

Minutes
Burton in Lonsdale Annual Parish Meeting
Held on Thursday 11 May 2023 at 7.30pm
At the Village Hall, High Street, Burton in Lonsdale

Present: More than 20 parishioners; 7 Parish Councillors - Peter Thompson, David Taylor, Billie Strickland, Rebecca Spedding, Mike Biles, Alan Coulthurst, Ian Wardle
The clerk was in attendance

Chairperson: Cllr Thompson

Apologies: Julie Clarke, David Gillibrand, Ian Clarke, Tim Rollinson, David Owen, Jenny Sedgewick, Carole Biles, Stuart Handley, County Cllr David Ireton.

1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

1.1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to Burton in Lonsdale's Annual Parish Meeting and thanked them for coming. He explained that this not a Parish Council meeting. It is a meeting of the whole parish to 'discuss parish affairs'. He stated that any issues can be reported to the Parish Council by email, phone or in person at scheduled parish council meetings.

Where there is a Parish Council, as is the case in Burton in Lonsdale, the Parish Council normally organises the Annual Parish Meeting.

Parish Meetings are open to all registered voters in the parish and any 6 voters can call a Parish Meeting. Parish meetings can also demand a Parish Poll on a specific issue.

1.2. Introductions

The Chair introduced:-

The Parish Clerk – Sally Preece

The Parish Councillors – Mike Biles, Alan Coulthurst, Rebecca Spedding, Billie Strickland (vice chair), David Taylor and Ian Wardle

The Chair explained that the meeting will largely follow the published agenda with the focus of the meeting being to hear from the organisations who make our village what it is.

The Chair asked for the meeting's agreement to swap the order of agenda items 3 and 4

He mentioned a few housekeeping items:

- The meeting is being recorded by the Parish Clerk;
- Any registered voter is entitled to speak at the Parish Meeting;
- If you wish to speak, please can you raise your hand

- Councillor Biles expressed concerns that the chair of the parish council had suggested that village organisations should aim to make their statements no greater than 250 words. Councillor Biles made the point that the Chair of the Parish Council does not have the authority to dictate the number of words that a contributor may choose to make in a Parish Meeting. The Chair responded by saying it was not the intention to limit the length of statements, the aim was to offer guidance in a similar way to that offered by a neighbouring Town Council. Whilst no contributors had expressed concern at this guidance the chair offered his apologies to anyone who was offended by his suggestion.

1.3. Apologies

The Clerk read out apologies received before the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 26 May 2022

The Chairman proposed that the minutes of the last parish meeting, which lasted 90 minutes, were accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Wardle and passed.

3. What does the Parish Council do?

Burton in Lonsdale is typical of a small Parish Council. Responsibilities include:

- Maintenance and management of recreation fields, the pavilion, benches, village green, war memorial and common land, also;
- Maintenance of the old, closed church yard and;
- Street lighting to most of the village, with the exception of Greeta Heath, Brookland and Manor Close.

The Parish Council also aims to represent the views of the village in issues that may impact residents including planning consultations, highway safety and policing and security. Where the Parish Council is not directly responsible, it will work with other authorities to support the interests of the village.

The Parish Council meets 10 times a year. Residents of the village are invited to attend these meetings. Your input is much appreciated. Residents who can't attend but wish to raise an issue, may contact the Parish Clerk, details on the village website.

The Parish Council budget comes predominantly from payment by village residents through the precept which is collected alongside council tax. The precept increased this year for the first time in 3 years to cover inflation, additional administration and the ongoing project to eradicate Japanese Knotweed from the riverbank. The increase was 7.7%. A Council tax Band D precept is about £72 for this year.

The Parish Council maintains an email circulation list, used to share details of meetings, events and items of news. Parishioners are invited to ask the Parish Clerk to add their names to this list.

Details of PC activities are included within the Burton in Lonsdale website.

A final note: A number of you may have received an email from an organisation called Parish.com. At first sight it appears to be a government sponsored initiative to link businesses with parish council needs for a fee. It is an impressive website which has been developed by skilled IT experts. It isn't government backed and it is not supported by Burton in Lonsdale Parish Council.

4. Chairman of the Parish Council's Report

- a) The current Parish Council was formed following the local elections in May last year. The majority of members had no experience of being councillors, so it has been a steep learning curve. The year also started without the support of a Parish Clerk. The PC was delighted to welcome Sally Preece as Parish Clerk last July.

In what has been the first year of this council, a priority has been to listen to residents to understand what is of most importance within the village. Several messages have been particularly strong including:

- Influencing the planning process.
- Getting best use out of the pavilion and playing fields.
- Improving road safety.
- Supporting the proposed upgrading of the village hall.

The Parish Council is working on all four of these areas. Details can be found in the minutes of PC meetings. Given the level of interest in planning and the recreation fields I have asked colleagues to provide reports on these two areas.

The Parish Council will continue to listen to residents of Burton in Lonsdale and to work with businesses and voluntary organisations in the interest of the community. Please get involved.

The past year has seen a huge amount of involvement by so many members of the community. The jubilee and coronation celebrations are examples of village-wide achievements. Working on road safety and planning issues are at times complicated. The support provided by members of the community has been of great assistance.

