

## **Minutes**

### **Burton-in-Lonsdale Annual Parish Meeting**

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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**Present:** 16 Members of public, 6 Parish Councillors, County Cllr. Ireton, Mr R McGachie

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

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

**Apologies:** Mrs A Whitworth, PC Barbara Parsons, Cherry Flint.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking attendees for showing their commitment to the village by their attendance. "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 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

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 Parish Council is very pleased to report that the vacancy created by the sad loss of Sandra Chapman last year was filled when we were joined by Reverend Denis Tate, giving us a full complement of councillors. It is my pleasure therefore to thank all the councillors on your behalf for contributing their time to discuss matters of concern or interest to the village and in many cases to also help in a practical way. So Stuart, Margaret, Kath, Tommy, Jan and Dennis, thank you very much for everything you do for the residents of Burton.

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.

Last year we talked about the Local Plan being prepared by the District Council. This has been further delayed by an amendment to the number of houses which central government expects to see built in Craven. In Burton, the revised draft plan continues to show two sites where developers will be encouraged to build houses, one on Ireby Road and the other at the former primary school site.

North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department has been consulted about road safety on the High Street, although without a positive outcome yet. North Yorkshire Police is running trials of the

Community Speedwatch scheme elsewhere in their area and the officer responsible has promised to notify us whether the scheme will be extended to areas covered by 20mph limits like Burton.

I would like to record special thanks to all the volunteers who help to maintain various parts of our village. Mike Biles and Alban Burns have each adopted an area of grass that they mow for the enjoyment of the community. Mike Illsley has taken on a number of development and maintenance tasks at the sports pavilion, where we also enjoy the flower display planted for us by Burton Pals with Trowels. David Gibson, Alistair Gregory and Dave Hodgson have worked with the North Yorks Countryside Officer to install another footpath gate this year and they plan to make improvements to the footpath near Bogg Beck footbridge. Thank you to those who joined the litter picks and if I have missed any other activities, please forgive me – your effort is appreciated. If you want to look after something that you feel is being neglected, please talk to us on the Parish Council as we may be able to support you.

At the recreation ground this year you will have noticed a major improvement to the car park. This was paid for by Burton Community Sports and we are very grateful to Ian Parker for suggesting it. I am sure you will agree it looks much better as well as allowing more cars to park when an event is on. Our 2017 project at the recreation ground will provide a BMX track at the east end of the field in response to a request made by some of the young cyclists when we opened the pavilion. It took a while but it should be ready soon.

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). This will involve the lighting of a beacon or bonfire on Castle Hill on 11 November 2018. More on that nearer the time.

We are very lucky to live in a village where people are willing to take on voluntary activities. If it were not for them, the Parish Council would need to pay contractors to do the work resulting in a higher precept. You will have seen that we have requested a modest increase this year, which will result in an extra £1000 income. We will use this with some of our reserves to continue to provide services in the village. We hope that you approve of how we try to maintain a pleasant environment in the village without incurring excessive costs.

Ian Thompson, Chairman, Burton Parish Council

### **3 Local Swimming Pools Provision: Hornby Pool**

Mr. Robert (Bob) McGachie introduced himself as one of the people involved in efforts to re-open Hornby Swimming Pool, mothballed at the beginning of this month with little warning from either Lancashire County Council or Lancaster City Council (owner and operator, respectively).

Despite lobbying starting in early March 2017, as yet there has been no official response by Lancashire County Council's Chief executive.

The County owns the pool which is run by Lancaster City Council; funds for building the pool in the early 1970s came from local donations; at the moment no documentation supporting the transfer from local ownership to Lancashire County Council has been located. At the time of building, Lunesdale District Council was the local authority; this changed to Lancaster City Council in 1974; all the Lunesdale records were lost in a fire at Hornby in the early 1980s.

Various organisations, including Sport England and Locality have been contacted for advice, in particular about Community Asset transfers. The advice given is to create and register a Community Benefit Society (CBS). The CBS will be a trust for which shares of £25 will be issued; each

shareholder will have one vote irrespective of the number of shares held. Share pledges are being sought at this stage, rather than share sales, to obtain a measure of support from the community. Ideally, approximately £75,000 in pledges is sought.

A social media campaign has started, with 350 Facebook members; a 200-strong emailing list has started. Efforts are being made to widen the exposure in the area.

The current local elections have made matters uncertain as to timescales, etc.

