

Minutes
Burton-in-Lonsdale Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday 25th April 2019 at 7.30pm
at the Village Hall, High Street

Present: 11 Members of public, 4 Parish Councillors, County Cllr. David Ireton

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

Chairman: Cllr. Mr. Ian Thompson

Apologies: Cllrs. Handley, Mason and Salrein; PC McClurg; Messrs & Mesdames Biles, Brown, Christie, Clarke, Illsley, and Wood.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Burton in Lonsdale Annual Parish Meeting and thanked them for attending the meeting. "This is an 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 18th April 2018

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

First I would like to recognise the contribution made to our community by my colleagues on the Parish Council. Stuart, Margaret, Kath, Tommy, Jan and Denis, thank you very much for everything you do for the residents of Burton. Sadly, Kath is unable to be here this evening as she is still in hospital following a fall in which she broke her hip. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery.

We would also like to express our appreciation of the help we receive from Sue Gregory as our Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

We continue to be supported by our County Councillor David Ireton and District Councillor Linda Brockbank. Both have supported our efforts to improve the facilities in the village in particular by providing some of the funding for village projects. We are grateful to them both.

For the third successive year I need to report to you on the progress of the Local Plan for Craven. This has been modified to incorporate changes recommended by the Inspector and completed its consultation on those changes. Final approval by the Secretary of State is expected in order that the Council can adopt the plan in mid 2019.

The one site in Burton recommended for development remains the Richard Thornton School. The latest news is that an offer for the site has been accepted. The purchaser has indicated that the development of the site will include some affordable housing and has requested a meeting to describe his plans. Assuming this sale goes ahead this means that the proposal to develop the site under the Community Led Housing scheme will not be needed.

Last year I reported on the result of speed monitoring on Bentham Moor Road. Recently North Yorkshire County Council has approved a scheme under which communities can purchase and install speed limit warning signs. The Parish Council invited NYCC Highways to visit Burton and review locations where a

sign could be used. The next Council meeting agenda will consider a proposal to purchase a sign which can be used at two alternative locations on the main road at each end of the village. If successful in reducing vehicle speeds, there are three other locations which could be used when posts have been installed.

You will recall that the traditional fingerpost outside the village hall was repaired and repainted some years ago. Our second fingerpost at the junction of Ireby Road and Westhouse Lane was condemned during the year and had to be removed. NYCC gave the Parish the option of replacing it with a modern equivalent or refurbishing the original. It was decided to refurbish the original fingerpost and work is progressing towards a reinstallation later in the year.

The Pavilion Committee completed its promised project to install an outdoor gym near the multi-use games area. This saw a significant amount of use during the warm weather last summer and even some hardy souls used it during the winter months. The sports pavilion was used for a wedding reception, regular Park Runs are held on the sports ground on Saturday mornings and Lonsdale Archers continue to use the field regularly.

Perhaps the most notable event of the last twelve months was the weekend of activities to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. This was reported in the national press and as a result, we were visited by a couple from Canada who had read about us in the Guardian.

Once again I would like to pay tribute to all those who volunteer for a wide variety of organisations and events in the village. This is what turns a collection of buildings into a living community. Many of you are here so we can thank you directly, but our thanks also go to those who have been unable to join us this evening.

Now I will invite representatives of village organisations to tell us what they have been doing over the past year and their plans for the next year. I hope you find it interesting

3. Village Projects 2018-19; future projects

As mentioned above, the Pavilion Committee installed an outdoor gym on the Recreation Field which is gratifyingly well-used.

Pals with Trowels initiated the Community Orchard Project in 2017, which is now near completion, on riverside land opposite the Recreation Field.

Marion Hodgson reported:

The Orchard

The job of preparing and planting the orchard site proved to be the biggest challenge of 2018.

Work started last year, continued with weekend working parties to clear deep seated weeds, rocks, brambles, a large tree and much else. By March progress could clearly be seen with the erection of a fence and the much needed path constructed alongside the road adding to the safety of getting to the orchard. Thanks to the donation of £1,000 from County Councillor David Ireton's fund, two new 6 seater picnic tables were bought and erected. Regular working parties during April and May were needed to keep on top of things.

September one huge 3-day push was made with weeding and raking the topsoil, the grass was sown and by late September had started greening up. Also, three damson trees were planted in the triangle adjacent to the orchard.

During January three other fruit trees were delivered and planted, one apple and two plum. Rubber matting to save the grass wearing out under the picnic tables was ordered and another picnic table purchased.

