SLDC environmental Health Department who monitor all blasts. She agreed to draft a letter with the Clerk to CCC addressing a number of outstanding issues regarding the A6070. (JH/CD)

12. COMMUNICATIONS – See Schedule below

13. WEBSITE:

Cllrs. unanimously agreed the Hot Topic for the coming month would be 'Should Burton have more Christmas lights provided by: The Parish Council, Local businesses, Private householders, Shops only, Pubs only, or by the Memorial Hall?'

(CD)

The meeting finished at 9.05pm

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

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO 13 NOVEMBER 2005

Website

- **Hot Topic:** 'Those who stop their car, even for a moment, outside the Post Office create a serious traffic hazard'

Agree: 9 votes

Disagree: 10 votes

- **Feedback:** You ask for comments but don't allow sufficient space to make a proper point. I disagree completely with the view that parking o/s the P.O. is a danger or inconvenience. it is within the Law as it stands whereas parking on pavements in various parts of the village or broadside on at the white line at the top of Neddy Hill is contrary to the Law. I suggest that if there is to be a witch hunt against motorists it should be against those breaking current Laws before introducing more unenforceable restrictions. Remember! the P.C. tried and failed to get a permanent lorry ban and even the temp.ban was ignored to some extent.
- I quite agree that parking on the Main Street is legal and has the added benefit of forcing drivers to slow down to negotiate the hazard BUT remember The Highway Code (paragraph 217) states "Do not park your vehicle or trailer on the road where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. For example do not stop: near a school entrance, anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services, at or near a bus stop or taxi rank, on the approach to a level crossing, opposite or within 10 metres (32

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feet) of a junction except in a recognised parking space, near the brow of a hill or a hump back bridge, opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle, where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane, where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users, in front of an entrance to a property, on a bend." The Highway Code (paragraph 218) also states: "Do not park partially or wholly on the pavement unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, the visually impaired and people with prams or pushchairs."

I have noted earlier comments about multiple votes from one location. If you care to check there are multiple votes from my email address about parking. These were made on behalf of and at the request of other genuine voters without internet access. How else can they find out about such polls and participate in order that the results truly reflect the majority view of the local populace.

I take Charles Ashbrook's point entirely about multiple voting and households, and from the server logs it's obvious this is a normal and regular occurrence (as indeed it would be in my own household). I'm sure the Parish Council are delighted that more people are coming forward and voting, and using the site for information and feedback.

The comment about the multiple skewed votes was in specific reference to one poll where a very large number of votes had been recorded within an extremely short time span (literally minutes) for so many votes, which is not a normal usage pattern. (I don't think there are 80+ students from Burton at LMC anyhow)

We have registered our vote (just one!) on the Hot Topic, but would like to add equal concern about parking at the top of Neddy Hill. Cars coming up Neddy Hill are forced on to the wrong side of the road, thus creating a hazard to themselves and any traffic wishing to turn off Main Street.

Other Communications

- Letter to SLDC requesting relocation of Pipers Lane & Station Lane signs
- Response to the Planning Committee regarding the planning application for affordable housing at Boon Town
- Letter from Impact Housing Ltd. regarding Parish Council's response
- Faulty street light No.77 in Glebe Close reported to Highways Hotline (log no. 82273)
- Email to Tim Farron MP asking for a response to the letter sent to him 28 April 2005 regarding T.Jolley. Also suggesting he circulate his Cumbria Police restructuring petition to local businesses
- Capita informed that drainage holes at Burtlands have not yet been unblocked by the owner
- Capita informed of broken footpath sign off Station Lane, pointing to Moss House
- Restructuring proposal questionnaire returned to Cumbria Police Authority: 'Stay as we are please'
- Offer of grant from Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust for up to £2,756 for historic signpost restoration

For Circulation

- CALC Circular for November 2005
- CALC Quality Parish Development Programme - Update 4 (31 October)
- Shelter Cumbria Housing Aid Centre information leaflet
- Clerks & Councils Direct for November 2005
- Standards Board for England Town & Parish Standard: 05
- NALC Local Council Review for November 2005
- Vountary Action Cumbria Annual Report 2004/05
- CCC Highways 'Working Together' magazine for Autumn 2005

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
SLCC	Society of Local Council Clerks