A 10 year business plan is suggested, however, initially a 3 year plan will be presented, including development of complementary activities to extend the reach into the community. Years one and two will see volunteers manning the desk and back office functions, with professional lifeguards employed. It is thought the first year's costs could be covered by subscription; costs imposed by both Lancashire and Lancaster Councils would no longer apply. Locality advises requesting assistance for the first two years. B4RN (the local community owned rural broadband network) has indicated it would consider giving financial support after its own third year of operation, when it expects to move into profit.

The building will have a full structural survey; if there are too many drawbacks to the building, the project will not proceed.

The next public meeting will be on 15<sup>th</sup> May, at Hornby Institute.

The Chairman thanked Mr McGachie for his presentation, indicating that leaflets about the project and seeking support will be distributed in the village.

Mr McGachie left the meeting.

#### **4 Police Report**

An email report was read to the meeting:

"only 4 incidents reported to us for Burton in Lonsdale during April:

- 1) Report of threatening comments made on Facebook
- 2) A report of a silver VW Polo dumped on Ireby Road, Burton-in-Lonsdale which we believe was used by masked criminals when they broke into Ingleton Co-op on 06/04/17 to steal several thousand pounds worth of cigarettes
- 3) Report of a vehicle causing an obstruction
- 4) Report of an internet fraud which was referred to Action Fraud

As it is your annual meeting I thought I'd report on how we have done with crime over the last financial year and what's changed if anything regards crime trends.

Total Crime for all of Craven over the last financial year was 1954 compared with 2020 last year so a drop of 66.

Craven Rural over the last financial year has had 1068 compared with 1098 last year so 30 less.

Despite an overall decrease in crime there has been a sharp rise in retail thefts. This is something we have seen across the whole rural area and we are keen to address this with retailers. There has also been an increase in

vehicle offences. For your Parish we are always keen for residents to have increased security for their Quad Bikes and Landrovers as these are popular targets.

Crime for rural Craven remains low and there are still a full team of response staff at Settle and Ingleton as well as the Safer Neighbourhood PC's and PCSO's.

In March 2 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/>

## 5 **County and District Councillor Reports**

County Councillor Ireton reported:

Allerton Park Waste Recovery Scheme

Construction started in January 2015; it will be fully operational in early 2018. It will reduce the amount of waste going to landfill in North Yorkshire by at least 90% and increase recycling in the county.

The process involves:

- firstly sorting household waste using mechanical treatment technology to extract recyclable items;
- process around 40,000 tons of food and organic waste each year to generate renewable energy;
- Use the remaining non-recyclable waste to generate enough energy to power 40,000 homes

Skipton to Harrogate road at Kexs Hill: a scheme to realign the road which suffers from landslides after heavy rain, resulting in weeks of closure, is being drawn up to submit to the Ministry of Transport.

Bentham Community Library is due to relocate into Pioneer Projects: work is nearly completed on the refitting of the second floor; it will open on Wednesday 17th May.

## 6 **Village Organisations Reports**

Verbal and written reports were received from the following organisations:

### **CHURCH GROUPS**

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

Revd. Tate thanked the village for its generous support of the Church Spire project; a leak has been discovered which is being investigated. It is thought to be coming through the windows.

The usual church services continue, working in conjunction with the Methodists. A holiday club for children will be held in late July this year. Other activities include (free) pancakes for the Village on Shrove Tuesday, World War One commemorations, work on the garden next to the Church Yard, Stay and Play for children up to three years old on Thursday mornings during term time, run by volunteers Ruth Gill and Jean Thornber. There have also been christenings, and marriages.

### **Burton Chapel**

From David Brown:

“Life goes on at the chapel much as before. A small but enthusiastic congregation maintains a weekly witness with Sunday services, and the well-established Friday coffee morning is a welcome social event which even has a regular clientele from annual visitors to the local caravan parks.

Contrary to rumours, the chapel building is not for sale, but discussions are ongoing about how best to adapt the huge building to be more suitable to its current usage.”

### **SPORTS ACTIVITY GROUPS**

#### **Burton Bowling Club**

John Wood reported:

A very good year during 2016 saw funds being raised for a new clubhouse which includes a kitchen and toilet. The work was done by volunteers, which enabled costs to be kept to a minimum. The Club won the Westmoreland Bowling League Seniors division and is now in the higher division. There is also an evening Rural League in which people can play if not able to play during the day. Membership has increased. As always, new members and support are always welcome; contact John Mason for more details.

