

**Minutes**  
**Burton-in-Lonsdale Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm**  
**at the Village Hall, High Street**

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**Present:** 14 Members of public, 6 Parish Councillors, District Cllr. Brockbank, P.C. Barbara Parsons

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

**Chairman:** Cllr. Mr. Ian Thompson

**Apologies:** Cllr. Tate, County Cllr David Ireton, Mike Illsley, Mark Christie

The Chairman welcomed councillors, volunteers and residents to the meeting, thanking attendees for showing their commitment to the village by their attendance.

“Later this evening you will hear about some of the activities in which the Parish Councillors have been involved but I am sure that everyone here recognises your commitment is a key part of making Burton such a pleasant place to live. So Stuart, Margaret, Kath, Tommy, Jan and Denis, thank you very much for everything you do for the residents of Burton. We are also extremely grateful that you have all offered yourselves as candidates for election on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018. As there were no other candidates I can confirm that the council will continue to be formed by these fine folks!

This is a further opportunity for us to hear from the many organisations and interest groups that provide Burton with such a varied social life.”

**1 Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

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

**2 Chairman of Parish Council’s Report**

The council continues to be ably supported by our Parish Clerk, Sue Gregory who keeps us on the straight and narrow and ensures we meet all our legal obligations. If you need help from the local authorities, Sue is always happy to assist either by including your concern on our agenda or advising whether the district or county council will be better able to address your issue.

Regular visitors to our meetings who we would like to recognise and thank, include County Councillor David Ireton, District Councillor Linda Brockbank and PC Barbara Parsons. We value their input and appreciate the time they devote to us.

You will be aware by now that on 27 March 2018, Craven District Council finally submitted the Final Draft of its Local Plan to the Secretary of State for review. In Burton, the sites allocated for housing had been reduced to one: the former primary school site. The Local Plan does not prevent planning applications at other sites being approved but it means that a development at the school will almost certainly be approved. One idea that is being investigated is a proposal to set up a Community Land Trust which will enable residents of the village who wish to get involved to

influence how the site is developed and used. Plans will be prepared and shared at a public meeting to gather alternative ideas before a planning application is submitted. I hope you will encourage as many other residents as possible to attend that meeting as it will be the biggest development in the village since the 1990s.

I have no news from North Yorkshire Police about their trials of the Community Speedwatch scheme so I do not know whether the scheme will be extended to areas covered by 20mph limits like Burton. However one thing that was done during 2017 was to request a speed check on Bentham Moor Road. This was in response to concern from parents of young children wishing to cross the road to go to the playground at the recreation ground. For seven days a covert speed detection device recorded every vehicle using the road and found that their average speed was 33mph which does not sound too bad but 15% exceeded 39mph. The police have therefore been informed and will conduct random checks.

Burton has a tremendous record of voluntary activity, whether it be the stalwart team who have kept the village shop open in community ownership for thirteen years now, or newer initiatives like Burton Pals with Trowels, who are doing so much to beautify and maintain the public spaces around the village. I hope we will hear from both groups this evening.

In order to attract and retain younger families the Pavilion Committee has been able to add new facilities to the children's playground and will soon start work to install an outdoor gym near the multi-use games area. The sports pavilion has seen a number of soccer matches played by a team from Wray as their home ground. It has also been used for occasional children's parties and we are looking forward to it being the venue for a wedding reception later this year. Lonsdale Archers use the field regularly and are keen to see new members and encourage anyone who would like to try the sport to come along on Sundays. The cycle track did not see much use during the winter but we hope that dryer conditions will see much more activity.

I reported last year that the Parish Council has registered with the Pageant Master to take part in the Commemoration of End of WWI (called When the Battle is Over). We have decided to light a beacon rather than a bonfire on 11 November 2018 because of the difficulty of moving bonfire material up Castle Hill when the ground is likely to be slippery. It may be less spectacular than the bonfire for the Queen's Jubilee but participating in the nationwide chain should still be interesting. Last time we counted 13 other beacon fires so we will have to see if that is bettered this time.

