

BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCILwww.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19 July 2012
at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Burton-in-Kendal**

PRESENT. Cllrs M Taylor (Chairman), J Brown, J Hopwood, I Hunt, G Isherwood, P Rogers, M Rowley, A Wren, and Parish Clerk P Smith. County and District Cllr R Bingham was in attendance.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE. PCSO Jess Bullock and one member of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mason-Hornby. Apologies were noted from Dist Cllr B Cooper.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 21 JUNE 2012. The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(ACTION)

a. The Chairman and Clerk attended the SLDC partnership meeting on Friday 13 July.

b. The Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan is being reviewed in the light of the new National Planning Policy Framework. The first consultation stage covers the proposed content of the plan. It is unlikely that the Parish Council will respond to the consultation. If anyone wishes to respond as an individual they may get details of the consultation from the CCC website.

c. Councillors and residents will wish to know about the SLDC collective energy proposal. From 1 August to 17 September residents can register their interest with SLDC. On 18 September SLDC will seek a supplier for a bulk purchase of electricity at a lower cost than would be available to individuals. Details will be available on the SLDC website from 1 August. The Clerk was asked to pass the information to the editors of Burton News. **(PS)**

5. OPEN FORUM.

a. PCSO Bullock reported that there had been no crime logged in Burton-in-Kendal since the last meeting. A person had been arrested for the vehicle theft which had taken place last month. Fuel and metal thefts, thefts of bicycles and shed break-ins remained a problem.

b. A member of the public, referring to the SLDC Clean Streets consultation, commented that SLDC had no right to close the public toilets and that the need for the proposed bye-law against public urination and defecation perhaps resulted from SLDC's unjustified action. In commenting about the "fouling of land by dogs" order she recommended that the Parish Council consider making biodegradable dog-poo bags freely available to the public for a trial period.

c. County Cllr Bingham reported that he proposed a grant of £2000 towards new playground equipment as well as a grant of £1000 towards the cost of the lengthsman. He noted that £500 had been allocated for the children at play signs on Boon Town. He reported that the chief highways engineer had agreed to meet with the Parish Council to discuss road safety and in this respect he noted that opposition to 20mph advisory areas was softening at the county council.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

a. Applications granted:

- i.** **SL/2012/0323** Square House, Installation of hanging B&B sign.
- ii.** **SL/2012/0291** Morewood School, Extensions and alterations.
- iii.** **SL/2012/0306** 51 St James Drive, Rear dormer window.
- iv.** **SL/2012/0266** Hill House, Door Canopy.

b. Applications refused: None

c. Applications received: None

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7. **FINANCE.** The Council received the Income and Expenditure Account and bank balances as at 19 Jul 12:

Income to date	£12927.00		
Expenditure to date	<u>£9060.59</u>	NatWest Current	£4474.82
Difference	£3866.41	NatWest Savings	£14717.75
Balance at 1/04/11	<u>£12846.32</u>	Less cheques etc	<u>-£2440.84</u>
Carried forward	£16712.73	Carried Forward	£16712.73

8. **ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT AND CHEQUES SIGNED.** (PS)

a.	Lengthsman's hours and expenses to 30 June 2012.	£283.99
b.	Clerk's salary and expenses 1 July to 31 July 2012.	£160.77
c.	Able Memorials – War Memorial.	£1227.60
d.	SLDC – Parish Street Lights.	£748.48
e.	Burton News – Statutory Code of Conduct Notice.	£20.00

9. **CLEAN STREETS CONSULTATION.** It was agreed that the Council would respond to the consultation. The Council agreed to support the creation of a byelaw to control public urination and defecation, however a comment would be added to record the Council's view that the closure of public toilets across South Lakeland may have exacerbated the problem. The Council generally agreed with the dog control orders. However, the Council believes that the fouling of land by dogs order should be limited to inhabited areas; a consequence of the order being applied over too wide an area may be a growth in the use and improper disposal of poo-bags in the countryside. The Council was ambivalent about the dogs on leads by direction order and was opposed to a blanket requirement for dogs always to be on leads on pavements and highways. The Clerk will circulate a draft of the consultation response before submitting it. (PS)

10. **NEW PROJECTS FOR THE BUDGET.** It was agreed that the refurbishment of heritage items around the village was now complete and that future spending would focus on projects of practical benefit to the community. The planned replacement of obsolete playground equipment and the provision of equipment for teenagers and young adults would be considered. Cllrs Rowley and Wren agreed to identify the playground equipment that needed to be replaced and to investigate the availability and cost of replacement equipment and new equipment and facilities for teenagers. (MR,AW)

11. **AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS.** It was resolved that Standing Orders would be amended in-line with the requirements of the new code of conduct. (PS)

12. **OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS.** The following changes to the recorded Action Items were noted:
- It was anticipated that the variable 20mph signs would be installed during the school holidays.
 - A full report on daffodils would be submitted at the next meeting; it was envisaged some extra verge maintenance work would be necessary to plant the bulbs well back.

13. **LENGTHSMAN'S LOG OF PLAYGROUND INSPECTION, REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS, AND REPORTS FROM PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.**

- There were no reported defects on the playground defects log.
- Cllr Hunt had received a complaint from a resident about the state of Slape Lane. County Cllr Bingham was asked to remind the County Council of its responsibility for Slape Lane and to ask the County Council to keep the Parish Council informed of progress. Cllr Taylor reported that he would try to alleviate the problem by field management but that the problem stretch of the path was a natural sink for all the water coming off the higher ground.
- Cllr Isherwood noted that the "later postage available" sign on the post box had been changed to refer to Preston rather than Carnforth. The Clerk was asked to see if the Carnforth time could be reinstated. (PS)
- Cllr Taylor finished the meeting on a cheery note by reporting that the long-range forecast was predicting a severe winter and that the Council would need to look to its winter contingency plans.

14. **TO NOTE COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.** The communications listed below were noted. No further actions were ordered.

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will at 7:30pm on Thursday 16 August 2012.

Meeting Closed at 8:40 pm

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Schedule of Communications to 14 July 2012
Significant communications received:

1. **By e-mail forwarded to Councillors:**
 - a. Police Newsletter.
 - b. Guidance on Code of Conduct.
2. **In circulation folder:**
 - a. CCC Consultation on content of Minerals and Waste Local Plan.
 - b. SLDC Standards Committee Minutes of Meeting.
 - c. Clerks and Councils Direct.

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

CALC	Cumbria Association of Local Councils
CCC	Cumbria County Council
LAP	Local area Partnership
LDF	Local Development Framework
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
SLDC	South Lakeland District Council

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