

Minutes

Burton-in-Lonsdale Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 21st May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: 12 Members of public, 7 Parish Councillors; County Councillor Ireton, District Councillor Brockbank, PC David Ridler

In Attendance: Clerk to Burton-in-Lonsdale Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr. Mr. Ian Thompson

Apologies: Mr M Lavelle, Mr G Price and Mrs A Whitworth.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking attendees for their time, stating the Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for the Parish Council and other community organisations to report to you on their efforts to support the village.

1 Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 26th June 2014

The Chairman ask the meeting to examine the Minutes, in large print format, at the back of the hall; if there were no comments after the meeting, the Minutes would be signed.

The Chairman moved the Police Report be made before that of the Parish Council Chairman, to allow PC Ridley to continue his work shift. The meeting agreed.

2 Police Report

PC Ridley reported on the North Yorkshire Police reorganisation, seeing three beat managers on response calls, and three beat managers on long term issues such as social care, etc.

As was widely reported, the Skipton custody suite closed, the nearest suite now at Harrogate (a 2 ½ to 3 hour round trip, in good traffic conditions, from this area). Negotiations with neighbouring forces in Cumbria and Lancashire re custody provision are on-going.

Residents are encouraged to report any crime, no matter how small; they are also encouraged to be mindful of property security and the simple measures to be taken to protect personal property.

The Chairman thanked PC Ridley for his report; PC Ridley left the meeting at 7.40pm.

3 Chairman of Parish Council's Report

I would like to once again express our thanks to councillors Sandra Chapman, Stuart Handley, Margaret Mason, Kath Salrein, Tommy Sedgewick and Jan Shaw for their continued efforts on your behalf this year.

We are also extremely grateful to our Parish Clerk Sue Gregory who works diligently behind the scenes to ensure that the Parish Council fulfils its duties and represents the interests of all Burton residents. She is the visible face of the Parish Council, always willing to listen to residents' concerns and try to engage the appropriate level of the local government structure to help them.

We would like to thank Lin Barrington for her attendance at our council meetings throughout the year and will miss her updates and the help she has

given us on matters under the control of Craven District Council. I hope that I will be able to do as good a job as Lin once I get to understand my new responsibilities there. We will continue to be supported by District Councillor Linda Brockbank, whose advice and connections are invaluable to me personally and to us as a parish council.

Our thanks to County Councillor David Ireton, for his continued support with a variety of issues during the year. He provides sound advice on County Council matters and makes representations for us, to their officers and other county councillors.

PC Andy McClurg has joined many of our council meetings during the year to update us on local police news. We have been disappointed to hear that the organisational changes in North Yorkshire Police mean that we are less likely to see him in future. We thank him for his interest and wish him well with his new responsibilities.

I am pleased to report that most PC meetings in the past year have been attended by members of the public. One or two of our meetings have been quite lively as a result! We recognise that we cannot please everyone on every matter, but we do our best to find an acceptable solution to contentious issues. The Parish Council is here to represent you, so please come to our meetings and express your opinions. If you feel strongly that you could do a better job, then let us know of your interest in becoming a councillor.

At last year's Annual Parish Meeting we talked about the possibility of losing the last pub in our village, the Punchbowl Inn. The team who canvassed for support to buy the pub raised a significant number of promises to invest but ultimately decided that they would not be able to obtain enough money to buy the building and refurbish it. So now, it is up to us to decide if we want the pub to continue to serve the village. If we do not use it, we will lose it. Many of us joined the retirement party for Sid Ormrod held at the Punchbowl and it occurred to me then, that if the pub were that busy every week, the brewery would not be trying to sell it.

If, like me, you did not know Sid's surname, it is no surprise. To everyone in the village and surrounding area he simply was 'Sid the postman' – always cheerful, come rain or shine – you could see his hair coming long before you could make out his face. We will miss him and hope that he visits us now and again to tell us about his car restoration and racing projects. I am sure that I speak for everyone in Burton when I wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

We will hear shortly about the progress being made towards the replacement of our sports pavilion when Burton Regeneration Group make their report, but on behalf of the council I would like to thank all of you for your continued support with fund-raising and your participation in sporting activities. When the pavilion is ready, we will need to use it and will need people to step forward to help look after it. Please do not be shy – all offers of help will be welcome.