A large stone on the site was identified as suitable to have engraved. It was decided to call it just 'The Orchard'.

The site now has apple, pear, plum and cherry trees and all seem to be flourishing.

Other activities

A regular Pals with Trowels page in The Burtonian – 'Garden with Gunther' – offers readers seasonal tips from a professional and also keeps readers up to date with our activities. David Thornber kindly provides the gardening tips for us.

A fundraising Coffee Morning was held on June 9th. Books, plants, coffee and lovely cakes were on offer. It was a great success and raised £300.

MORE PLANTING

During October and November bulb planting got underway with hundreds of tete a tetes daffodils planted alongside the orchard and round the fruit trees. Additional bulbs were put round the village green and the village signs and crocus were planted in the triangle. Due to our planting efforts the village looked very lovely during April and May.

In addition: on an area of the churchyard, identified as where stillborn babies had been placed in unmarked graves, a circle of snowdrops has been planted as a way of continuing to remember them.

During the lovely warm Easter holiday this year it was good to see all three picnic benches being fully used and it is hoped the village will continue to enjoy this now lovely area for many years to come.

This last year has been one of great achievement for Pals with Trowels.

4. Police Report

PC Andrew McClurg submitted the following report which was read to the meeting in his absence:

“ The following report is in relation to incidents which have occurred between 01/04/18 and 14/03/19 and covers the following Parish Council areas: Ingleton, Bentham, Clapham, Austwick, Thornton in Lonsdale / Westhouse and Burton in Lonsdale.

Individual reports and breakdowns, similar to monthly reports, for each Parish were considered; however this is time consuming and if required can be obtained by members of the public at www.police.uk .

Between the stated dates there have been 1233 reported incidents to North Yorkshire Police. This includes all contact irrespective of what the report is. The following are what I consider important based on previous attendance at meetings.

Crime – 168 recorded incidents, of this :

21 Residential Burglaries

27 Commercial Burglaries

19 Reports of Criminal Damage

68 Reports of Violent Crime

The remaining 33 crimes cover crime related offences
84 Reports of suspicious incidents / activity
43 Reports of Anti-Social Behaviour
24 Road Traffic Collision classed as injury
29 Road Traffic Collision classed as damage only
46 Road related incidents – this can be parking and manner of driving complaints.

We are in the process of setting up a community watch scheme in Craven. This scheme operates with the assistance of volunteers from the local area who act as the 'eyes and ears' for the Police. Suspicious activity and matters of concerns are then passed directly to the force control room via Police radios. The scheme will initially run in the Grassington area and will hopefully be rolled out across other areas in Craven.

As you may be aware we have seen an increase in the theft of Quad bikes in Craven. In response Operation Light has been created to try and target individuals responsible. Further resources are being drafted into Craven to assist with and hopefully arrest those responsible.

Craven has a number of camera safety vans. These are located at Skipton Police Station and are operated by Police support staff. I have been previously asked if they can be located at other locations than those regularly used. Site locations have to be identified and then approved through the force legal department. Staff are allocated specific locations at the commencement of their shift and cannot deviate from that.

Useful websites:

Staying safe in the community - www.northyorkshire.police.uk .

You can also report safety issues under speed concerns on-
www.roadwise.co.uk .

If anyone would like to sign up to Craven Community messaging then please visit - www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.org .

Please email SNA to ensure you get a police report every month
SNACraven@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk.

If you need emergency help, call North Yorkshire Police on 999 or 101 for non-emergencies.

A member of staff will attend a meeting where staffing allows however I cannot promise attendance at every Parish meeting. A similar report has been forwarded to all Parish Councils in the Settle and surrounding Councils.

PC274 Andy McClurg

5. County and District Councillors' Reports

County Councillor David Ireton reported:

“The County Council is now approaching the ninth year of austerity. The Chancellor stated in November that the national deficit is reducing but is still projected to be at 0.8% in 2023/24. So, austerity may be coming to an end but the Council is likely to face another period of financial challenge well into and, probably, beyond the current Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) period.

The lack of a spending review beyond 2019/20 makes it very difficult to make predictions beyond 2019/20 but the sizable increase in the funding planned for the NHS will mean that there is likely to be proportionately greater financial pressures in other departments and that is likely to include local government.

By the end of 2018/19 the Council will have made ongoing revenue savings of £157 million since the beginning of this current period of austerity. This has been necessary due to increases in demand and the cost of providing services at the same time as government funding declining. Demand, especially for older people, adults with learning disabilities and children with special education needs services has grown significantly and is a strong feature of the year's budget. As a result, the council has to deliver its services in different ways to meet the challenge to do more with less.

