

BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 21st January 2021

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

Also present: Parish Clerk C Davidson

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Hague and County Cllr Bingham

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION:

Cllr Mason-Hornby declared an interest in Agenda Item 8.

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

The previous minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chairman.

4) RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN

The chairman announced the resignation of Councillor Jane Hague and the Casual Vacancy will be an agenda item at the February meeting.

5) OPEN FORUM

a) A resident of Cocking Yard informed the Council that he was having boundary and access issues at the back of his property bordering the new development at The Royal Hotel. Following discussion it was agreed the issue was a private matter and the Parish Council suggested he seek advice from his solicitor.

b) A request has been received from a resident to have the 'Kidnappers Lane' cut back where it has overgrown causing the path to be diverted from its original line. There was also a request for the 'den' in the orchard area to be removed.

The Clerk will contact Countryside Access to request the brambles be cut back. However the Orchard is privately owned and therefore the 'den' is the owners responsibility.

c) An update on parking and benches was requested by a Resident -

The benches are on order. Once they are received their location will be agreed.

With regard to parking – this is an ongoing discussion and includes the 'Just Park' scheme.

6) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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

I have been dealing with complaints about blocked footpaths and speeding. I have not seen or heard of any flooding problems and have asked for our grit bins to be inspected and if necessary replenished.

COVID-many of the contacts needed for help during the current high peak of the pandemic I put in my BN Council News but they included:

Transport to the vaccination centre at Ash Trees Surgery near Booths at Carnforth please contact 0808 196 3646 or –possibly-the hospital car service at 01539 728180.

Food Support If our marvellous volunteers are unable to help during the winter weather please contact 0800 783 1966. For information about heating vouchers contact the same source.

School Meals during the Christmas Holidays currently eligible children during lock down and for the Spring half term have received either food vouchers or packed meals. I have not heard any complaints but let the relevant schools or myself if there are any difficulties.

Housing –for general problems please contact SLDC at 01539 733333. As during previous lock downs all rough sleepers have been found accommodation'. If you know of any cases also initially contact SLDC –or myself.

Schools QES and our Secondary Schools are endeavouring during lock down to supply examination pupils with Lap Tops. If there are problems as well as the schools please contact 0782 512 094.

Local Government Reorganisation. The minister as rejected a local proposal to link South Lakeland with Barrow and Lancaster in a new Unitary Authority because it would involve crossing the County Boundary there would not be single police force for the new authority. The new authorities are planned to start in 2023. More on this and further proposals in due course.

Local Elections for the County Council and last year's postponed district and police commissioner elections could be adjourned until later in the year from the usual forth Thursday in May election day.

Parliamentary Boundaries. Cumbria has to lose one of its 6 constituencies and it looks as if our Westmorland and Lonsdale may have to go. Whatever happens I will strive to keep the name of Westmorland and fight to prevent any part of our area being grafted onto Lancashire.

So we live in interesting times but perhaps not as interesting as in the USA

7) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) SL/2020/0847 & 0848 – 1 West The Square, Burton-in-Kendal
Repairs to roof, chimney, replace existing velux and install second velux

No comments or objections

- b) SL/2020/0907 The Knott, Station Lane, Burton-in-Kendal
Extension & Alteration to existing dwelling – resubmission with amendments

No comments or objections

8) **TO AGREE & ERECT A SIGN AT SLAPE LANE BRIDLEWAY**

Following discussion, this item was withdrawn.

9) **TO REVIEW & APPROVE REVISED RISK ASSESSMENTS**

The Parish Council Risk Assessments have been updated. Cllr Mason-Hornby proposed that the Risk Assessments be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Taylor and unanimously agreed.

10) TO AGREE BUDGET & PRECEPT REQUEST

The final budget had been previously circulated. Councillor Wren proposed that the budget be accepted and the Precept request from SLDC of £15,971.23 be signed. This was seconded by Councillor Nolan and unanimously agreed.

11) FINANCE

Consider the bank balances and the Income and Expenditure Account and agree that Councillors Hopwood and Mason-Hornby authorise the payments

Authorise payment of the following accounts:

a) Lengthsman's hours and expenses	£114.00
b) Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£307.80
c) Zoom subscription	14.39
d) Ashlea Contracting (missed invoice Oct)	£264.00

12) OUTSTANDING ITEMS

No	Item	Reported by	Action	Status
1	B4RN	FMH		Ongoing, slow with weather
2	PSiCA	JH/CN		Ongoing drain issues
3	Slope Lane			£1000 still ringfenced for Slope 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
7	Rubbish Bin – Square	Clerk		Will be replaced when scaffold has gone.
8	Boon Town Playground/South Lakes Housing	AW/JH		New plans received for retaining wall which included a 2 nd entrance to play area. It was agreed that the 2 nd entrance be removed from plan
9	Barrier, Plain Quarry	FMH		2 quotes received for metal barrier – will be on February Agenda for discussion.
10	Village Parking	CN	CN	Ongoing – CN to update in February. Including looking at smaller areas and a similar scheme to 'Just Park'

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

- a) Cllr Rogers – potholes under Canal bridge on Station Lane have been filled, but not very well.
- b) Cllr Bailey attended a Carbon Footprint webinar.
- c) Cllr Bailey will be attending a Carbon Footprint webinar in January.

14) TO RECEIVE AND ACTION COMMUNICATION RECEIVED.

15) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 18th February 2021 at 7.30pm**
Via Zoom.