Billie Strickland leads the Parish Council planning committee. I have asked her to report on progress over the past year:

b) Parish Council Planning Report

Councillor Strickland reported on the activities of the planning committee. The aim of the committee is to listen to the views of villagers in order to develop responses to planning applications. The committee has worked closely with the planning and enforcement officers at Craven District Council and it is hoped that that can continue with the new Yorkshire County Council planning department. Councillor Strickland thanked everyone for participating in the extraordinary meeting to discuss the application for lodges at the west end of the village, which helped to inform the Parish Council's response to the application.

c) Parish Council Recreation Fields Report

The Recreation fields continue to be used by the Lonsdale Terriers football team. The Parish Council is committed to increasing the use of the pitch by other local organisations. The Pavilion is used on a regular basis by several organisations and is becoming a popular venue for family parties. The aim for the coming year is to attract more users by improving the quality of advertising and increasing awareness throughout the local area.

The use of the pitches for the Jubilee Sports Day and the Coronation Celebrations has demonstrated the potential of the site.

Thank you all in advance for your continued support of the Parish Council.

5. Police Report

NYCC police are unable to send a representative to the meeting but have forwarded this report:

11.05.23 - Annual Report –Burton In Lonsdale – 01.04.22 & 07.05.23 – 57 reported incidents

20.06.22 – Helicopter Crash – sad loss of local resident & visitor

15 - General police admin – Firearms request, other police force request, found property, Absconder, Duplicate incidents, Civil dispute, Safeguarding – other agencies & partnership requests

2 - Auto Crime & Stolen motor vehicles, stolen from vehicle

2 - Burglaries

2 - Criminal damage - property

1 - Crime Fraud – bank, phone/online

4 - Theft from person/buildings

4 - Crime Violence/domestic incidents

2 - Highways disruption – Broken down vehicle, abandon vehicle

4 - Abandon calls, hoax

5 - Concern for safety/welfare – checks carried out by police, ambulance, family & friends, Missing persons

7 - Suspect circumstances, vehicles, person's - door to door,

4 - Road Related offences – manner all over road, medical, suspect drink & drug driving, speed,

3 - Road Traffic collisions

6. County Councillor's Report

David Ireton has offered his apologies and asked for the following report to be tabled:

Briefing note:

The new North Yorkshire Council launched on April 1. It represents the biggest shake-up in local government in the county since 1974.

The new authority will bring together the current eight councils which provide services to the public to form one single organisation covering the whole of England's largest county.

You will still be able to access all the support, advice and services you do currently but from just one council instead of eight.

Access to support and services will be easier, via one telephone number, one website, one customer service team and one set of face-to-face customer access points spread across the whole county.

There will be a main office in each former district area, supported by around 30 additional customer access points located in public locations.

Having one council will end confusion over which council does what and which councillor is responsible for which area.

More than 80 per cent of our staff live in North Yorkshire and take pride in delivering good quality services for their families, friends and the communities they serve.

The new council was launched on April 1 when North Yorkshire County Council and the existing seven district and borough authorities merged to pave the way for a long-awaited devolution deal. Devolution is a key policy of the Government, handing over decision-making powers to local political leaders and providing millions of pounds in funding to shape major policies and projects on a regional level.

There is a proposed 30-year devolution deal for York and North Yorkshire, with an investment fund of £540 million which was unveiled on August 1 last year and is due to lead to benefits ranging from new and better-paid jobs and improved skills and training to more affordable housing.

Replacing eight councils with one authority gives us all the best possible chance of protecting the services which residents value at a time of exceptional financial pressures on public services.

It is estimated that there will be a shortfall of more than £30 million in the new council's revenue budget for the next financial year, all of which will have to be covered by the one-off use of reserves after some additional savings have also been introduced.

However, North Yorkshire Council will be large enough to maximise the benefits of delivering services at scale across a rural county but is being designed with communities at its heart. Even in its first few years, by joining up services and maximising spending power North Yorkshire Council will save between £30 million and £70 million, which will then become annual savings.

This is money that can be used to help protect some of the most important local services at a critical time when everyone and every organisation is feeling the pressure from increased costs.

There will be tough financial decisions ahead, but by making this change now, we are in a much stronger position to manage the rising costs and increased demand for services.

We are also in a stronger position to work with partners like the health sector, police, fire, and the community and voluntary sector to get the most from every pound of taxpayers' money in North Yorkshire.

North Yorkshire Council will have overall spending power of about £1.4 billion, including £343 million on schools.

North Yorkshire Council is dedicated to community awards which covers the whole of the County recognise and honour those volunteers who selflessly dedicate their time to improving lives of others. These awards acknowledge the efforts of both organisations and individual volunteers the categories are; 1 best community Group; 2 volunteer of the year; 3 to shine a light on the inspirational work that is happening to tackle climate change on a local level.

District Councillor Stuart Handley

Craven District Council ceased to exist at the end of March. Stuart Handley is unable to attend tonight's meeting but has asked that I offer his apologies and on his behalf to confirm that the handover from Craven to NYCC has been successfully completed and to say it was a pleasure to represent Burton in Lonsdale for 4 years.