For some time now there has been an acknowledgment that the pressures of adult social care are such that a national solution needs to be provided. The government's promised Green Paper has again been delayed and it is now expected sometime in 2019. In the meantime, there have been numerous incremental interventions by government to help fund adult social care which, whilst welcome, continue to be complex and, in some cases, cause tensions with health partners.

2019/20 is the fourth year in which the government has allowed those councils who provide social care the opportunity to generate an additional social care precept of 2% on the local council tax."

Councillor Ireton also told the meeting that, as County Councillor for the area, he will be able to give financial support to the Vehicle Activated Signs project and further items for the Community Orchard project.

District Councillor Thompson reported:

I've enjoyed my time as District Councillor for the Bentham Ward, which includes Burton in Lonsdale. I will not be standing for re-election in the forthcoming local elections on May 2nd, but urge residents to get out and vote as there are four candidates in the Bentham Ward from which to choose.

6. Village Organisations Reports

Verbal and written reports were received from the following organisations:

CHURCH GROUPS

All Saints' PCC

Rev. Denis Tate reported:

The 2018 Holiday Club which ran for four days in July was a great success and will be repeated this year. The Remembrance Commemorations were significant, not only for the Commemoration itself, but also for the number of people involved, both as organisers and participants. Carols around the Village Green Christmas Tree was greatly enjoyed. There have been several weddings (and more to come this year). The Stay and Play group meets at the Church; it is a good opportunity for mothers as well as children aged 0 to 4 years to get together. About 10 or 12 mothers and children come along. At the moment a small garden to the side of the church is being made by the group, and a project to provide some play equipment on the Recreation Field for the 0-4 years age group is being investigated.

Burton Chapel

From David Brown:

Chapel building – as most of you know, planning permission has been granted for the conversion of the chapel part of the building into two 2 bedroomed houses, and a buyer is currently being sought. There have been several expressions of interest, but nothing concrete at the time of writing.

Church life continues as normal with regular Sunday services, and the much-appreciated Friday coffee mornings, as well as various ad hoc events. In recent weeks the chapel decided to support the Water Aid Lent appeal, and £390 has been raised so far.

SPORTS ACTIVITY GROUPSBurton Bowling Club

John Wood reported:

The bowling season has just started and members of the club have been spring cleaning both clubhouses, mowing and maintaining the green and generally tidying up for the new season.

Burton Bowling Club are now entering teams in four leagues, The South Westmorland Seniors League (Monday afternoons), The Morecambe League (Wednesday evenings), The Kendal League (Thursday evenings), The Rural League (Friday evenings), plus Friendly matches with Ingleton, Bentham, Kirkby Lonsdale, Austwick, Hornby, Whittingham, Quernmore, etc., on Saturday afternoons. We also hold practice sessions on Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 2pm, all are welcome.

The club are holding an ‘Open Weekend’ on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th April beginning 1.30pm, bowls are provided and tuition given, we hope to encourage people to have a go at bowling and join with other friendly folk from the village and have some fun.

Archery, Cycling, Circuits, Fun Run

Mark Christie and Mike Illsley submitted the following reports:

LONSDALE ARCHERS

We continue to develop the club with community grants and have a go days aimed at youth clubs, school groups and the wider community. We have grown to 25 members in just three years, now with four qualified coaches, but have much work to do still to encourage more juniors to join. We greatly value the Recreation Ground and Pavilion as a splendid community asset for the club to be based at. Our club complies fully with Archery GB range safety guidelines and we have club insurance through AGB. Recently Aaron Christie, age 11, became an Archery GB Youth Ambassador, following training at Sport England’s Lilleshall National Sports Centre, and his role for the next year will be to enthuse other young people to engage with archery. We recently ran a successful set of tasters with Bentham Youth Club, and will be running taster sessions on 28th April, 10th May, at the Fun Run in July, and a Beginner Course in late June.

LONSDALE WHEELERS

Now entering its fifth year, the Wheelers have a steady membership of 20, with two ride groups: a recreational group riding 10-25 miles at a steady pace with

an obligatory tea room stop, and a faster, longer group that travel further afield covering 25-60 miles. Membership fees have remained at £15 pa since the club was formed. We meet at the pavilion entrance for our regular rides, which are the first & third Sundays of the month, but there are ad hoc rides organised via Whats App on a regular basis.

