

BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Green Room of the Village Hall, Todds Lane, Burton upon Stather on Monday 13 June 2005.

PRESENT Councillor R.W.Harris in the Chair
Councillors G.M.Aykroyd, P.F.Bell, Mrs A.Bradley,
Mrs B.Clark-Vessey, Mrs P.J.Cooper, C.Curtis, G.A.Mackay,
Mrs C.A.Middleton, M.Peace, Mrs M.A.Richardson,
S.G.Sowerby, N.F.Thornes.
North Lincolnshire Councillor A.Smith.
One member of the public attended.

APOLOGIES were accepted from Councillors Mrs A.L.Campbell and Mrs J.A.Cooper, North Lincolnshire Councillors H.Rowson and B.R.Regan, and PC Amanda Barnett.

Before the meeting began, Mrs Slater gave a donation to the Burton in Bloom Committee.

23. Declaration of Interest – Model Code of Conduct Order 2001

Councillor Mrs C.A.Middleton declared an on-going interest as a member of the Village Hall Committee.

24. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held Monday 9 May, the Planning Meetings of 16 May and 6 June 2005 and the Finance Committee of 6 June 2005, as circulated previously, were submitted and signed as a true record.

25. Burton Playing Field Association

Cllr N.F.Thornes reported that a meeting had been arranged between the PFA and architect Tim Piggott to discuss new plans for the pavilion extensions, prior to submitting bids for funding.

The PFA was also going to discuss future arrangements for grasscutting at the playing field.

Members were reminded that the PFA was arranging a children's event on Sunday 26 June as part of the Burton in Bloom weekend.

26. New Cemetery

The Clerk reported that YEDL still intended to move the overhead electricity cables underground, but had been delayed because of loss of power lines in early spring. The Clerk would continue to remind YEDL of the need for the work to be done as soon as possible.

It was noted that quotations for the resurfacing of the car park had been sought from five contractors and these were due back by Monday 4 July.

RESOLVED that a meeting of the Cemetery Committee should be held on Monday 4 July to discuss the quotations.

The new “No Dog Fouling” signs had arrived, but needed to be mounted on posts.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should order two more signs from Crowston Engineering and ask Mr R.Carton to concrete them into the Cemetery site.

27. Police Matters

The Police caravan visited Burton on Wednesday 1 June 2005.

The April and May Humberside Police newsletters were available, but contained little of relevance to Burton.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should seek some feedback from Humberside Police about the number of residents who visited the caravan and the kind of issues raised there.

28. North Lincolnshire Council:

Progress reports, repairs or other routine matters to be reported.

- i. Defective road surface Norfolk Avenue/High Street reported.
- ii. Damaged safety bollards – Normanby Park corner reported.
- iii. Damaged Ridgewood Drive sign to be reported.
- iv. Sinking sewer drain cover adjacent to Thealby Play Area to be reported.
- v. Dead trees near to the No Tipping sign on Wood Hill to be reported.
- vi. Orchard Drive residents were still experiencing problems with flooding from sewers. Cllr B.P.Regan was arranging a meeting with Severn Trent to try to resolve the matter.
- vii. The Tee Lane drain had been repaired once, but now needed a further repair.
- viii. The Traffic Safety Officer, Steve Harrison, had sought the Council’s opinion about removing a small tree, thought to be obstructing the speed limit sign. The Clerk had asked for further information about which tree he proposed to remove, but had not yet had an answer.

28. North Lincolnshire Council:

- ix. Overhanging trees and shrubs restricting the view of motorists at Normanby Park corner were to be reported.
- x. North Lincolnshire Council seat near the water tower: Cllr N.F.Thornes kindly offered to cut the grass so that it could be used.
- xi. It was agreed that a litter collecting team should tackle the rubbish in the ditch from 36 Tee Lane towards the water tower, but, meanwhile, the Clerk should try to find out who was actually responsible for it.

29. Parish Property

- i. The Clerk had managed to obtain one quotation for the specified decorative fence for the growing Christmas tree on Glebe Paddock. **RESOLVED** that further quotations should be sought for the fence. It was noted that the Christmas tree was not growing vertically. Councillors R.W.Harris and G.M.Aykroyd kindly offered to try to straighten the growth.
- ii. Historical plaques
The Clerk was still seeking a quotation for “Signs of the Times”.
- iii. A new lock had to be fitted as an emergency measure to secure the overspill car park/picnic site on Burton Hills.
- iv. The Clerk agreed to try to find the cost of anti graffiti paint for the bus shelters.