### **GENERAL INTEREST GROUPS**

#### **Community First Responders**

John Wood reported there are now three active members with himself as Coordinator. Training sessions are held with the Bentham volunteers. If anyone wishes to help, they should contact John Wood in the first instance (email: [j.peter.wood@btinternet.com](mailto:j.peter.wood@btinternet.com) , telephone 015242 61646)

#### **Concerts and Cakes**

Cathy Rowland sent the following report:

##### *Four Years and Counting*

The fourth season of Concert&Cakes presented four very different ensembles opening in October with The Marisca Trio, a versatile ensemble who blended the unconventional instrumentation of the harp, cello and saxophone, the Harmonopoly barbershop quartet in November, the amazing Dani Sicari and the Easy Rollers in February and a beautiful, accomplished performance of Schubert's powerful String Quintet in C performed by the Aurora String Quintet in March.

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 photocopying, 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. This season, we have had between 100 and 130 people to every concert which is the most we've had since we started 18 concerts ago! And this fourth year is the last one we have received funding to help support the musicians' costs. Our special thanks go to the Sir John Fisher Foundation

in Ulverston for their generous support. We have a mailing list of over 40 people and the audience comes from far and wide, often on a regular basis, to boost those from the village. This year, we have been able to donate profits to Pals with Trowels, the Sports Pavilion and All Saints Church. So we will be meeting up soon to talk about future concerts, and will follow up in the next Burtonian.

### **Emergency Plan**

Andy Ive wrote:

The Emergency plan was fully updated and reissued in March this year. The update included checking the emergency numbers of the various support organizations and Infrastructure bodies, as well as local contacts and any changes to locally available equipment. As a member of the Emergency Planning Society I get regular updates and will ensure any relevant recommendations get incorporated as required. A copy was also given to the Lancaster Emergency planner, who was very complimentary on our effort to become resilient. The emergency equipment is checked regularly by me. This is located to the rear of the shop garage. I fixed the salt spreader for this winter although it was unused. Should we be formalizing the vulnerability list of residents in some confidential format?

### **Heritage Group**

Julie Clarke wrote:

I am pleased to report that the Heritage group has been active this year.

- A number of oral histories have been completed.
- A talk was given to the Burton Friendship meeting to promote the activities of the group.
- A heritage trail is nearing completion
- Our digital archive now numbers 250 records which consist of photos, newspapers, articles, trade directories and parish records relating to Burton. We have been grateful for material received from villagers past and present.
- Working with Pals with Trowels the old village signs have been restored and reinstated at the entrances to the village on the main road. The financing of which has been helped by a successful joint grant with Pals with Trowels from the Harold Bridges foundation

Going forward we have identified both short term objectives; continuing to record oral histories of residents; develop specialist trail leaflets and information boards; a then and now booklet/calendar, developing a group logo. Longer terms objectives; making digital material accessible for all and ultimate housing of the collection of archival material we are collecting.

We meet bi-monthly, the first Wednesday of the month, in the Punch Bowl and welcome anyone to attend with an interest in the village's heritage.

### **Pals with Trowels**

Kate Vose wrote:

In the past year the Burton in Lonsdale Pals with Trowels have been busy continuing their aims of making Burton bloom, developing our gardening knowledge and socialising through our shared love of gardening and gardens.

Around the village you'll have seen the fruits of our labours, including further bulb planting on the green, and planting at the front of the pavilion. Most significantly the new village signs, funded by donations from 'Concert and Cakes' and a grant from the Harold & Alice Bridges Fund have now been completed and planted with spring bulbs. Work has also started on reinvigorating the Millennium Garden and developing it into a Garden of Remembrance.

Much of our funding for planting in the village has come from the (rather rain soaked) stall that we held at the Gala, we raised a total of £200 and acquired our new Pals mascot Gunther the Gnome.

Our garden visits to Larch Cottage nursery near Penrith and to Harlow Carr near Harrogate were both blessed with good weather, inspiring gardens, good company and excellent cake, and a new itinerary of trips is scheduled for the coming year. All of our efforts this year were celebrated when we were nominated for a Craven Community Award, which resulted in much fun making a video of our projects and when representatives of the group went to the prize ceremony at Coniston Hotel.

Plans for the coming year include longer term projects to develop an orchard on the recreation ground (we have already had an article printed in Gardeners World Magazine!), to continue work on the newly named Garden of Remembrance and to run Open Gardens on June 11th.

