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BURTON IN KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20th May, at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors G Isherwood (Chairman), Mrs K Hayhurst, Ms J Hopwood, R Mason, P Rogers, P Rossi, K Thorp, Mrs K Unsworth, B Willink. Janet Alderson (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: County and District Councillor R Bingham, and seven members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 15 April, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendment was made.

Minute 6 Clerks and Councils Direct £7.50. This will be paid on receipt of invoice.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

3a. Open Forum. BT have now scrapped pre-registration scheme for Broadband and a service starting date should be known in June of this year.

3b. Flooding at Clawthorpe (minute 4a/15.04.04 refers)

Capita have confirmed that work on digging out the blocked drain is imminent.

3c. Seat Opposite Memorial Hall (minute 4c/15.04.04 refers)

A local contractor has agreed to repair the seat.

3d. Transport Grant (minute 8/15.04.04 refers)

The Transport Grant application has been turned down by the Countryside Agency, who have offered to put us in touch with a consultant who could advise on a future application.

4. PLANNING

SL/04/0516 - Mr & Mrs Watts, 1 Burton Park. Alteration to change existing flat roof into a pitched roof - no objection.

Plan reported as being approved:

SL/04/0236 - Garnett House, Main Street. Extension

5. REQUEST FOR A DONATION TO PTA FUNDS

This was discussed and it was agreed that it would not be appropriate to use Parish Council funds for this purpose. Individual Councillors were invited to make their own contributions if desired.

6. CUMBRIA PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

It was agreed that the affiliation fee of £12.90 should be paid.

7. FINANCE

Balances at bank on date of meeting:

Current Account £9,323.53

NSB £5,219.61

Income to date: £8,299.00

Expenditure to date: £322.50

Accounts approved for payment and cheques signed

Plus Publishing Services £7.50 (Clerks and Councils Direct)

Allianz Cornhill Insurance £1,114.43

Clerk's salary and expenses £271.81

Playing Field Association £12.90

It was reported by the Clerk that SLDC have changed their policy and now the whole of the year's Precept will be paid in April.

A valuation figure of £2,500 was agreed for the 'historic sign' on Station Lane.

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The Clerk reported that a new mandate should be signed to enable Councillors to sign cheques and it was proposed by Councillor Willink, seconded by Councillor Isherwood and approved unanimously that Councillors Hopwood and Rogers and Janet Alderson should be added to the mandate. The names of Councillors Thorp, Mason, Williamson, Hayhurst and Unsworth would be removed from the mandate.

8. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The annual accounts, having been previously circulated, were discussed and approved. The Annual return to the Audit Commission was approved and signed.

9. CLERK'S CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

As the retiring Clerk is to become a Parish Councillor but has agreed to remain in post until a new Clerk has been appointed, it was **resolved** that the post should become unpaid on a temporary basis, after the election date.

The question of the Clerk's gratuity was discussed and it was agreed that the maximum payment allowed would be made, in view of the fact that she had agreed to remain in post on an unpaid basis until a new Clerk was appointed. This was proposed by Councillor Isherwood, seconded by Councillor Willink and unanimously agreed.

10. BOON TOWN PLAY AREA

A letter has been received from SLDC regarding a new lease and increase in the rent. After discussion, it was agreed that a reply should be sent asking for them to reconsider.

11. PARTNERSHIP FUND

A document from The Pensions Service was tabled and Councillor Ms Hopwood agreed to consider it.

12. REPORTS

Councillor Rogers reported on the **Burton Recreation Trust** meeting. It is hoped that basketball hoops will be in place towards the end of Summer. There will be a concert by Burton All Starts next February and the proceeds of the raffle will go into Recreation Trust funds.

Councillor Mrs Unsworth reported that 3 grants had been made by the **Education Foundation**.

Quarry Liaison Sustainability Fund Councillor Ms Hopwood reported that the group continued to meet and a new bid has been submitted to English Nature.

Councillor Isherwood reported that he and the Clerk had attended a **CALC** meeting in Kendal. Topics discussed included South Lakeland Leisure, Waste Recycling and matters of local interest.

Councillor Mason reported on the **Playing Field**. The climbing frame is beginning to rust and he has spoken to the contractor who carried out the refurbishment last year, who has agreed to pay for the Hammerite to repaint the affected areas. The Council will purchase the paint and be reimbursed by the contractor. Extra work is required around the Toddlers' swings and Councillors Mason and Isherwood will examine and report back.

Councillor Willink reported that an application to Awards for All had been made for £1,250 for the **Panorama**, SLDC would also be approached and an appeal through Burton News would be made.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from the owner of the field giving his permission for the siting of the **Panorama**.

Letters have been received from Inn Court regarding a new licensee at the Royal Hotel.

The Lancaster Canal Trust AGM will take place on Wednesday 26 May.

Cumbria Local Transport Plan leaflets were distributed to Councillors.

A letter regarding the Code of Conduct was discussed and will be circulated.

A letter has been received from the Memorial Hall committee regarding a hiring charge increase. This will be discussed as an Agenda item next month.

A letter has been received regarding Payphones in the area. BT have decided that the

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- payphone at Clawthorpe should be removed. They are asking for comments before a final decision is made and an item will be placed in Burton News asking for individual opinions.
14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- a. The next Neighbourhood Forum meeting will take place in Holme on the 15 June.
 - b. More potholes have appeared in Station Lane and this will be reported to the Hotline.
 - c. Burton News have decided that in future, there will be a charge for job vacancy advertisements.
 - d. A few of the original Millennium Map drawings are still available. These will be offered to the Memorial Hall by Councillor Mrs Harhurst.
 - e. Councillor Mrs Hayhurst offered to continue keeping the Parish Garden tidy on Station Lane. This offer was gratefully accepted.
 - f. Councillor Willink reported that the verge around the 'Nineteen Trees' sign has been damaged by Forestry vehicles. This will be reported to the Commission by the Clerk.
 - g. Two corrections to last month's Burton News were made. Firstly Salt Bins will always be provided in the village, it is only on some roads outside the village that salt piles will be used. Secondly it was reported that trees on the Plantation had been planted too close to the ditches which will cause them to become blocked. The report should have read that because the trees had been planted close to the ditches, this would prevent a digger being able to gain access for clearing the ditches.
 - h. It was suggested by Councillor Mrs Unsworth that small signs should be placed on Moss Lane stating that the passing places should not be used for parking. This will be discussed as an Agenda item next month.
 - i. Next month's Agenda will include an authorisation for the payment of advertising the Clerk's vacancy.
 - j. A leaky stop tap outside a home on Station Lane was reported and this will be passed to the Hotline.

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and will take place at 7pm on Thursday 17 June, in the Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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