30. Burton in Bloom Weekend

Cllr G.M.Aykroyd reminded councillors about the various events taking place from Friday 24 – Sunday 26 June.
A letter from North Lincolnshire Council had been circulated to members and to Burton in Bloom warning against the illegal erection of signs on the highway.
The Clerk had asked North Lincolnshire Council to ensure the approach verges were cut and had asked Birtwhistle Landscaping to ensure Glebe Paddock had been cut in readiness.

31. Alterations to Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The Clerk had learnt that two councillors must sign cheques and that she could only counter-sign their signatures. The Finance Committee had therefore recommended that two more signatories should be added so that cheques could be signed in the absence of any of the existing three signatories.

RESOLVED that Standing Orders and Financial regulations should be altered to remove the clause stating that the Clerk could be one of the two cheque signatories in an emergency:
that Councillors C.Curtis (Vice Chair of Finance) and S.G.Sowerby (Chair of Planning) should be added as signatories.

32. New Employment Package for Clerks

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee it was

RESOLVED that, i) following the National Joint Council for Local Government Services on rates of pay for local council clerks effective from 1st April 2005, the clerk's post should be allocated to LC1, Spinal Column Point 22, £9.315 per hour, and the hours of work should be increased from 14.5 to 16 hours per week.

ii) a new contract should be issued reflecting the new terms and conditions.

33. Village of the Year and Best Kept Village Competitions

The Clerk was in the process of finalising the submission to the Village of the Year competition as the closing date was 27 June 2005. Judging would take place in July/August.

Judging for this year's Best Kept Village competition was to take place during June, July and August.

34. ERNLLCA Training

The Clerk confirmed that she had checked with ERNLLCA but they did not have the time to provide in-house training.

RESOLVED that an additional place should be booked for "The Role of the Councillor" course on Wednesday 29 June 2005 at The Angel Suite, Brigg.

35. Dates of Meetings

As both the Chairman and Vice Chairman would be absent for the July and September full Council meetings, members were asked if they wished to change the dates.

RESOLVED that the dates should remain the same - the second Monday of the month;

that Councillor N.F.Thornes should chair the July meeting and that Councillor P.F.Bell should chair the September meeting.

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36. Burton Boarding Kennels

Copies of correspondence were noted from Cllr B.P.Regan and Mr J.Cross to the North Lincolnshire Council Environmental Health Department on the on-going problem of noise from barking dogs at the Burton Boarding Kennels.

Mr Cross asked the Parish Council for a letter of support to add to their petition, which was to go to the Ombudsman.

Cllr R.W.Harris reported on an amicable meeting he had attended held on 7 June 2005 with Mr T.Laming of North Lincolnshire Council, the kennel owners and residents to try to solve the problem, but the meeting had ended with no real consensus. An expensive acoustic fence and business grants for possible re-location were two issues raised, which might be explored further.

Cllr A.Smith stated that he had asked for a full report on the meeting, which he had been unable to attend.

RESOLVED that that the Parish Council should not actively support either party, as members could see the problems from both sides.

37. The Future of Council Homes

North Lincolnshire Council had sent a newsletter about the future of North Lincolnshire council housing stock and offered to give a presentation to the Parish Council, should further information be required.

Cllr A.Smith stated he would oppose the transfer of housing stock from North Lincolnshire Council to an alternative provider.

He confirmed that he would find out how many houses and bungalows were still in Council ownership in Burton Parish.

RESOLVED that a housing officer should be invited to address a public meeting about the issues in October, possibly in the afternoon;

that the meeting should be advertised in the September newsletter and that residents in Council properties should receive individual letters inviting them to the event.

38. Japanese Knotweed – Glebe Paddock

The Clerk had investigated the problem of Japanese knotweed growing between Glebe Paddock and the new Vicarage.

Discussions had taken place with the Diocese about trying to dig out the weed, which was growing beneath the fence and in among the berberis hedge. If the hedge and fence needed to be removed, the Diocese would be prepared to pay half the cost.

Information on the DEFRA website suggested that the roots travel laterally and downwards for many metres. The fear was that, once stopped by a weed suppressing membrane, it would re-emerge through the tarmac path and in Glebe Paddock itself.

38. Japanese Knotweed – Glebe Paddock

RESOLVED that Birtwhistle Landscaping should be asked to apply a systemic weedkiller on a regular basis to try to kill the roots and the weed be monitored for the time being.

39. “Travel More – Pay Less”

Members noted information leaflets from North Lincolnshire Council on half price travel for the over sixties and the disabled.

