

BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 17th November 2020 held 3 The Stable Yard, Dalton Hall, Dalton.

PRESENT: Cllrs. A. Wren, G Isherwood, M Taylor, F. Mason-Hornby, L. Bailey, P Rogers, C Nolan.

Also present: District Councillor B Cooper and Parish Clerk C Davidson

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: 1 members of the public

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Hopwood, Hague and County Cllr Bingham

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION:

None

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

The previous minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4) RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN

The chairman thanked Cllr Mason-Hornby for the use of the large room to enable the meeting to be held in a Covid safe environment.

Tim Farron's surgery dates were circulated, these were all telephone surgeries.

5) OPEN FORUM

A letter had been received and circulated from a resident asking Councillors a couple of questions regarding parking in Burton. Both questions would be discussed Agenda Item 8.

6) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Bingham was unable to attend the meeting and therefore sent his report which is below:

Council work continues with meetings being prolonged and even adjourned by IT breakdowns, which included the County's South Area Committee which was mainly about roads, although I've little new to report for Burton. But generally Highways are well ahead with resurfacing and surface dressing thanks to extra government grants and to quieter roads so that this year's schedule has been completed despite the March-May lockdown. Local resurfacing work for 2021-22 includes –at last -Clawthorpe and Dalton Lanes and Boon Walks 'between Tanpits Lane and the Church'(-at a cost of £17,122). Also £200,000 has been allocated to lighting column replacement in our south district which will no doubt open up again the 'who owns which street light' debate. I am pleased that the flooding at The Creamery has been looked at but still worry about whether the problem has been solved. At SLDC I praised the near completion of the conservation work in The Square and also the sensitive development at The Royal Hotel.

COVID reports vary all the time. Last week South Lakeland had 374 cases, a slight drop of 29 but has the highest incidents in the County after Barrow. There were 9 death last week in the County. But the current plateau is likely to be broken during the Christmas

‘Armistice’ when hordes of visitors from Tier 3 areas could descend on Lakeland-good for business but bad for health.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION.

Plans to amalgamate county duties with those of Cumbria’s six districts are advancing for implementation in 2023. SLDC voted by a majority to join a new Morecambe Bay Authority with Barrow and Lancaster although this would break a government stipulation that County Boundaries should not be crossed. The feeling was that the alternative of a whole County Unitary was too big:- as to have everything ruled from Carlisle would not be ‘local’ government. On the other hand it would mean that South Lakeland would be linked with Barrow and Morecambe which have amongst the highest deprivation and crime rates in the North West. Alternative plans to divide Cumbria into two unitaries have not been agreed but this might be the most reasonable solution. There are no plan as yet to provide a Morecambe Bay authority with its own Police Force so Lancaster would be served by the Lancashire force and South Lakeland and Barrow by the Cumbria PCC. There will be a lot more on this in the next twelve months. In the meantime A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

7) **TO AGREE & ADOPT A COMMUNICATIONS POLICY**

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to adopt a new Communications Policy. This will be put on the Parish Council website.

8) **TO DISCUSS FUTURE PARKING OPTIONS IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE**

Cllr Nolan has been in discussions with the Sports Committee/Recreation trust as well as the owners of the land around the MUGA. These are only initial discussions but there is a possibility that a number of parking spaces could be made available subject to further discussions and planning. This would now be an ongoing Agenda item and progress will be discussed every month.

The other point of discussion was the ‘Just Park’ idea – this is when a landowner has an agreement to allow others to park in their unused parking space. As this is a private arrangement between landowner and car user this is not an idea the Parish Council could pursue.

9) **AGREE THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE BUDGET FOR 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The first draft of the budget was circulated by the Clerk. It was agreed that the Councillors would read and put forward any comments and suggestions prior to final approval at the January meeting.

10) **FINANCE**

Consider the bank balances and the Income and Expenditure Account and agree that Councillors Rogers and Isherwood authorise the payments except the £5000 PSiCA contribution. It was agreed that a letter including a list of items to complete would be sent to SLDC and agree that the payment would be released once items have been completed.

Authorise payment of the following accounts:

a) Lengthsman’s hours and expenses	£114.00
b) Clerk’s Salary & Expenses	£307.80
c) CALC – Training Courses	£80.00
d) AQL – Domain renewal	£132.00

11. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

No	Item	Reported by	Action	Status
1	B4RN	FMH		Ongoing, slow with weather
2	PSiCA	JH/CN		Gully on Post Office Lane have been worked on and are now running well. An action plan has been to complete the outstanding works.
3	Slape Lane			£1000 still ringfenced for Slape Lane
4	Church Bank Gardens Issues	JH		Ongoing – Tom Harvey dealing
5	Community Group Update	LB/CD		Calls have increased slightly, mainly prescriptions.
6	Chargepoints	JHague		Slow progress, Cllr Hague will update next month –
7	Rubbish Bin – Square	Clerk		Will be replaced when scaffold has gone.
8	Boon Town Playground/South Lakes Housing	AW/JH		No update
9	Barrier, Plain Quarry	FMH		AW to speak to Black Sheep

12) LENGTHSMAN'S LOG, REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS AND REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CLERK.

- a) Cllr Mason-Hornby again reported ongoing litter problems at Plain Quarry 8 bin bags collected this month.
- b) Cllr Isherwood suggested the Parish Council discuss/comment on the Local Government Reorganisation if and when this is agreed by Government.
- c) Cllr Bailey will be attending a Carbon Footprint webinar in January.

13) TO RECEIVE AND ACTION COMMUNICATION RECEIVED.**14) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 21st January at 7.30pm**
Venue to be confirmed