We hope that you feel your Parish Councillors are doing their bit to enhance the village but without your involvement this village would not be the great place that I think it is to live. Thank you all.

Now I will invite representatives of village organisations to tell us what they have been doing over the past twelve months. I hope you find it interesting

Ian Thompson  
Chairman  
Burton Parish Council

#### **4 Village Projects Report**

The Chairman, Ian Thompson, gave a short summary of the Village Projects Scheme, where all but one of the proposals was put forward for funding. Initially funded by Tau Solar Ltd, the scheme has gone on to achieve additional funding from the Lunesdale Rotary Club, North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Safety Partnership, North Yorkshire Inspire Fund, the Village Shop, Burton in Lonsdale Community Pub Group, the Harold and Alice Bridges Foundation and Burton Regeneration Group and others. A brief financial summary of the projects was presented, showing that projects funded by Tau Solar included VAT, whilst those community not-for-profit projects paid for through the Parish Council did not incur VAT as VAT is recoverable by the Parish Council. None of the projects were undertaken until funding was secured. It was noted that, whilst the initial cost estimate for the Community Orchard was circa £10,000, the costs to date have come in considerably lower, thanks to the tremendous work done by volunteers. Also, the footpath part of the Community Orchard scheme was separated from the scheme, enabling separate funding to be obtained (this, too, was completed with volunteer help). However, more funding may be required, in which case, other organisations will be approached for funding. The most recent project, that of the Outdoor 12-part Gym, is the most expensive item in the projects; some question the value to the village, possibly disproportionate to the amount spent on the Community Orchard; however only time will tell (as with the all-weather court discussions in 1996).

It was noted All Saints PCC had not been informed its project was not included in the scheme, for which apologies were given.

All the above could not have been done without the Tau Solar and above mentioned donors, for which the community is very grateful. The scheme has been undertaken to ensure the community remains an active and vibrant place, and to encourage others (younger!) to come to live in Burton.

Nigel Whitfield commented:

Community use of the former primary school site must be considered, as possible new housing may encourage younger families to come to the village, which may make a local children's nursery an essential item for the community.

This comment was welcomed, and everyone is encouraged to engage in the forthcoming public consultation regarding the school site (see above Chairman's Report)

Steve Vose thanked all those involved in the village projects, recognising the hard work that goes into them; a suggestion: improved communication between the parish council and the projects would be appreciated.

#### **5 Police Report**

PC Parsons reported the recent incidents in Burton: antisocial behaviour and a burglary and gave crime prevention advice: Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight and away from the letterbox (remember a device could be used to hook keys through a letterbox or cat flap) Keep car keys,

mobile phones & wallets in your bedroom with you at night. Install good window locks and strong deadlocks – this makes a big difference. Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you're just out in the garden. Install a visual burglar alarm. Install good outside lighting. Mark your property with postcode and house number. Store any high value items (i.e. jewellery, passports) in a properly secured safe or bank vault.

In 2017 speed camera vans and 6 staff were posted at Skipton Police Station to cover Craven's roads. The scheme will see them on the roads in Craven every day, some days 2 at once. Any complaints regards speeding should go through the reporting process on our Police Website <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/what-we-do/road-policing/community-speed-watch/>". This will highlight a problem area and the camera safety vans will be tasked accordingly.

## 6 **County and District Councillor Reports**

County Councillor Ireton submitted the following report:

We are moving near to Brexit and the uncertainty of what effect it will have on our rural areas. But a known fact is the ongoing austerity measures imposed on local authorities by central government with its continued squeeze on financial settlements. The County Council faces the prospect of long term austerity, tough decisions lie ahead and it must find ways of making necessary savings while trying to minimise any negative impact on services.

So far out of £152million the council has saved 25 per cent has had an impact on frontline services to communities. The vast majority of savings have come from back office.

North Yorkshire education authority has seen a large number of secondary schools go for academy status but the transport responsibility remains with the County Council to get the pupils to schools. The total education transport costs are around £21 million per year.