The Parish Council has now completed its project to replace the street lights for which it is responsible. You will have seen that now NYCC is now replacing its lights on Manor Close, Greta Heath and Brookland. Their project will include controllers to switch off most of the lights between midnight and 5am. The Parish Council will monitor the reaction of affected residents before re-considering whether the same scheme would be suitable for our lights.

The Parish Council is also responsible for the maintenance of the recreation ground, the village green, the old closed churchyard, the riverside open space and public benches around the parish. We hope that the significant interest that was expressed to us about the recent loss of one of our trees by the river bridge will be translated into practical support to help us keep the village looking attractive.

Whether it is by joining the volunteers who give their time to make minor repairs, clear weeds, plant gardens on unused land or just clearing up you walk your own dog, it all helps and it is appreciated not just by the council but by all residents: you all make a difference, so thank you.

There are so many ways to contribute and they can be a lot of fun. If you are willing to offer your skills and time to the community, please contact any of the councillors; there is always plenty to do, even in a small village like ours. With that, I would like to invite representatives of each of the village organisations to tell us their news, their plans for the future and to advertise themselves to anyone that does not know what they do for us all.

Ian Thompson
Chairman, Burton in Lonsdale Parish Council

4 Burton Regeneration Group: Sports Pavilion Update

Chairman Margaret Mason reported construction of the new pavilion started on 2nd March 2015 and will have roof trusses installed very shortly. It's a very exciting time for the project. Many thanks for all their hard work go to the Trustees and Members, and for residents' support of the various fund-raising and social events. Fund-raising is on-going: there will be a Fun Run on Saturday 4th July, 10.30am on the Recreation Field; all are welcome to participate, no matter your age or fitness!

6 County and District Councillors' Reports

County Councillor David Ireton reported the new Leader of North Yorkshire County Council is Carl Lis (Ingleton). The major challenge of financial austerity continues: over the past four years more than £40 million savings have been made and within those savings there have been additional genuine savings of £57 million. The savings programme is slightly ahead of schedule and has prompted a radical re-think of how services are provided, such as the Extra Care policy and strategy for older people wishing to remain in their homes later in life. Also working with Welcome to Yorkshire following the Tour de France 2014 cycle race first stage in Yorkshire in 2014. Another plus is the opening of a new primary school in Bentham; on the down side is the loss of Burton's own primary school, Richard Thornton's, last August, after a campaign to save it by local residents and councillors alike.

District Councillor Brockbank expressed her pleasure in Cllr Thompson's recent election to the District Council, and looks forward to working with him on the various issues Craven District Council deals with such as Environmental Health (waste bins, dog waste, green waste, food inspections), planning, taxi licences, etc. She also gave her congratulations for the Pavilion Project and looks forward to the official opening.

7 Village Organisations Reports

Verbal and written reports were received from the following organisations:

All Saints' PCC

Canon Rev. Bruno (retired) read the following report to the meeting:

We have lots to thank God for.

Last September we appointed our Team Rector, Rev. Anne Russell. This is very good news and now means we can begin the development of our new Team. This new Ingleborough Team includes the parishes of Chapel le Dale, Burton in Lonsdale, Thornton in Lonsdale, Ingleton and Bentham. Anne lives in Bentham and now leads our parish. We are also very grateful to David Bruno who helps with services.

The PCC is delighted that we have been able to secure £100,000 from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Fund. This amounts to 62% of the total amount needed for the shingle repair so we will be announcing fund raising events shortly.

Our new "Stay and Play at All Saints" group for pre-schoolers and their parents meets on Thursday mornings during term time. It is proving quite popular with local parents and their little ones. Look out for us on Facebook where dates and special events are announced. Helpers and new members are always welcome and the PCC wishes to thank all volunteers who help with this new venture.

*Ann Whitworth, Church Warden; Gyn Price, Reader,
All Saints, Burton in Lonsdale.*

Burton in Lonsdale Art Group

The Art Group still survives, and we still meet in Vera Dodgson's house as we do not have enough members to afford the village hall. If you like painting, give us a try – we are very informal and our only limits are what you want to do. *Margaret Gibson, 6.5.2015*

Burton Book Group

Jill Peel wrote:

In March this year the Book Group celebrated 20 years of shared readership. Currently we number nine, four of whom are founder members. We meet about every six weeks to discuss the choice of one of our members. We share not only our love of books but also a great friendship.