40. CORRESPONDENCE – items for information only.

- i. “Enlightenment” – newsletter of the North Lincolnshire Museum Archaeology Project.
Volunteers for the project should contact Alison Williams on 01724 843533 or e-mail alison.williams@northlincs.gov.uk
- ii. “Big Lottery Fund” Competition
Competition with awards up to £50,000 will be made to 4 winning contestants in the Yorkshire and Humber region.
Details from www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
- iii. ERNLLCA newsletter May 2005 as circulated.
- iv. North Lincolnshire Council Forward Plan June – September 2005
- v. Lincoln Flower Festival to be held 29 July – 1 August
See website at www.lincolncathedral.com
- vi. CPRE “Northern Lincolnshire Landscapes” @£5.00
One day course Saturday 11 June 10 – 3.00pm Scawby Village Hall
- vii. “Improve your publicity skills” course 7.00pm on 18 July Tofts Road Day Centre, Barton run by Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire L @ £5.00 per person.

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41. PLANNING

Planning applications submitted to North Lincolnshire Council and passed to Burton upon Stather Parish Council for comments:

None received at 6 June 2005.

Full Planning Permission granted by North Lincolnshire Council

2005/0535 To erect two storey side and single storey rear extension at 13 Darby Road

Planning Correspondence:

i. North Lincolnshire Statement of Community Involvement – Early Stakeholder Consultation:

Setting out how local communities could get involved in the new planning framework for North Lincolnshire.

Comments on this pre-draft statement had to be sent to the Development Plans Team by 10 June 2005.

ii. Complaint about a fence on Wiltshire Avenue

This item had been referred to North Lincolnshire Council for advice and the response was that the fence was permitted development – planning permission was not required.

Members suggested that the “open Plan” aspect might have been enshrined in the householders’ deeds. The Clerk was asked to make further enquiries.

iii. Green lighting at the Sheffield Arms Hotel

A number of complaints had been made about the green tinged lighting in the Conservation Area.

North Lincolnshire Council stated that the owners would be submitting a planning application in due course.

iv. Burton upon Stather Conservation Area Appraisal and Supplementary Planning Guidance

North Lincolnshire Council formally approved the document on June 10 2005.

A number of Conservation Area residents had expressed their dissatisfaction with the procedures, which had led to the document’s compilation.

Members expressed dissatisfaction with the North Lincolnshire Council Planning Department and general cynicism with the stakeholder consultations taking place in relation to the new planning framework.

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42. FINANCE

i. Valuation of the Village Hall

The Clerk had checked the cost of increasing the value of the Village Hall on the property insurance: Value £350,000 – cost £145.82, value £400,00 – cost £247.36.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should obtain two further quotations for the accurate valuation of the Village Hall for insurance purposes and proceed with the cheapest.

ii. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND RECEIPTS

npower (Office supply)	284571	20.54
npower (Glebe Paddock feeder pillar)	284572	11.85
Folgate (HHHB) Ltd (PFA insurance)	284573	1352.89
Lincolnshire Fencing & Timber Supplies (Concreting in two end posts of Playing Field fence)	284574	23.50
Spoilt	284575	0
R.J.Carton (Erecting two litter bin posts)	284576	65.00
R.J.Carton (Routine property maintenance as checked by Cllr G.A.Mackay – as per quote)	284577	1840.00
ERNLLCA (4 places for New Councillor course)	284578	70.00
R.J.W.G.Enravers (Two signs for new cemetery, one replacement for Burton Hills)	284579	42.30
*Burton in Bloom (Reimbursement for plants as agreed 09.05.05)	284580	40.92
Crowston Engineering (Security padlock – Burton Hills)	284581	83.10
Birtwhistle Landscaping (Grounds maintenance Burton and Thealby)	284582	477.33
St Andrew's PCC (Reimbursement for grounds maintenance)	284583	155.27
Mrs P.Denby (Sal April 2005 rates - May SCP21 14.5 hpw 570.53 less PAYE £12.80, NI £13.29 and pension £34.23 plus expenses May £143.78 – includes quarterly telephone rental and CILCA training course in Goole)	284584	653.99
Post Office Ltd (NI £31.70 plus PAYE £12.80)	284585	44.50
East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Pension: Clerk pays 6% £34.23, Council pays 16.9% £96.42 for period up to 01.04.06)	284586	130.65
VANL (Printing newsletter)	284587	12.35
ERNLLCA (Training course)	284588	17.50
TOTAL		5041.69

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RECEIPTS

North Lincolnshire Council First half of annual precept	17500.00
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Bank Statements

Lloyds TSB passbook No transaction since 12 Nov 2004	306.92
Lloyds TSB current account Statement at 31 May 2005	7362.05
Bank of Ireland Bank statement at 31 May 2005	26204.43
TOTAL	33873.40