

17 August 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

We write to express our concerns at the proposed scheme to sell off the Recreation Ground in Burneside, adjacent to the Bowling Green and incorporating the Tennis Courts.

We understand the sale of this land will be for building purposes, indeed of many houses!

This land, we believe, was left to the people of Burneside for recreational purposes only, by Alfred Henry Willink on his death on 18<sup>th</sup> September 1947.

We also believe this was administered by the Alfred Willink Trust and are at a loss to understand how this land can be disposed of in this fashion. Mr Willinks' will clearly states " for use as a Recreational Ground ." How can a Trust be broken in such a fashion.

This land was under threat a few years ago, when it was proposed for the site of a new Youth Club, which was questionable for a variety of reasons, but at least it could be said to be for the benefit of a small section of the village, though not for everyone.

Mr Willinks' Will, dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 1946 stated, " I give and devise the field containing two decimel (2.15) acres, or thereabouts, part of my Holme Lyon Estate and adjoining the Bowling Green at Burneside ( free of duty ) to the Parish Councils of Strickland Rodger and Strickland Ketel or any combined Council for use as a Recreational Ground ." I.E Recreational Ground NOT Recreational purposes or Recreation facility or indeed the building of houses!

In 1950, or thereabouts, the land was vested to Strickland Rodger and Strickland Ketel Parish Councils with the advice from the Solicitors involved, so far as the Executors are concerned, all they were required to do was ensure that it (the land) would be held for the purpose of a Recreational Ground.

In 1974 the Parish Council gave over the management of the Ground to the Anglers Trust.

In a letter from Mr Les Buckle in 1987 ( then personal manager of James Cropper

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PLC and secretary of the Anglers Trust ) to Mr Keith Taylor ( then Chairman of the Tennis Club ) states “ All of the field on which they and club house stand form part of the A.H. Willink Trust. The land was left, to the village of Burneside to be used only as a Recreation Ground, by A.H. Willink. “

Prior to 1974 it was under the jurisdictions of the Parish Council, who we understand were appointed by the Charity Commission as the Trustees.

In 1974 it was agreed between the Parish Council and the Anglers Inn Trustees that the land would become the responsibility of the Anglers Inn Trust, this was subsequently agreed by the Charity Commission in 1975.

The reason for this change was, largely, because the Trust had money available to help with the upkeep and the Parish Council did not.

Other huge concerns of ours are, of course, the very limited sewage systems of Burneside, particularly at this end of the village and an overloaded sewage main.

Also we do not particularly like the idea of our village becoming so much bigger. People who wish to live in a town, do so.

The huge increase in the volume of traffic is also a major concern and feel that the road system, both in the village, and that the access into and out of the village will be even more stretched.

Other issues we believe to be true are that the Football Club is opposed to reductions - nay total absence of the Recreational Ground that building will impose.

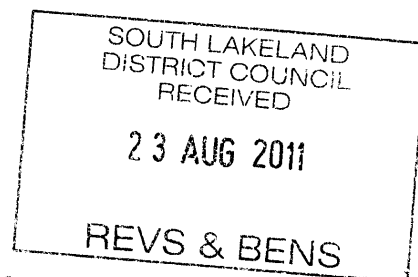
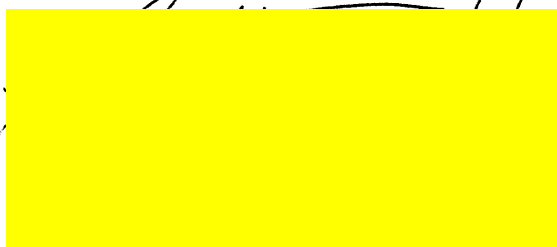
We believe that the Bowling Club ( adjacent ) now use part of this land for car parking, surely this is also questionable, but at least it has to do with recreation and is of benefit to the village and NOT a building site. We understand the Bowling Club has grave concerns and fears of damage to surrounding areas, including their own site, and that this would have a major effect on them.

It would seem to us to be a massive betrayal of trust. A Charitable Trust should seek to serve the community and NOT their own interests !

Another point we would like to make, is to point out that not everyone has email facilities and therefore appear to be ignored by you, which is why this is in letter form and it would be appreciated if we could have a written reply.