7. Village Organisations' reports

Representatives of village organisations were invited, largely in alphabetical order, to present a report of their group's activities and plans:-

B4RN4BiL - report submitted before the meeting by Simon Sockton was read by Cllr Thompson

The B4RN4BiL project had a very busy year! It will not have escaped your attention that B4RN contractors as well as the B4RN4BiL Community Workforce were busy installing the B4RN network in the village during the second half of 2022. With over 125 properties now connected and enjoying the world's fastest broadband the project has been extremely successful. There are a few loose ends to tie up; the connection to Mount Wellington should be underway shortly, a small amount of rework is required to connect the Village shop, Multimedia shop and adjoining properties, and a route to a property on the outskirts of the village and to Waterside Potteries both need establishing.

A big thank you to the community for being so patient whilst the work was completed. A B4RN connection has been provisioned for every property in the village. So if you want B4RN now or in the future please don't hesitate to request B4RN by searching 'GetB4RN' online.

As a result of the efforts of the B4RN4BiL Community Workforce, £15,000 has been raised (held by BRG) which members would like to spend on community projects. We would like the funds to stretch as far as possible and benefit as many people as possible. Therefore, we are looking to support as many projects as we can and ideally those that are already part funded. Funding is one aspect of a project, but when coupled with the Community Workforce's efforts we have the potential to make a real impact in our community.

If you have a project in mind that requires funding within this ethos then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Simon Stockton / 07720705882 / stockton.simon@gmail.com

Book Group - report submitted before the meeting by Ruth Brown was read by Cllr Thompson
Burton-in Lonsdale Book Group

Membership of the book group remains at 9. We try to meet every 4 to 6 weeks in each other's homes to discuss a book chosen by a member who hosts the group. We have recently created a WhatsApp group to keep in touch between dates especially when someone can't attend.

One of our longstanding members, Clare Weze/ Easterby had her second children's book published in January. Her first book, 'The Lightning Catcher' was nominated for the Carnegie Medal. Clare has sent the following description of her new book:

The Storm Swimmer, is aimed at children between 9 and 12 years old. It features Ginika, who has been sent to spend the summer at her grandparents' seaside home. She feels lonely and rejected until she meets a boy who seems to live in the sea.

We are delighted by Clare's success.

NB. It was pointed out that there is at least one other book club in the village but only one report was received.

Bowling Club - the report was presented by John Wood
BURTON-IN-LONSDALE BOWLING CLUB REPORT 2023

Burton Bowling Club continues to thrive with a membership of over 30. On behalf of the club I would like to thank all who help with the running of the club. The club officials are: Chairman: Brian Ramwell, Treasurer; Tony Blacow, Secretary: Steve Vose, President and Safety Officer: John Wood. Committee: Doreen Dryden, Shaun Wilson, Chris and Val Thompson, Lee Marshall, Malcolm Bibby. The green is mowed and maintained by Shaun Wilson, Tony Blacow and John Mason.

Future projects involve: repairing, replacing the clubhouse roof after the storms last winter, building a new thief proof tool shed and erecting a marking hut at the far end of the green.

We field a team in the South Westmoreland Seniors Bowling League, Captained by John Mason, these matches are played on Monday afternoons throughout the season against teams such as Bowness, Burneside, Heversham, etc.

We also field a team in the Kendal Bowling League, captained by Shaun Wilson, (We came top in division 4 last season so go up to the third division this year, well done!) There matches are played on Tuesday evenings, against teams such as Heversham, Allithwaite, Staveley, etc.

Again, we also field a team in the South Lakeland Rural League, captained by Val Thompson, playing on Friday evenings against teams such as Heversham, Ambleside, Allithwaite, etc. This league is specifically for beginners to introduce them into the game.

Friendly matches are organised by Jane Burns and Captained by Doreen Dryden, and are played on Saturday afternoons, these matches are played against Ingleton, Bentham, Hornby, Kirkby Lonsdale and Austwick. Thanks go to the ladies of the club who make the teas and organise the raffles.

The bowling Club are hosts this year for the annual Home Guard Cup which has been played between Bentham, Austwick, Ingleton and ourselves. There is a story that this competition was originally a rifle shooting contest but was eventually replaced with a bowling competition.

Burton Bowling Club is an excellent ambassador for the village hosting many matches and events from visiting teams from all the towns and villages mentioned above.

We raise funds by means of annual subscriptions and an annual jumble sale held at Ingleton Community Centre in the Spring.

We are always looking to attract new members to join us and enjoy the company and friendship that bowling provides. Bowling is a community activity and any age group can play and compete, we have players in their twenties and two member in their nineties. We hold practice sessions on Thursday evenings at 6.30 and also practice on Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 2pm.

Visitors to the village are welcome to play throughout the season, entrance fee £1 per person.

Thank you

John Wood (President)

Bridge Club - report submitted before the meeting by Ruth Brown was read by Cllr Thompson
Report from The Bridge Club at Burton

The Bridge Club at Burton re started in September 2022 on Monday nights in the Sports Pavilion from 7 pm to 9.30 pm. We had not met since lockdown in March 2020. Quite a few members did not return because of covid.

We have been gradually building up numbers and now have about 20 members. We charge a nominal fee each week to cover the cost of hiring the pavilion. We have a drink and biscuits halfway through the evening bringing our own tea, coffee, milk and biscuits.

We would be pleased to welcome new members but unfortunately we are not able to offer tuition.