PARK RUN

The weekly park run commenced in April 2018. Over the course of 2018 the average attendance was eight, although in some weeks there were as many as twelve.

As Autumn turned to Winter the numbers dropped off and as a result we suspended the weekly event at the end of November.

This year we recommenced the run / walk at the beginning of April.

The numbers so far have been a bit disappointing but we are hopefully that as the warmer weather kicks in there will be more attendees.

So please spread the word the run / walk takes place every Saturday down at the Recreation Field at 9.30. The target is to do 3km but it is very much up to each person to do whatever distance they would like to do. All ages are most welcome.

GENERAL INTEREST GROUPS

Community First Responders

The group continues to seek additional Responders who are given full and on-going training. Contact John Wood on j.peter.wood@btinternet.com or telephone 015242 61646 for further details.

Burton Communication Group

We do not have much to update from last year's report. The Burty with regular features from village organisations and the Church continues to be an important part of the village network under the excellent stewardship of David and Marilyn Taylor.

We are hoping to produce more colour content over the coming months. We are thankful to our advertisers for their continued support. We would like to formally acknowledge the work of our treasurer, David Gibson who is stepping down after many years and welcome Paul Adams who has kindly agreed to take over the role.

Once again we are grateful for a reoccurring contribution from the Parish Council for web hosting of the village website and for David Taylor in updating the site.

Concerts and Cakes

The group has just completed its sixth season and it was agreed it is a greatly appreciated event in the village's calendar, with a wide range of different music being presented. Attendance is always very good, whatever the weather. Compliments to the organisers (and the bakers) for running a very successful event which in its turn donates funds to village groups and other events.

Emergency Plan

Andy Ive reported:

The plan was updated in January 2019; both Andy Ive and Ian Thompson attend "Ready for Anything" planning seminars which started after the December 2015 storms as a way to prepare for emergencies between communities.

The revised plan will be uploaded to the Village website.

Burton Film Nights

Marilyn Taylor reported:

The Film Nights have been running now for two and a half years, the first showing in September 2016 being the hugely popular, FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS, and has achieved varying degrees of support during this time.

The films are provided by Penrith based Eden Arts, a subsidiary of Cine North and each showing costs £120 to stage. This cost includes the license to show the film together with the film itself and if you do your basic arithmetic, you will arrive at the conclusion that 24 paying customers are required at each screening to cover this cost. Audiences vary from 18 at worst to 52 at best, so it all averages out in the end.

The last year has shown that we now have a nucleus of loyal regulars, who turn out for every screening, regardless of the weather or the film, and this is a huge encouragement to those of us who put in the time to stage this event. It's not always easy to gauge which films will be best received and sometimes a film which is expected to be well supported turns out to be just the opposite.

In this current season, we have been fortunate in being able to screen several films that have only recently finished doing the rounds in the cinemas and have had a great response, not only from our regulars but also quite a few new faces, some of whom are holidaying in the area.

The most memorable occasion of this current year was the showing of THE WIPERS TIMES. This was screened to coincide with the many village events to commemorate the end of WW1, and resulted in our biggest and most appreciative audience to date, with a box office of 52 people, which was quite an occasion for our little village hall. Other successful screenings have been SULLY, STAN & OLLIE, EDIE and THE WIFE. The least popular screening was STEPPING OUT, which had the unfortunate claim to fame of being curtailed by a power cut that blacked out half the village. We decided not to re-show it as it had not proved to be popular enough.

The general feeling is that the Film Nights have proved themselves to be a popular, well supported and integral part of the village calendar. Rural cinema in general is becoming an increasingly important part of life away from the urban sprawl of our towns and cities, bringing not only a taste of the big screen to those who may not otherwise have the wherewithal to visit a cinema, but also providing an important social opportunity.

As with any event of this kind, it would not be possible without the small team of volunteers who help behind the scenes each month, from the team who assemble the equipment and set up the hall, the sellers of refreshments, to those who angst over which films to show. We hope that these evenings will continue for some time to come and current levels of support indicate that the Film

Nights are alive and well and flourishing.

Marilyn Smith
Burton Film Group

Gala – Big Burton Bash

Andy Ive reported that, whilst no Gala was held in 2018 and will not be held in 2019, a special evening event, called the Burton Bash, will be held at the end of August on the Recreation Field and will include music and refreshments. Further details to follow.