Burton Bowling Club

John Wood reported on a successful 2014 season, playing a lot of different teams. Some new members have joined this year; the team has been playing the Monday Veterans (!) and is top of the league so far with four games played. The club has applied for planning permission to build a new club house to provide its own facilities, separate from the sports pavilion.

Burton Chapel

David Brown reported the Chapel holds regular Sunday morning services, with between 15 and 20 people attending. The successful Friday Coffee Mornings continue, and raise money for local causes. The Ladies' Friendship Group continues its monthly meetings. The Chapel building faces its quinquennial inspection this year; it is anticipated remedial works will be necessary to bring the building up to current standards.

Burton Community Sports

Ian Parker wrote:

The all weather pitch is now 17 years old and its benefits continue to be enjoyed by a wide community; however, it still raises issues similar to those on day one.

It provides a venue for football and tennis to a wide age group and from Burton and other communities. Its condition is fair but it does need some phased maintenance to the boards (originals) and some fencing. The amount of vandalism is much lower now with only the occasional expensive damage. Security for such a facility is problematic if it is to be open to all and with no supervisor or booking agent on site. There is a lot of trust and good will needed to make it work.

We have set a charging regime since day one, with spot fees as well as annual membership. The payment of spot fees and take up of membership has always been sporadic (with some worthy exceptions) and our main income has always come from fees for flood lights. This does not provide enough income for major refurbishment and we do need to find a better way to generate enough income to maintain the facility.

The building of the pavilion and the management structure around this and the other clubs, does seem to provide an opportunity to rationalise the management of the all weather pitch and look for ways to put income and maintenance on a better footing. So watch this space.

Burton First Responders

John Wood reported:

This year we have attended a small number of call outs in the area and in Ingleton and Westhouses. We were extremely pleased that with the assistance of the parish council, village hall and Craven District Council to be able to secure funding for the installation of an AED outside the village hall. Our thanks go to all concerned.

A very well attended meeting was held in April by Chrissy Blakely from Yorkshire Ambulance to show villagers how to use the AED.

We continue to operate with three members and we are delighted to report that a former member will be available for cover shortly and two people have expressed an interest in joining us. We are fortunate to live in a predominately healthy village but it would be wonderful if we could translate some of the interest shown at that AED information meeting into more members for the First Responder Group.

Lonsdale Wheelers Cycling Club (Burton Cyclers)

Jan Shaw read the report from Mark Christie:

Lonsdale Wheelers Cycling Club serves both recreational and serious cyclists with both racing and MTB disciplines. Membership is just £15 and we are affiliated to British Cycling. Membership benefits include affiliation to the British Cycling network, discounts at online and major cycling stores, third party road cycling insurance and being part of a convivial cycling group. We are currently just 13 members but always on the look out for more! We had a very successful inaugural year, with two official club rides every month, culminating in a fantastic Xmas lunch at Wray garden centre tearooms.

Pals with Trowels (formerly Burton Gardening Club)

Maggie Bruno read the report:

The Burton Pals with trowels has 'grown' out of the former gardening club after a number of people expressed interest in joining, at the Parish Plan Launch. We now have 17 members and meet every first Tuesday of the month in the Punch Bowl; it is very informal and all are welcome.

The aim of the group is to have fun, share our knowledge (or lack of it!), visit other gardens and help Burton to 'bloom'. We were delighted when QES design pupils came up with ideas for a group logo; the chosen design can be seen on any of our publicity:



We have planted bulbs around the Village Green and war memorial, which has resulted in a wonderful show this spring. Hopefully, funds allowing, we will be able to extend planting to other parts of the village in the autumn. In June we will be holding the bi-annual open gardens and our thanks go to all who have agreed to open their gardens. We will also be hosting the sale of plants on the day outside the Punch Bowl and would welcome contributions. We have fingers crossed for fine weather. Sue Gregory kindly donated seeds from her last season's giant pumpkin to enable a Giant Pumpkin competition. It's not too late to get your seeds – available from the shop at £1 for 10 seeds. Judging will take place in the autumn.

Plans are underway to enhance the entrances to the village by planting around a dry stone wall which will have the old village signs on. This will be a joint project between the Heritage Group and Pals with Trowels.

Burton Heritage Group (formerly the Millennium History Group)

Maggie Bruno gave Chairman, Julie Clarke's report:

The Burton in Lonsdale Heritage Group is the new name for the group previously known as the Burton Millennium History Group. A number of people expressed an interest in joining an active group at the launch of the Parish Plan and to date we have thirteen members.

