

2025-26 has been a reasonably uneventful year for the Parish Council with fewer consultation documents to consider and fewer planning applications put in front of us.

The Agenda and Minutes of all our meetings are published monthly and posted on the parish notice boards, they are also available online at [www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk](http://www.burton-in-kendal-pc.gov.uk); please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like the Agenda and Minutes emailed to you on a regular basis.

At the April meeting Julian Oston was co-opted as a Parish Councillor and we welcome his expertise to the Council and remind residents that we still have one vacancy.

The issue of speeding through the village has been a concern of residents for many years and was brought into sharp focus in June by the tragic death of Kestrel "Kez" Selby Boddy, aged 22, who was struck by a car whilst crossing the A6070 near his home, Curwen Woods. The site of the accident is not within the village itself and the road there is subject to the UK national speed limit of 60mph.

Three months' data from the speed indicator devices (SID) at either end of the village was downloaded and showed an average speed of 33.1mph at the north (Clawthorpe) SID and 33.7mph at the south (Green Dragon) SID. In May as part of a planning application a seven-day automatic traffic count was undertaken on Main Street by the entrance to the MUGA / Royal Oak Carpark which showed the average speed of vehicles in the centre of the village heading north to be 23.6mph and 23.7mph for vehicles heading south.

A volunteer Community Speed Watch Group has been established with input from Cumbria Constabulary and the Parish Council has been approached by a group of residents to endeavour to persuade Westmorland & Furness Council to bring in a 20mph speed limit through the centre of the village.

Progress is ongoing with the creation of a footpath to link Meadow Close to the Square via the Boon Town Lane footpath.

Residents have formed a Playground Working Group to investigate and source funding for replacement play equipment for the Boon Town Play Area.

This year Westmorland & Furness Council have taken over responsibility for parish lighting

After many months' of works United Utilities have completed the replacement of the mains water supply to the north of the village and we await an update on when the road may be re-surfaced but as a minimum the white lines repainted and some red sections of tarmac laid with 30mph marked on the carriageway.

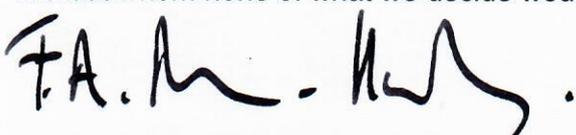
In April the new C-shaped bench was installed outside Burton Morewood School; it was commissioned in 2024 by the Parish Council to mark the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Replacement benches were installed at the bottom of Boon Town and on Station Lane, just to the west of the bridge over the M6.

Most complaints made to the Parish Council are dealt with by the Clerk who chases up the relevant department of Westmorland & Furness Council by email or 'phone but general housekeeping duties in Burton, Clawthorpe and Dalton are carried out by our hardworking Lengthsman David Holmes.

I would like to thank my fellow parish councillors for their commitment over this year; they give generously of their own free time to serve the people of this Parish in various ways.

I urge anyone who feels that they would like to try and make a difference to their community to consider putting themselves forward to join the Parish Council; we are always keen to have some fresh faces with new ideas.

All that remains is to thank Christine our Parish Clerk for all her hard work and guidance over the year and without whom none of what we decide would happen.



Francis Mason-Hornby, Chairman, Burton-in-Kendal Parish Council 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026