In the winter we found the pavilion to be rather cold but after having a word with someone in the village shop the heating has been turned up and the temperature has been much more comfortable.

We hope to be able to carry on meeting for the foreseeable future.

One issue which does concern us is that when we are locking up it is very dark outside the door and we have quite a few elderly members. Would it be possible to fix a sensor light or a solar sensor light or a delayed action switch for the outside light which is there but the switch is taped over. We would be happy to make a contribution if needed.

Many thanks.

Ruth Brown

4th May 2023

Burton Chapel - report submitted before the meeting by Jenny Sedgewick read by Cllr Spedding
Burton Chapel continue to meet every Sunday morning in the Church room at All Saints Church, except on the 1st Sunday of every month when there is a joint service with All Saints Church at 11 am. Everyone is welcome.

Jenny Sedgewick

Burton Film Nights - report submitted before the meeting by Tina Douglass Taylor read by Cllr Thompson
The Burton In Lonsdale Film Group restarted post-Covid in September 2022 with ten members in the group.

The night of the monthly film showing was changed to a Saturday night at 7.30pm (formerly it was Tuesday night) as a trial. This has been a great success with attendance in the Village Hall of between 35 and 60 people, depending on the film.

A variety of film genres have been shown, following careful selection by the group.

Films are obtained from Cine North, Penrith who are also responsible for obtaining the correct licences and other legal requirements necessary to show a film in a public building.

Refreshments sourced from the Village Shop are served prior to the film and in the interval.

The film nights are greatly enjoyed by members of the village and also brings visitors from other villages. It is an asset to the community, especially to those who have no transport to visit other cinemas.

Teena Douglass Taylor

Burton In Lonsdale Film Group

Burton Communication Group report submitted before the meeting by David Gillibrand read by Cllr Taylor
What is this about? Does it do anything useful that might interest me?

Well, for a start, how many of you knew that this is the group responsible for producing the Burtonian every two months. You've probably seen one about and some of you may even have read some of the content.

It's free to residents of Burton in Lonsdale (delivered to your door!) or 50p otherwise. How is this possible?

Read on:

Income is raised by selling advertising space at a very reasonable rate, considering the quality of the finished article. Which reminds me - it also includes several interesting articles (almost all of them finished). Would you believe it only costs £27.50 for a one eighth page advert for a year (that's 6 issues). It's amazing how much information can be squeezed into the space available. Larger adverts can be placed at an appropriate cost or an advert may be only put into a single issue, if required. Many thanks to all our advertisers.

Also included are details of local events and some from around the district. Photographic evidence of some of these events is often provided, in colour, too.

In addition to the printed edition, all this information is available on line, if you know where to look.

The Group is also responsible for the Village website which includes Parish Council matters and the Pavilion bookings, and we are currently planning a major revision to the site. This revision will also include links to other Village websites.

We are also considering establishing a regular mailing to interested residents about forthcoming events or other things of interest.

Website details: Burton-in-Lonsdale.net

For advertising or submitting articles etc. email: burton.news@gmail.com

Burton Regeneration Group - report submitted before the meeting by Ian Thompson read by Cllr Thompson
Since completing the sports pavilion project, Burton Regeneration Group has restricted its activities to supporting projects initiated by other groups in the village. It has done this by providing funding to Burton Pals with Trowels and through the Parish Council for the improvement of the Multi-Use Games Area.

When the B4RN4BiL project was set up, BRG offered its support as a registered charity with an established bank account and annual accounting process. This enabled B4RN4BiL to concentrate on the practical aspects of their project while BRG looked after the administration of claiming grants for the work done by community volunteers.

The funds raised by the Community Workforce in the B4RN4BiL project are currently held in the BRG bank account and are being used to deliver projects for the village.

BRG trustees

Community First Responders report submitted before the meeting by Julie Clarke read by Cllr Thompson
Annual Report on the activities of Burton in Lonsdale First Responders.

First Responders are now fully active in the village with the health protocols introduced during Covid largely lifted. We have recommenced face to face training and are also required to undertake greater online mandatory training.

I am pleased to say the village responders are to be joined by another volunteer Colin Stroud shortly. As ever we would be delighted if anyone else would like to undertake training to be a first responder.

Julie Gabriel-Clarke

Community Workforce - report submitted before the meeting by Simon Stockton read by Cllr Thompson
The B4RN4BiL Community Workforce decided that once the B4RN project was concluded, they would like to carry on volunteering within the community. Thus, the Burton in Lonsdale Community Workforce was established with the purpose of meeting once a month to complete tasks in and around the village for the benefit of our community.

The inaugural task, in March 2023, was to complete the replacement of the boards that surround the Multi-Use Games Area at the Recreation Field. This task was quite involved and took four consecutive Saturday mornings to complete. In April 2023 the task was to replace the bench and build stone planters at the western entrance to the village which will be planted up by the Pals with Trowels group. The stone was donated by members of the community, a great example of what we can achieve working together.

Many thanks to all those in the Community Workforce group who keep turning up to improve the village for the benefit of all in our community. If you want to join the group you are more than welcome. Communication is via WhatsApp and you can decide which tasks on which months that you would like to get involved in. The invitation is open to everyone as we all have something we can offer.