In February we held a very successful Heritage Discovery Day with the aim of discovering what artifacts of Burton's past people hold. The group hopes to start to build a digital archive that will be accessible to all. At the moment we are prioritizing projects - we have so many ideas from a heritage trail, oral history to a then and now booklet, in addition to cataloguing and digitizing material. We are also joining Burton Pals with Trowels in helping to restore and plant around the old village signs.

As you can see we have plenty of ideas, we now just need to bring some to fruition. We welcome anyone to come along to one of our meetings. Our thanks must go to the Millennium History Group members who have been key in enabling the formation of the Burton Heritage Group and for all their past endeavors.

Cont'd/.....

...../Cont'd

Burton Parish Plan Team

The PPT reported the findings of the Parish Plan Survey in May 2014 and in February 2015 held an annual meeting to update the village on all the current ongoing initiatives in the village.

Key areas identified in the Parish Plan for action: housing, transport & highways, and amenities. A number of positive actions have resulted from the Plan: gardening, heritage, sports clubs, new benches, and a possible bus to Kirkby Lonsdale. However, there is still so much to do. As with many things, the critical issue has been to maintain the momentum started by the Parish Plan. Although there have been a number of projects identified, there have been few people will to take responsibility.

Burton Soccer Club

Treasurer Ian Thompson reported the club was started in 2014, as part of the activities initiated to support the Sports Pavilion project. Paul Gibson, team captain and trainer runs a team of very young adults who have completed their first year playing against very experienced teams, acquitting themselves very well. Thanks also to Sarah Salrein for doing copious necessary admin behind the scenes.

Burton Village Hall Committee

Andy Ive wrote:

The hall has been very well used so far this year with lots of new events, the Facebook page has details of what has been happening.

Future events include:

- Open Garden Plant Sales outside VH on Sunday 14 June.
- Saturday 20 June for a Coffee Morning for Gwen Harris to raise funds for her trip to Africa with Volunteer Service Organisation.
- Saturday 18 July - Music Hall, no time confirmed yet. 7.30
- Saturday 12 September - Last Night of the Proms - 7.00pm onwards.
- Saturday 26 September - 1st WW Group - 6.30-10.00pm-see article
- Tuesday 29th September- Great Burton Bake off-details later
- Saturday 12 December - Pocket Panto (Aladdin)- 12.00noon-2.00pm

There were *no takers* for a Youth Club in Burton, which is a shame as we shall soon have a pool table and 2 table tennis tables on loan. I am sure that there are youngsters out there who would benefit from it.

The new windows and blinds are nearly ready to go in, and hopefully some radio microphones. Olwen Auret is designing and making a sign for the village hall. A new notice board on the railings will also soon be ready.

When the weather improves the doors will be painted and we would like to have a sprucing up the hall day, painting railings etc.

Burton Village Shop

David Brown reported the Shop is just about keeping its head above water; a new manager was appointed in March and is settling in gradually. As always, the shop welcomes new volunteers and would positively welcome more shoppers!

Burton in Lonsdale Women's Institute

Margaret Gibson, the Hon. Secretary wrote:

During the year we gained 2 new members, but 2 have not rejoined this year. We therefore now have 14 members. Founder member Jennie Lyell died at a great age.

The year started with a very enjoyable Christmas meal in the Ireby Green Cafe. We did not have a meeting on 1 January. During the following months we listened to one of our members, an Inspector of Police talk about her career and how the job for women has changed over the years. She brought some artefacts along and did a striptease when she peeled off her longish old-fashioned police skirt to reveal a pair of natty modern police trousers – much more fit-for-purpose. Someone from the village talked about her experiences fostering children. In

April we had a stunning flower arranging session, especially for those who could not be at last year's.

Resolutions Meeting At the end of the meeting (where we agreed to support the Resolution), we each read a poem or told a story. That session finished with our Police Inspector telling a very funny joke.

June we had talk about a local farm shop and ate samples of their sausages.

July we went round Sizergh Castle with a member of the family that owns it and her son. This visit was partly funded by our WI.

August saw a more serious talk about the importance of whales to the planet and the dangers they face.

September saw a riveting talk by Admiral Sir John Kerr, who lives locally;

October, in complete contrast, we watched a beautiful sweet pea come to life in the hands of a Sugarcraft demonstrator. She even trusted us enough to hand round each stage and the bouquet she constructed at the end. At the end of

October we went to a local theatre to see 'Guys and Dolls'.