Copies of this letter will be sent to :-

The Parish Council  
Tim Farron M.P.  
The Charity Commission



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Yours faithfully

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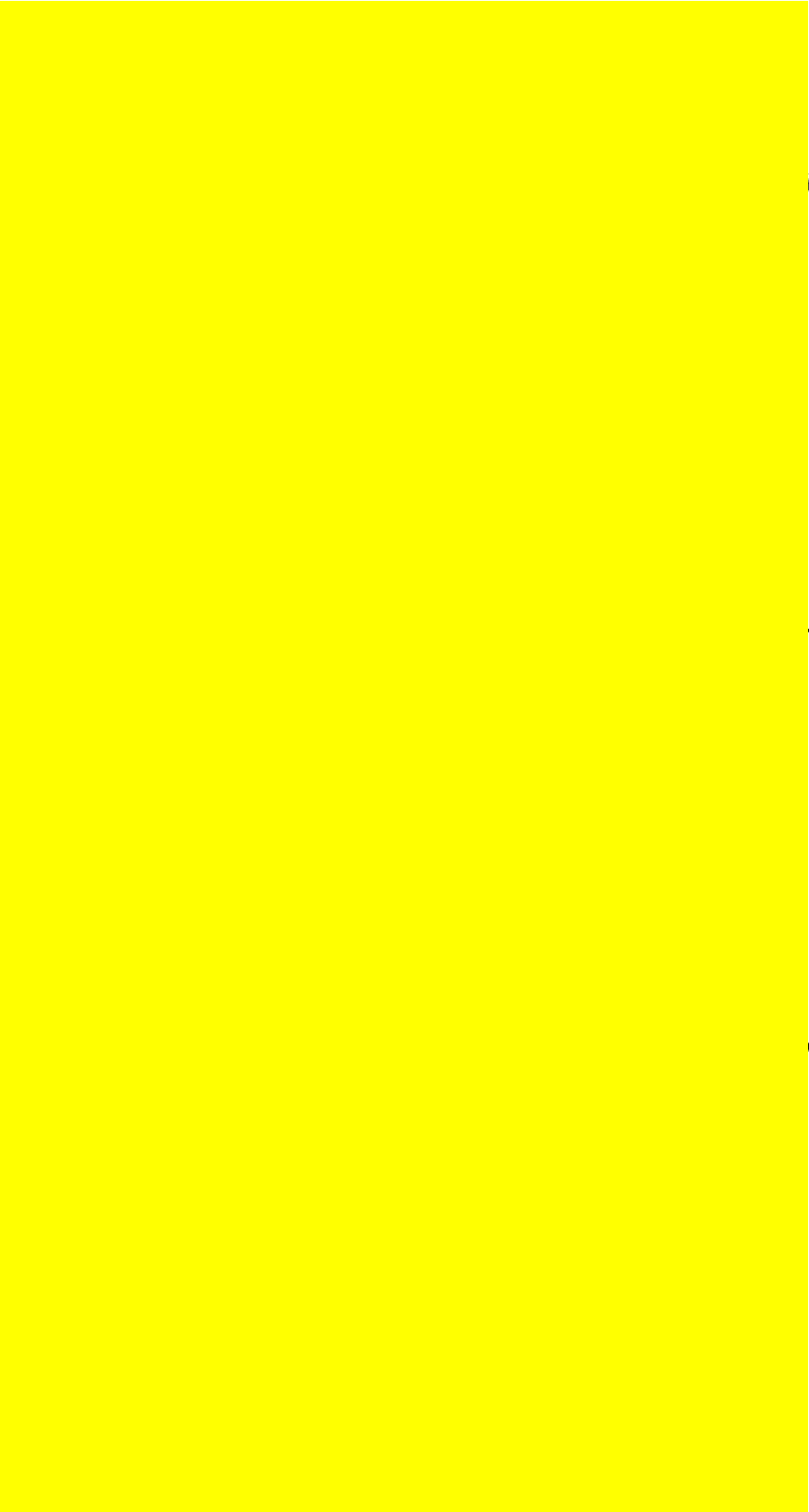
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