Energy from the waste plant at Allerton park is now fully operational. The new facility will cut the amount of household waste sent to land fill by at least 90 % diverting more than 230,000 tonnes of waste from going to land fill each year. It processes 40,000 tonnes of food and organic waste to generate renewable energy to supply 40,000 homes and has also increased recycling in the process

Both Bentham and Ingleton libraries are now community run libraries and Bentham has a new home in Looking Well. Both are doing really well. This is down to a group of dedicated volunteers giving so generously of their time and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all who volunteer to the many organisations that are kept going through their dedication.

District Councillor Brockbank reported:

Since 2016 the ward councillors (Linda Brockbank and Ian Thompson) have awarded £3,800 to Bentham and Burton local groups through the Ward Members Grant scheme. The scheme will continue during 2018, although the amount of money has not yet been determined. Applications are invited: watch the District Council's website for information.

The local Armed Forces Day is on the same day as Sheep Day in Skipton, on 1<sup>st</sup> July; as a result, there will just be a parade along the High Street, Skipton, and a flag lowering ceremony for armed forces members. All are encouraged to attend.

CDC has recently had a crackdown on dog fouling across Craven after reports from residents. Early morning and late night patrols in various areas have been made.

Congratulations to Burton Regeneration Group on receiving £2,100 grant from Craven District Council, the first grant of its kind, to carry out an architect's assessment of the former Richard Thornton School site in Burton in Lonsdale.

Finally, don't forget the Tour de Yorkshire on 6<sup>th</sup> May – a must for cycle racing enthusiasts!

## **7 Village Organisations Reports**

Verbal and written reports were received from the following organisations:

### **CHURCH GROUPS**

#### **All Saints' PCC**

Christine Whitfield reported:

Rev'd Denis Tate has been Burton's Vicar for two years; the church wardens Christine Whitfield and Cathy Birtwistle have been re-elected for a further year.

The congregation faces declining numbers and possible church closure in the next 10 to 20 years. To this end, the Parochial Church Council is encouraging the building to be used as a community space, to encourage greater visitor numbers with various events. The Heritage Group has been given permission to use one of the spaces for a permanent exhibition. The Whit Bank Holiday (end of May) will see a celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the church building's foundation stone; the Heritage Group will be displaying a 150 year timeline of local, national and global events, and refreshments will be served. There will be an exhibition in September, similar in scope to the one of September 2017. In November there will be a series of events to commemorate the 1918 Armistice, including an exhibition which will finish at 6.55pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, the exact time of the Armistice, and the time of the lighting of the commemorative beacon on Castle Hill.

#### **Burton Chapel**

From David Brown:

As mentioned in previous years, "Watch this space": the last year has seen the congregation decide the chapel building is too large for the current congregation's size and seeking to solve the dilemma. Planning permission to convert the chapel into two houses has been granted by the local authority; permission is now being sought from the Church Authorities. Once granted, the building (not the School Room) will be sold; the School Room will then be re-furbished for wider use.

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**SPORTS ACTIVITY GROUPS****Burton Bowling Club**

John Wood reported:

A very good year during 2017 saw funds being raised to re-roof the old bowling hut, done by volunteers, enabling costs to be kept to a minimum. The Club recently won the first game in this year's Westmoreland Bowling League Seniors 3<sup>rd</sup> division. There is also an evening Rural League in which people can play if not able to play during the day and a team is in the Morecambe League. Membership stands at 34. Practice games April to end September are on Wednesday and Friday afternoons, starting at 2pm. As always, new members and support are always welcome; contact John Mason for more details.

**Archery, Cycling, Circuits, Fun Run**

Mark Christie submitted the following reports:

The Village Fun Run is back on July 7<sup>th</sup>; a twelve station (23 exercises) and we are aiming for 70 attendees.

An Outdoor Gym is being installed week beg 23<sup>rd</sup> April, near the all weather court.

Boot Camp Circuits during May-June, and Autumn/Winter circuits Oct-March as usual. Membership is healthy, at a regular 20 attendees.