If anyone has a project in mind that would be suited for the Community Workforce please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Simon Stockton / 07720705882 / stockton.simon@googlemail.com

Concert and Cakes - Report presented by Christine Wardle

This year, in September, Concert&Cakes will be 10 years old!

The first concert was held in September 2013 and was a tribute to Burton in Lonsdale resident Chris Rowland. An internationally renowned violinist and chamber musician, Chris established the Chamber Music Department at the Royal Northern College of Music and it is the heritage of those groups he coached that we enjoy today at All Saints Church.

The structure of offering free concerts in return for donations is based on a similar successful concert series at Emmanuel Church in Manchester and we are committed to making sure that ours are accessible and open to as many people as possible.

Concert&Cakes is run by myself organising the music and the publicity, Steve Vose managing the finances and Cathy Rowland organising the cakes. In the last year, we returned to our usual pattern of four concerts, in October, November, February and March. After a break of 2 years during the Covid-19 pandemic, October and November had a smaller audience than we used to have, but February and March seemed to be back to strength with between 100 and 120 at each.

And now for some statistics. In the last ten years we have

- Held 35 concerts
- Hosted 136 musicians
- Playing around 23 different instruments
- Enjoyed an estimated 490 cakes!!

We have 90 names on our email list and estimate the cumulative audience over the last 10 years to be around 3,500 (some people coming more than once of course!)

And as for the musicians, well

Caroline Pether from the first ensemble we had, the Zelkova String Quartet, is now leader of Manchester Camerata

Dani Sicari and the Easy Rollers, who entertained us at the Village Jubilee party last year have just completed a Spring tour

Delia Stevens of Kabantu is now senior lecturer in percussion at Leeds conservatoire alongside a string of performing credits and broadcasting and

Abel Selaoe of Project Jam Sandwich has been signed as a solo artist on Warner Classics, released his first album last September, featured on Later ... with Jools Holland and has just returned from his first US tour.

I'd like to finish with a message from Cathy, which was originally intended to be published in The Burtonian:

“ Christine, Steve and myself never cease to be amazed at the number of people who come up to us and tell us how much they enjoy the event, which is a joy for us to hear and makes all the preparatory work worthwhile, even though it is the musicians, bakers and helpers who graciously bring it all to life on the day! Way back in 2012 the event was conceived first and foremost as an inclusive, community event and this magical ‘musical tea party’ does only happen because of each of you who contribute to it. So, an enormous thank you to all of you who have helped make it happen for a staggering 10 years!!! Wonderfully my current list of bakers (who must groan every time they get my ‘cake begging letters’) actually contains some of the same names as 10 years ago! Whilst not everyone can bake every time (although some faithfully do!) the sheer number of cakes baked by certain villagers for Concert&Cakes down the years will, by now, be very high.

So this is just to salute and thank each one of you bakers and helpers. Concert&Cakes would not have been what it has been - and still is - without each one of your contributions! THANK YOU!

And if anyone new to the village has the baking bug and would like to contribute homemade cakes for when it next happens just let me or Christine know (catherine.c.r.rowland@btinternet.com) and I will willingly and joyously add your name to the list of people I ask to bake a cake for it. “

Thank you

Christine Wardle for Concert&Cakes

11 May 2023

Coronation Committee – Report presented by Cllr Alan Coulthurst

Cllr Coulthurst thanked everyone for coming to the Coronation event which was a great success. It was few months in the planning and it all came together on the day, helped by the fine weather. The Jubilee fund was used to cover the costs prior to the event but it is hoped that costs were covered on the day and will be repaid to the Jubilee fund. He thanked everyone who helped to make the day a success. The committee would like to make the event an annual one if there are enough interested helpers. Two junior members organised a raffle on the day raising £187 for Stay and Play.

Emergency Plan – report presented by Andy Ive

The plan is updated annually and can be found on the village website. Please contact me if you see any needed amendments, or if anyone would like to take over the Plan.

Andy Ive

Friendship Group - report submitted before the meeting by Heather Randall was read by Cllr Thompson

What a great selection of speakers we have found this year to share their amazing life stories and hobbies with us.

We have also enjoyed craft activities making Easter Cards, embroidered felt hearts and explored line drawing.

We meet on the First Thursday in the month in the Parish Church Hall at 2.00pm. Come along and join us for an afternoon of friendship and fun.

Look out for our Posters which advertise our events.

Our last meeting before our Summer Break will be Thursday June 1st where we will be bringing an item that has a Special Memory for us.

We get back together again on Thursday 7th September at 2.00pm. We look forward to seeing you then. Contact. Heather Randall on 62619 or Jane Burn on 61081

Heritage Group - The report from Carole Biles was read by Cllr Biles**Report for the Annual Parish Meeting 2023****Heritage Group**

The Heritage Group is made up of a small number of local ladies who are interested in preserving and extending the knowledge of village history. We were quite active prior to covid times, meeting by monthly but lately we seem to have taken a break from bimonthly meetings. We need to get our mojo back and perhaps a few new members would help us do that.