Start of 2015 we heard about the Book Club, learnt about the work of a Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages and went round H & M Craftsmen.

In **May 2014** several of us had a lovely evening at the Group Rally, listening to a group of musicians who were joined for a while by Burton's very own Glenda who played the spoons. This year Burton hosted the Competitive Social Evening which was very enjoyable in spite of not being well attended. The same 2 or 3 people continue to represent our WI at Group meetings

Two of us went to a lunch in Ripon to celebrate the baton being passed round to every WI Federation in the country to celebrate the Centenary of the WI, where we also picked up our WI's 65th Birthday Certificate and the picture one member had sent to be used as a Christmas card (it wasn't chosen). Our President is looking forward to being a delegate at the National AGM in 2015. As this is the Centenary the Queen (a WI member) and the Princess Royal will be in attendance. In addition, 4 of our members are going to the special Garden Party being hosted at Buckingham Palace by Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall to celebrate the Centenary.

Members of our WI have been heavily involved in our community run shop and post office since it started 7 years ago, one staffing the post office for several years and others volunteering. One member drives people to and from the surgery.

..... / Cont'd

World War One Commemoration Group

Mike Biles wrote:

The First World War Group is an informal band of parishioners, formed to commemorate the centenary of the Great War and Burton's part in it. The group has about 15 members and meets every other month in the pub.

In the (roughly) 12 months since its inception, its members have:

- Organised and promoted the 'Lights Out' event on 4th August 2014, to coincide with similar events being held nationwide. At least 100 parishioners attended the short service on the village green and walked around the village, returning to the War Memorial to coincide precisely with the centenary of Britain's declaration of war at 11pm on 4th August 1914.
- Organised and held 'Mud and Medicine' earlier this year – two presentations in the village hall, with a small, atmospheric, exhibition, film, music and photos. The first presentation gave details of the experience of visiting parts of the Western Front today, together with much historical background as well as practical information; the second presentation dealt with aspects of the medical services, with particular focus on Hubert Simpson of Kendal, who left copious diaries, the work of casualty clearing stations and the creation of hospitals in the UK to cope with the seriously wounded.
- Compiled a commemorative trail around Burton, marking the places where some of the village's war dead lived. This will be featured in a booklet, supported by a grant from the Western Front Association, which will cost £2. Twenty of the seventy men who went to fight never returned. The booklet includes details of them, plus a map, and is currently under production. It will be launched on 19th July on the Village Green – please come and join us!

The group has no shortage of commemorative ideas, using local records (including the school's), the work of Binyon (whose father was first vicar of All Saints), musical events and talks. It is hoped to hold at least one more event later this year - all will be advertised in the Burtonian.

The group is also planning an exhibition, to be held in July 2016, coinciding with the centenary of the Battle of the Somme.

If you would like to contribute to the work of the WW1 Group, please contact Mike Biles (details from the Parish Clerk).

Concerts and Cakes

Cathy Rowland reported the second year of the hugely successful concert series Concerts and Cakes (4 concerts in 2013-14 and 5 concerts in 2014-15. The format is one hours of musical performance by students from the Royal Northern College of Music (now fighting to sample the cakes!), followed by tea and cakes, baked by local residents. Grateful thanks are given to both concert helpers and bakes. The performance is not charged for, but invites donations toward expenses; the refreshments are charged for. Any surplus is donated to the Church, and other village organisations e.g. the Spire Fund, Sports Pavilion, new village signs, as mentioned before. The next series will be holding performances on the third Saturday in September, October and

November 2015. All are most welcome to come and enjoy the afternoons.

8 Written resolutions received prior to the meeting

Whilst there were no formal resolutions, a resident, John Watman of The Barn, 58 High Street requested discussion around road safety in Burton. Following notifying NYCC of the collapse of the road surface outside his property, and a request the matter be remedied as soon as possible, he requested the parish council's support for a case to be made to put a half metre wide pavement between the road and his property, from Bogg Bridge to West View to remedy poor road camber (rain drains into The Barn basement), and poor road safety re footpath provision.

The Chairman agreed this matter, along with other road safety concerns should be discussed more fully, and indicated it would be on the agenda for the Parish Council's own meeting in June, and to which Mr Watman is invited to attend.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.