Lonsdale Archers club is financially secure and currently has 14 members; it has had five successful small grants; Storey Homes is sponsoring new equipment valued at £800. We enter local & regional events. Taster Day is Sun May 13<sup>th</sup>, £12pp for an hour; Beginner Course (seven hours tuition) on June 10/17 cost £50 ad £35 jun. Our club championships are in September each year.

Cycling Club (15 members) continues to be financially secure, has two rides a month and enters local sportive events.

A big thank you from myself, the clubs and others for all your support as the council in ensuring we are contributing to a healthy and vibrant community.

**GENERAL INTEREST GROUPS****Community First Responders**

Julie Clarke reported:

This year there has been attendance at a small number of call outs in the area.

Although two people qualified last year as responders they have now decided not to continue to be active so unfortunately there is only one active responder within the village. Despite advertising no new volunteers have come forward and consequently coverage will remain limited.

Bi monthly training sessions are held with the Bentham group.

Anyone wishing to help should contact John Wood in the first instance (email: [j.peter.wood@btinternet.com](mailto:j.peter.wood@btinternet.com) , telephone 015242 61646)

### **Burton Communication Group**

Mike Lavelle on behalf of Julie Clarke reported:

The *Burty* (the *Burtonian*) continues to be an important part of the village network and large thanks are due to David and Marilyn Taylor for their excellent editorship. We are thankful to our advertisers for their continued support. New additions in the *Burty* include a regular gardening column, *Gardening with Gunther*, alongside regular features from the shop, church, sports pavilion and news from our neighbouring villages and council representatives

The village website [www.burtoninlonsdale.net](http://www.burtoninlonsdale.net) now has a calendar of village events thanks to David Taylor and will shortly host the village emergency plan. We are grateful for the recurring contribution from the Parish Council for web hosting.

### **Concerts and Cakes**

Steve Vose presented the report:

#### Five Years of Concert & Cakes

We are astonished, but proud, to have reached a milestone, this year, of five years presenting Concert & Cakes at All Saints Church, with the 22nd concert in March 2018.

2017 started with a very special Concert for Chris in All Saints Church - a 10th Anniversary Tribute - on 5th July 2017 by the Fitzwilliam String Quartet. Not, of course, a Concert & Cakes event, but intimately linked through the inspiration of Chris Rowland, and our links with the Chamber Music Department at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. The November Concert was dedicated to the memory of Sir John Manduell, who lived in Bentham for almost 50 years. Sir John inaugurated the All Day Music radio programme (now Radio 3), was the first Director of Music at Lancaster University, the first Principal of the Royal Northern College of Music, appointed Chris Rowland as Director of Chamber Music, and was a founding Trustee of Lake District Summer Music.

The fifth Concert & Cakes season presented four very different ensembles opening in October, The Flux Trio, a wind ensemble, followed by the Huoguo String Quartet, the Chameleon Wind Quintet and finishing with the Zamorra Guitar Trio. There is a ready pool of extra-ordinary talent at the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM) and we now have a reputation for looking after the musicians well, with a delicious lunch at Cathy Rowland's and a warm, appreciative audience. And the audiences give us great feedback:

"First of all, thank you for organising yesterday's memorable concert. Also, thanks to Burton's brilliant bakers!" is typical.

We now have regular audiences of over 100 and often up to 140 people, many of whom stay for the cakes and to chat to the musicians. The email list has grown to over 60 people and the audience continues to come from far and wide to boost those from the village. This year we were also featured in the Craven Herald Spring 2018 Arts supplement.

These concerts rely on regular help - and that comes freely and generously from lots of people in the village. Firstly, the bakers with their cakes which everyone looks forward to. But also the flowers, the bunting, the heating, the cleaning, the banner, the serving, the washing up, the table cloths, room set up, equipment testing, and the support of All Saints Church PCC. So many things which make the overall experience

something which is bringing people back over and over again. On a slightly mundane, but vital point, many thanks to Chris Whitfield for standardising the C&C Risk Assessment, food allergy statement and fire evacuation procedures with those of the church.