Our most recent trip out was to view a really interesting piece of Burton Stoneware which you may have seen articles about in the Burtonian and Craven Herald, the Craven Heifer Jug. It was a real privilege for the group to be invited to view this piece of Burton Pottery probably a water jug manufactured for the Craven Heifer in Ingleton in 1896

We held a small exhibition last September on the Horticultural Society in Burton. This coincided with the Horticultural show which took place. Our group member Jane Burns had a wealth of information on the old society, medals, certificates, rosettes and early schedules. This like the other exhibitions we have put on through the years was very well attended, lots of people signed the visitor book and left lots of lovely comments which is very encouraging given that we are such a very small band.

Going forward we intend to continue with our oral history project – recording memories of Burton from ‘seasoned’ that’s a nicer expression than ‘older’ members of our community who have lived in this lovely village we are all privileged to call home. I’m sure we will also be getting together to discuss something to coincide with this years Horticulture Show.

If anyone would like to join us or just come along to a meeting to get a feel of what we get up to then please speak to any of the group members – Julie Gabriel-Clarke, Maggie Bruno, Marion Hodgson, Loretta Dolan, Jean Smith or myself.

Carole Biles
Treasurer

Jubilee Committee – Report presented by Mike Lavelle

Report on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations for the Annual Parish meeting

In January 2022 the Parish Council appointed a sub-committee to organise an event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. By that time a few people had begun work: the bridal exhibition had been arranged, lighting the beacon was organised, permission to close roads had been sought, the PRS had been approached regarding any licences we might need and the availability of the band we wanted was checked. Other events under consideration at the time were a disco, a classic car exhibition, a Coronation chicken night in the pub and a sports day for children. The first committee meeting was held in early January and following that a group of around 20 people worked to ensure the various events, would take place. The village owes those 20 or so people a huge thank you for their efforts. I would also like to thank the various people/organisations for their donations, without them we would have had to charge more than we wanted for the different events. NYCC (David Ireton), CDC (Linda Brockbank and Stuart Handley), Burton in Lonsdale PC, Pals with Trowels, the Methodist Church, The Village Shop, Mick and Heather Hill, BiL Heritage Group and Concert & Cakes.

All that remained was to see how successful the four days would be. I was confident that the bridal exhibition, the lighting of the beacon, the Coronation chicken feast, the classic cars and the disco would be well supported and would justify the efforts of the volunteers. What I was not sure about was if the weather would affect the village party in Low Street and the picnic and sports day on the recreation field. Fortunately, the committee's faith in my ability to organise good weather for the two days was well founded. Both days were a success, Dani Sicari and the Easy Rollers were great fun and very entertaining. On the Sunday the picnic and sports day, the easiest and cheapest event of the weekend, was a huge success, probably the 'welly whanging' was the high point of the day, although the children enjoyed their events too. At its final meeting the committee had to decide what to do with the surplus of £1,525.97 the events generated. Several options were considered and other opinions sought. It was agreed that a fund be created, the purpose of which is to provide seed funding for future village events. Such events must also provide a surplus.

During the months of preparation and the Jubilee weekend itself, it was good to see that we didn't have to rely on the same old (in some cases, very old) faces to make things happen. There has been a mix of old and new with roughly half of the 20 people on the committee having lived in Burton for twelve years or less, some for under a year. Whilst this is a healthy sign, it would be good to see still more of the under 45s say, taking a more active rôle in village affairs. Perhaps these Jubilee events will prove to be a catalyst and more young, and very young, people will step forward and take over the running of the village.

Lonsdale Wheelers - report submitted before the meeting by Lyndon Thomas was read by Cllr Thompson **Report to the Annual Parish Meeting – 11th May 2023**

The club still comprises 3 main groups catering for 3 different options and objectives:

- **Longer Ride Group:** riding throughout the year on quiet roads at a pace that's enjoyable; no one is left behind. Distances up to c70 miles.
- **Shorter Recreation Ride Group:** twice a month spring to autumn, at a steadier pace and especially suited to anyone with an E-Bike. Distances typically c20-30 miles.
- **Mid-week Group:** typically retired or working part-time. Distances typically up to 70 miles.

The longer ride group also organise car assisted away-days and overnight trips to add interest and keep things fresh. The club also participates in local sportives.

Additional club activities in the last 12 months have included:

- 7-day club tour to Mallorca cycling some of the island's classic routes.
- 2 days cycling around the Peak District.
- Away-day to cycle Holme Moss and the South Pennine moors
- Club participation in the West Riding Classic and Cumbrian Cracker sportives.
- Planned 2023 club tour to the Costa Blanca to cycle in the Sierra Mariola in Spain.

Communication and ride coordination is by WhatsApp. The first Sunday of the month is set as the regular ride but there are far more rides organised informally between members on WhatsApp.

Membership remains only £5 per annum; which includes British Cycling club affiliation. The club has also been able to fund first aid courses for 2 members and a donation to the NW Air Ambulance service.

Social media contact: the website is a good starting point:

www.lonsdalewheelers.weebly.com

Local contact: Club Secretary Tim Rollinson. timrollinson@icloud.com

Lune Rivers Trust

No report was received

Multimedia Shop – report was presented by Simon Willan

My name is Simon Willan and I am the owner of the Multimedia Shop on the High Street

Essentially we are a computer repair shop, but we also sell new and used computers.