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

#### **Burton Regeneration Group**

Margaret Mason reported the Group is still active, however, taking a break following the completion of the Pavilion project. More work will be done in the future and ideas for projects will be welcomed, as are new members.

#### **Burton Village Hall Committee**

Another good year for the Village Hall.

Regular events include:

Monthly: Film nights that we underwrite, Dominoes, WI meetings, Music Nights, and Parish Council meetings

Weekly: Table tennis, with 3 tables regularly used; Karate; Keep Fit,

Ad hoc: Archery nights; workshops including 2 felt days using materials from Glenda Ross's donated art materials.

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.

The new water heater has been installed and is working well. The central heating is still an issue with the heating being found on at odd times. There has been some meddling with the timer and temperatures that I have now set at 12 degrees for all timings. Tim Wheildon has been asked to check our system is efficient and up to date.

The extra power sockets make life much easier for some events.  
The broadband subscription will be cancelled in June as we are not making any money from it to cover the £40.20 we pay each month.

The website and calendar is to be taken on as a task by the committee. Some errors on the website need to be corrected. Our Facebook page is well used and very useful - thanks to Nicky Wilkinson for this and her offer to continue with this...

New racking in the mezzanine has allowed better storage of all of the art materials that we were given, plus Christmas decorations etc.

Maintenance:

The roof and guttering repairs will be carried out in the better weather. I will get a quote for changing all lights to LED's to save on fuel bills. The possibility of new chairs is to be investigated.

A new treasurer has been appointed from the new committee. Thank you all committee members for their work this year.

Andy Ive, Chairman

#### **Burton Village Shop**

The shop continues to be successful and to be the hub of the village. It is financially sound, although increasing cost pressures result in us having to run ever faster just to stand still.

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.

New volunteers will be welcomed with open arms - an hour or two a week would be fantastic!

David Brown

#### **OTHER GROUPS**

##### **Burton in Lonsdale Women's Institute**

We now have 16 paid-up members, with meetings also often attended by a few regular visitors from the village. Sadly during the course of the year, 3 longstanding previous members passed away: Alice Dale, Glenda Ross and Alice Dodgson . We will miss them all.

Vera Dodgson qualified for a Long Service Award, being honoured for her skills and contributions to arts and crafts at the 2017 Federation Spring Council meeting, and was presented with the Nora Worth Prize.

President Jean Thornber stepped down at our November AGM. Jill Peel was elected in her place. Our thanks to Jean for her dedication and efforts, with membership doubling during her presidency.

2016-17 Activities were many and varied. Talks included: living in Burton during the 1930s, a folk music evening, based on pieces collected over 200 years, and a talk by a resident personally affected by the Spanish Civil War. Chinese medicine theory and mobility, flexibility and relaxation techniques were demonstrated. Work/life experiences of an airline pilot and the local rector were related and talks about Mauritius and Tiri Tiri



Matangi, off the New Zealand Coast followed. The final, highly amusing talk was by a deaf musician Canon Dr J Paul Whittaker.

Our small WI, on the very edge of the Federation area makes it difficult to attend events further afield, particularly in the evenings. However, we endeavoured to support events closer to us this year. The Spring Councils (Harrogate 2016 and Leyburn 2017) were attended by 2 and 8 members respectively. At Leyburn Julia Mulligan, the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, spoke about fraud and scams, and described her campaign to help women suffering from abuse. In the afternoon Gyles Brandreth, some-time MP, writer, and TV celebrity, royally entertained us. Elizabeth Owen attended as our delegate.

Other events at Tennants at Leyburn , Linton, and Austwick were also attended. To support Denman College, 10 members took part in a Murder Mystery Trail around Kirkby Lonsdale which raised £60. Baking skills came to the fore when all members produced scrumptious cakes, scones and traybakes to serve with teas at the revived Burton Gala in June 2016. Members attended various events in the Yorkshire area.

Hopefully we will be able to join in more events organised by Federation. Closer to home, we would love new members to join us and we welcome everyone to our regular monthly meetings.

Jobs/activities carried out by members in the village include: providing transport to the doctors' surgery, Mother's Union, Stay and Play morning for toddlers and mothers, serving drinks at Film Nights, Baking cakes for Concert and Cakes, Ladies' Friendship Group, Book Club, Table Tennis, Pals with Trowels, Art Group, help at the cat sanctuary or Bentham Pet Rescue, Ireby Road. Apologies for any mistakes or omissions.

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

There were no written resolutions.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.53pm.

**Signed**.....

**Dated**.....