Burton Parish Planning Team

Mike Biles submitted the following report:

The majority of the initiatives identified in the Parish Plan have either been achieved, or attempted, by groups or individuals. It is believed that the PPT was a catalyst for many improvements in the village but, unfortunately, there was insufficient support to continue with the group, or take things to the next stage and develop a neighbourhood plan.

Therefore, the Management Committee of Burton in Lonsdale's Parish Planning Team met at a public meeting in the Village Hall on 1st May 2018 and unanimously voted to dissolve the Group. It was further decided, also unanimously, to donate all of the PPT's remaining funds to Burton in Lonsdale Parish Council to contribute toward the cost of the permanent beacon brazier the Council had committed to buying for the village – initially for the commemoration of the centenary of the Armistice of the First World War on 11th November 2018, but also to be used for other community or national events in the future. Accordingly, a cheque in the sum of £443.31 made payable to the Parish Council was handed to the Chairman of the Parish Council at the meeting, which then closed. The beacon brazier was subsequently procured – thanks to the efforts of Ian Thompson.

Mike Biles

Former Chairman of the Parish Planning Team

Burton Regeneration Group

Ian Thompson reported:

The Group is still active, having taken a break following the completion of the Pavilion project. There is about £1100 available for village projects. If additional people would like to become a trustee, please contact Ian Thompson for further details (email ianrt2003@hotmail.com, tel 015242 62472)

Burton Village Hall Committee

Andy Ive reported:

The bookings have been up this year, as well as the extra theatrical events put on by the committee. Broadband is going to be supplied to the hall from the computer shop with a radio link. New LED lights with dimmer switches are planned.

The main item however is the extension for additional storage planned for the east end of the yard. The Craven District Council expects that planning permission will be granted when it is applied for. Tender requests have gone out and grants will be sought.

The AGM is in May.

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

Burton Village Shop Association

David Taylor reported:

Turnover increased during 2018, although net profit was slightly down. However, the objective is not to make a profit but to provide a service to the community, both residents and visitors. New Trustees are welcomed. Grateful thanks to the shop's manager, Sarah Salrein, and staff and volunteers, without whom nothing would be possible.

OTHER GROUPS

Burton World War One Commemoration Group

Mike Biles submitted the following report:

Since its inception in 2014, the First World War Group has initiated and organised a surprising number of events, including walks and talks, all of them highly successful.

In 2018, the Group organised a talk by Gail Newsham, author of 'In a League of Their Own', the fascinating and uplifting story of the Dick, Kerr ladies' football team, formed by munitions workers during WW1. Gail was an accomplished speaker and the event should have resonated with history buffs, suffragettes, soccer enthusiasts and story-lovers alike, but attendance was disappointingly low – though costs were covered.

The highlight of the Group's activity over the last 12 months was the Centenary of the Armistice in November 2018. For this, the group forged a coordinated approach with other groups and individuals from December 2017, with the intention to not only commemorate and celebrate, but engage as well. Further, this showcased different village 'hubs' – the village hall, pavilion/recreation ground, All Saints' Church and the pub. As a consequence, Burton in Lonsdale was unusual in marking the centenary of the Armistice with a full programme that included a film, heritage soccer match (uniquely using brand-new heritage shirts), an ambitious and creative exhibition, a community concert (unleashing hitherto undiscovered talent), the traditional Remembrance Service, a beacon on the remains of the village's motte and bailey, church bells ringing out for peace and wrapping up with 'Trench Stew' and a sing-song in the pub. Something for everyone. Most of the events were packed with attendees. Burton also received local, and national, press coverage.

The village mobilised about 15% of its population in making the Armistice Commemoration happen - people who organised and/or actually participated in the events. It was a huge achievement in community engagement. If the same thing had taken place in London, it would have involved about 1.2 million people – excluding those who attended the events. The parish also has some tangible legacy items from the weekend – e.g. a soldier silhouette, banners, the beacon, soccer shirts – all of which can be used again.

The WW1 Group will convene one more time in 2019, to discuss the distribution of remaining funds. Key individuals involved in the Armistice Events, but who are not members of the Group, will also be invited to this discussion. The Group will then be disbanded.

Mike Biles

WW1 Group Founder & Chairman

Westhouse Young Farmers

The Westhouse Young Farmers group has recently started to meet at the Pavilion, as the Westhouse Village Hall is now closed permanently. This is an example of the wider community making use of the Pavilion, and much welcomed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for the reports, again highlighting the variety and vibrancy of the community.

7. Written resolutions received prior to the meeting
None received.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.25pm.

Signed Dated