Because the name Multimedia shop sounds vague, (it dates back to a fad for CD-Rom drives, sound cards and speakers of the early 90s) we are asked to look at all manner of weird and wonderful things. At the moment, I'm in the process of repairing the LED lights on a Lego Ferris wheel and rebuilding a 1950s smoking animatronic bar tender!

We have been in the Village for more than 27 years providing a service to an ever growing number of people from far and wide. Many of whom are people who have lived locally but have moved to places as far away as Australia.

I think we have a rather different approach to the service we provide – I spent the first 18 years of my working life as a nurse so I aim to assess people's needs and work out the best way of meeting them, rather than pushing product.

I believe that users need to understand that there is a difference between a driver and a mechanic – I am a mechanic whereas they are drivers. Also that not knowing something is not the same as stupidity!

We always try to educate where appropriate.

NB. Several group representatives expressed their thanks to Simon for help with printing and technical issues.

Pals with Trowels - report given by Marilyn Smith.

It has been a very successful and busy year for the PALS.

The bi-monthly book café has continued to be a very popular and well supported event and is now well established in the village calendar. The November book café saw the introduction of bacon sandwiches onto the menu. This was originally intended to be a one off experiment but proved to be so popular that it was decided to stick with it for the winter months. Together with the usual array of cakes, we ensured that all tastes were catered for.

We were given permission by the PC to source and plant two trees adjacent to the children's playground to replace the two trees that had been removed a couple of years ago. After much deliberation we decided to purchase two flowering cherry trees which were planted last autumn and hope that in the years to come, as they become well established, they will become an attractive addition to this area.

In early Spring last year we successfully applied to the Platinum Jubilee Fund for a grant to enable us to create a wildlife area adjacent to the Orchard. The earlier felling of several trees on safety grounds had exposed an area of woodland that lent itself to such a project, and so the Platinum Jubilee Wildlife area was born. A massive clearance operation was followed by the provision of bird boxes, bat boxes, wildflower planting and the erection of a living willow dome which has proved very popular with younger visitors to the orchard area. At the beginning of the Easter holidays we were joined by children from the village and their families who had great fun building a bug hotel which hopefully will be hosting its first guests by now! Wood piles made from the felled trees have been placed throughout the area to act as habitats for all manner of creepy crawlies and any other wildlife that may care to use them. Of course all this didn't just happen by itself and massive thanks must be given to those volunteers who have given their time, usually Saturday/Sunday mornings to help with all the heavy work that this project generated. We couldn't have done it without you – you know who you are!

Another challenge has been the renovation of the western entrance to the village, following the installation of the B4RN cabinet. In order to make way for this we had to remove two small trees, the bench and the planters surrounding the village sign. Over two weekends at the beginning of May, the community workforce along with some of our members have transformed this area by building a plinth for the newly painted bench and two stone planters either side of the village entrance sign which will be soon be planted up with seasonal blooms, and will provide an attractive welcome to the village for visitors and residents alike. Wherever you look in and around the village you will come across the results of the work continually going on behind the scenes to keep the village looking its best, regardless of the time of year. I would like to personally thank each and every one of our group for their continued hard work and commitment to the village, and to the residents of Burton who support our events in such numbers, enabling us to continue to fund the work we do.

Marilyn Smith

Joint Chair, Burton PALS

The Punch Bowl

no report received.

All Saints Church report - report submitted before the meeting by Christine Whitfield read by Cllr Thompson
We settled into a new "normal" last year and enjoyed being able to host the Pancake Party in the village hall, summer and Advent fairs, Village produce Show, Concert & Cakes, Christmas Carol service & singing carols around the Christmas tree.

We said "goodbye" to Rev Denis Tate and his wife Pauline at the end of July. We are not allowed to advertise for a replacement Team Vicar until a replacement Team Rector has been appointed at St John's Bentham! But we have to provide the same pattern of services, celebrations, fund raising and still pay our Share of over £10,000p so we thank all our congregation, villagers & visitors who help to make this happen by their generous support.

Stay & Play report - report submitted before the meeting by Christine Whitfield read by Cllr Thompson
Stay & Play continues on Thursday mornings from 9.30 in the Church room. It is a joy to those of us who volunteer to make this happen weekly, our numbers are increasing and we welcome families from the village and surrounding villages to meet, chat and play. We thank the World War One committee who generously donated the remainder of their funds to us, and have bought a Rollerball Fun House which has been a huge success with the children. The older children chose some new books for our library, and we still have money left over which we will spend next year. Thank you to all our volunteers, families, and All Saints church for their support.

Table tennis group - report submitted before the meeting by Denise O'Hara was read by Cllr Thompson
The **Table Tennis Group** continues meet in the village hall on a Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We enjoy some friendly games, never too competitive but always fun, which hopefully keeps our reflexes sharp and provides manageable exercise for ageing limbs! It's a level playing field for men and women of all ages, as

evidenced by our oldest player who is over 90. We think everyone would benefit from taking part. Unfortunately numbers have dropped since Covid, we have a group of around 6 regular attenders, but of course people have other commitments and at this time of year are starting to go on holidays. We need at least 4 players for a viable session from a table tennis point of view, and at least 5 if we are going to cover the cost of hiring the hall without dipping into our modest reserves. We have sometimes had to cancel sessions at the last minute due to insufficient numbers, and may have to consider dropping to one session a week if the situation continues. Please encourage anyone you know, including yourselves, to come and give the game a go, we welcome new players and also the return of old friends. Use it or lose it, as the saying goes!