This was our first year operating with no funding or subsidy, so we were careful to keep sufficient reserves from 2016/17 to plan for the four concerts. We set out with a policy of using whatever profit we make to be ploughed back into the village - half to village causes and half to All Saints Church. Apart from being the Concert&Cakes venue, the church has the most wonderful acoustic, it was where Chris Rowland worshipped, and it remains the central architectural feature of the village. Over the last five years, £2,250 has been donated to the church, £700 to the Village Hall, £500 to Pals with Trowels, £700 to the Sports Pavilion, £200 to the Methodist Church and £200 to the WW1 Group.

We are very happy to confirm that we will continue into a sixth season starting in October 2018 and will be consulting our bakers and concert helpers for ideas of where to donate our profits this year.

Christine, Cathy and Steve April 2018

### **Craven Network**

Andy Ive reported:

A book, listing over 200 local organisations, will become available either the end of this month or the end of May; it will also be available on line on the Craven Network website.

### **Emergency Plan**

Andy Ive reported:

The Emergency plan was fully updated with Ian Thompson's help and will shortly be made available on the village website: [www.burton-in-lonsdale.net](http://www.burton-in-lonsdale.net).

The emergency equipment is checked regularly by me. This is located to the rear of the shop garage. Some residents now keep a supply of sandbags on their property to respond quickly to flooding, following delays/shortage of volunteers in recent winter incidents. More sandbags are available.

### **Gala**

Andy Ive reported that, despite two meetings being called, there was no interest in holding a Gala in 2018.

### **Heritage Group**

Julie Clarke wrote:

I am pleased to report that the Heritage group has continued to be active this year, although somewhat quieter than last year. However, we have held an exhibition in the Church for the Heritage Open weekend in September and have continued to record oral histories and expand our digital archive.

We are delighted to report that in January 2018 the Church granted us permission to use the base of the Tower Room as a permanent exhibition space, for which we are extremely grateful. This will allow us to stage different exhibitions and safely store the village archive.

The Folly in Settle has also kindly agreed to loan us panels from exhibitions it has previously held. We are also now looking at various display options for material we hold.

Activities planned for this year include an exhibition in May marking the



150th anniversary of the laying of the Church Foundation Stone and helping with the WWI exhibition to mark the armistice in November. We meet bi-monthly on the first Wednesday of the month in the Punch Bowl and welcome anyone to attend with an interest in the village heritage.

### **Pals with Trowels**

Kate Vose wrote:

It is a good time of year to see the work of the Pals. Around the village our efforts can be seen in the wonderful daffodils on the green and by the river. The village name signs are a mass of bulbs and the planting by the pavilion is springing back into life.

The most significant change in the village in the last year has been the development of the community orchard site by the river. With financial help from Tau Solar and Lunesdale Rotary Club and physical help from many villagers we have been able to clear the site, install the path from the bridge and plant our first six trees. We plan to name the site Brenda's Orchard in memory of Brenda Lavelle our friend and founding member of the Pals.

Open Gardens on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June was a popular day and despite the windy weather the entrance fees, a plant stall and newly introduced teas in the village hall made the day a good fundraiser. We are very grateful to the owners of the fifteen gardens that were opened (including the much developed Garden of Remembrance) it is a big commitment and a lot of work went into preparations for the day. The Big Burton Bash later in September was another useful fundraiser where we served tea and cakes during the afternoon.

As well as all that hard work we have enjoyed some trips out. A mini bus went to Harrogate Spring Fair in April and came back packed with plants. In July we went to Yewbarrow House in Grange where the sun shone on an amazing garden and in September we visited York Gate, a fascinating garden near Leeds.

The latest Burtonian included a new Pals page named 'Garden with Gunther' which will include seasonal gardening tips, and information about our project progress and activities.

The Burton 'Pals with Trowels' meet informally on the first Tuesday of each month in the Punchbowl and new members are always welcome.

A vote of thanks to the tremendous work done by the group was proposed by Mike Lavelle, seconded by Steve Vose.

The meeting registered its thanks with applause.

### **Burton Parish Plan Group**

Andy Ive reported:

A dissolution meeting will be held shortly, as it is considered that over 75% of items residents suggested at the initial stages have now been completed.