For those who wish to improve their game or maybe cannot attend in the daytime, there is an alternative session, usually on a Thursday evening, where coaching is provided by two more experienced players. Around 4 or 5 players have an extended session at the tables, again any new members are welcome.

Denise O'Hara.

Village Hall Committee - report was presented by Andy Ive

The Hall is doing well both financially and in both committee position take up, and more importantly, in bookings.

There is a programme of events being held, most of which have been well attended.

On the building project, we have a detailed design layout agreed, and planning permission to carry out the work. A recently blocked drain necessitated the digging up of part of the yard and this is now repaired ready for the new toilet block. Grant funding is ongoing, and several organizations are being looked at for assistance.

The kitchen refurbishment has been completed and proving to be very popular, with just the extraction and opening window to be installed to solve a condensation issue.

The sound system has now been reconnected in a new cabinet kindly built by Rique Linares.

Plans are also afoot to decorate the hall and try out some sound proofing to deaden the echo during concerts.

Film nights are continuing regularly, as are table tennis, book café, and a new, monthly Wednesday Drop in café is being tried to replace the one that used to be held in the Methodist Hall.

I would like to start a repair shop café once a month, watch this space.

Andy Ive

Village Shop - report submitted before the meeting by David Gillibrand was read by Cllr Thompson

Report from the Chair of the Village Shop Committee

I am pleased to report that the Shop continues to thrive in its role as a principal facility in the Village. Not only does it provide full shopping service for those who want it, and "convenience" shopping for those who want that, it's also a hub, providing a source of community support to every individual and household.

We are eternally grateful to our Manager, Sarah Salrein, together with her team of paid staff and, of course, the team of volunteers. Not only do they make the shop do its job effectively, they also provide its friendly and supportive atmosphere, which is valued so much by so many frequent and less frequent customers.

During the year we have held a public meeting – at which about 40 people attended and provided input on what they saw as our strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats. We have also carried out a customer survey, which has confirmed overwhelming satisfaction with the Shop. These exercises have helpfully identified ways to improve what we are doing.

In particular, I am pleased to confirm that, from 1st June, we will be opening until 6pm, on Mondays to Friday.

Also we have placed the order for installation, in the next few weeks, of new doors, and will tomorrow be finalising the order for a new counter and shelving behind it. We will be rearranging the shop display and giving the shop a thorough makeover.

Apart from improving our customers "shopping experience" these changes will give the Shop better financial resilience, going forward. So we can be very confident about the future.

Woodland Trust

No report was received

Young Farmers - report submitted before the meeting by James Hodgkinson was read by Cllr Thompson Burton In Lonsdale Young Farmers currently has 30 members signed on of mixed ages, between 10-26. We seem to have recently acquired a large group of younger members, 13-15 year old which will hopefully be the continuation of the club.

Within the parish we regularly host our Tuesday evening activities, often at the sports pavilion for outdoor/activities in summer and in the village hall mostly in winter time. We are often raising funds for the club and other charities, such as our domino drive held in the village hall, our muck chuck delivering throughout the parish and historically carol singing.

James Hodgkinson – Burton YFC Chair

Flag flying - The report was presented by Cllr Wardle

Flying the Flag

When I became a councillor in early 2022, a duty that I picked up because I had previously had my own flagpole and a collection of flags, was to take over the Parish Council's responsibility for hoisting the one and only flag, the "union flag" (it is only the Union Jack when flown on a boat) on specific allowable days throughout the year.

Thanks mainly to eBay, I now have a collection of some 23 flags, mainly countries, but with a few others such as "Pride", the Yorkshire Rose and Concert&Cakes.

We only fly the flags on a particular public occasion for the country in question, such as their national or freedom day. However, some countries have different official public holidays that I feel we may also like to join in with. For example, on 26th May, Australia celebrates "National Sorry Day" which originally was established to say sorry to the indigenous people, but is now used to as a day to say sorry for any reason. Another example will be on 18th September which, in Japan, is "Respect for the Aged" Day, a day I feel that we in Burton in Lonsdale should embrace. The Japanese national flag is one of the latest I have acquired, having been advised that there are connections with residents and relatives in the village. Also please remember that we have the Ukrainian national flag so if anyone is holding a benefit event for the Ukraine, then please let me know and I'd be happy to fly the flag on that day.

The list of all the flags, and my "Flag Diary" is on the Parish Council web page. I now have over 60 dates in the Diary, but as a "vexillologist", which is a collector of flags, I am hoping to add more soon. Any suggestions, or donations of flags that need a new home, welcome.

If anyone would like to offer any further suggestions for flags that we could fly, please do not hesitate to contact me on ianspudwardle@gmail.com

Cllr Ian Wardle

11 May 2023

The Chair asked if any other Group would like to report and a member of All Saints Bell Ringers reported - **The Bellingring Group** practice on a Tuesday evening.

The bells ring on the first Sunday of the month and on special days. They were rung on Coronation Day and they joined in with Ring for the King. The group has many inexperienced bell ringers and 2 new members. New recruits are welcome.

8. Written resolutions received

There were none.

9. Close of meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming. The meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

Signed

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