**Burton Regeneration Group**

Ian Thompson reported the Group is still active, however, taking a break following the completion of the Pavilion project. Funding was sought for the new solar panels. There will be an AGM shortly, at which some changes to the constitution will be proposed. All residents are welcome to attend. More work will be done in the future and ideas for projects will be welcomed, as are new members.

**Burton Village Hall Committee**

Andy Ive reported:

Another good year for the Village Hall.

Work on a possible extension for increased storage is still in the very early stages of discussion with University of Central Lancs students looking for a project. They've not been able to attend on site due to transport issues.

A Wi-Fi internet access will be installed, using the Multimedia Shop's facilities, at no charge, for which we are very grateful.

Thank you to all committee members for their work this year.

**Burton Village Shop**

Nigel Whitfield reported:

The shop continues to be successful and to be the hub of the village.

It would of course be impossible to maintain such a valuable village asset without the dedication of Sarah Salrein, the Post Office team and all the staff and indefatigable volunteers, who give countless hours of their time. And of course, the customers who continue to use the shop. Every visit eases pressures on local roads, as a car trip is saved by using the village shop.

The AGM is on 16<sup>th</sup> May and all residents are welcome to attend. Ideas and suggestions are welcomed and always given consideration. Please make them known to the Trustees and Shop Manager, Sarah

New volunteers are welcomed with open arms – an hour or two a week is all that it takes.

**OTHER GROUPS****Burton in Lonsdale Women's Institute**

Report given by Sue Thompson, Secretary.

Our programme ranged from talks on the history, geography and ecology of far-flung islands (Mauritius and Tiri Tiri) to deeply personal accounts of family life where religious beliefs figured strongly. There were walks and trips out, visiting various places of interest such as Allan Bank, Grasmere, and Farfield Mill, Dent. Burton WI joined other local WI groups during the year for a quiz night, a group craft show and carol service. Council and Federation events were also attended. The Christmas Party was held on a Jacobs' Join basis; a Christmas Wreath-making class was very successful.

Thus far this year there have been talks about refugee work, martial arts (Tai Chi), and primary school teaching of many years ago. Future events include a fashion show by a local retailer, walks, and a talk about voluntary work in Burma. Other talks are being planned.

The WI supports many village activities, such as patient transport to GP surgery appointments, Stay and Play, refreshments at Film Nights, Concert & Cakes, Burton Pals with Trowels, Book Club, Table Tennis, Art Group, the Village Shop and Pet Rescue.

The WI hopes to continue offering an interesting and varied programme of talks, outings and workshops and encourages people to join to ensure a thriving WI in Burton.

### **Burton World War One Commemoration Group**

The Group is actively engaged with other groups and individuals organising and coordinating events to commemorate and celebrate the centenary of the Armistice over the weekend of 10/11 November 2018. Planned events include a film, heritage-themed soccer match, community concert, exhibition, the remembrance service, a beacon on Castle Hill (part of a nationwide chain of beacons entitled 'battle's over' and ending in the pub with something hot to eat and a sing-song of contemporary tunes.

The group, also with others, has organised a talk by Gail Newsham in the Village Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Gail is author of 'In a League of Their Own', the story of the Dick, Kerr ladies' football team. Over its lifetime, the team raised more than £10 million for charity. Dick, Kerr was a traction factory in Preston which turned to the manufacture of munitions during WW1 and Dick, Kerr Ladies football team came out of this. It's quite a story. And it has particular resonance this year, as we mark not only the centenary of the end of the First World War, but also the centenary of the Representation of the People Act – for all its limitations, a milestone in the history of equal rights. And then of course there's the World Cup... So Gail's talk should appeal to history buffs, those interested in WW1, suffragettes, soccer enthusiasts of both sexes – and those who simply like a good story, particularly if it has a theme of overcoming prejudice.

The WW1 Group will be disbanded at the end of this year, but will be happy to submit a report of its achievements to the next APM.

#### **7 Written resolutions received prior to the meeting**

There were no written resolutions.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.13pm.

**Signed**.....

**Dated**.....