

BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Green Room of the Village Hall,
Todds Lane, Burton upon Stather on Monday 13 March 2006.**

PRESENT Councillor R.W.Harris in the Chair in the Chair
Councillors G.M.Aykroyd, P.F.Bell Mrs A.Bradley,
Mrs A.L.Campbell, Mrs J.A.Cooper, Mrs P.J.Cooper,
C.Curtis, Mrs C.A.Middleton, M.Peace, Mrs M.A.Richardson,
S.G.Sowerby. N.F.Thornes
North Lincolnshire Councillor A.Smith

Approximately 25 members of the public were present

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Mrs B.Clark-Vessey and G.A.Mackay.

North Lincolnshire Councillors B.P.Regan and H.Rowson.

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

On-going declarations of personal interest in respect of membership of the Playing Fields Association were noted from Councillors Mrs A.Bradley and N.F.Thornes.

On-going declarations of interest in respect of membership of the Village Hall Management Committee were noted from Councillors Mrs A.Bradley, G.A.Mackay and Mrs C.A.Middleton.

240. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13 February 2006, the Parish Plan meetings of the 1 and 23 February, and the Planning Committee of the 28 February 2006, having been circulated previously, were submitted and signed as a true record.

With the approval of the Council Item 262 Planning on the agenda was brought forward.

262. PLANNING

2005/0067 Bagmoor Windfarm Cluster

Cllr Mrs P.J.Cooper reported on a meeting of North Lincolnshire Council Planning Committee at which the Bagmoor Wind Turbine Cluster was discussed. The Planning Committee had deferred the decision until they had had a site visit, which was to be held on 30 March 2006.

Cllr Mrs Cooper asked North Lincolnshire Council to answer a number of questions about the application, including issues relating to TV signals, noise, a risk assessment for the possible fall of a turbine onto the B1430, road and traffic disturbance. She also quoted items of alleged misinformation.

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The meeting was adjourned to allow Mr R.Scales to speak on the same subject.

Mr Scales asked North Lincolnshire Council to answer a number of questions. He raised the possible damaging effects on Normanby Park and the surrounding villages in terms of visual and noise impact and questioned the speed of the application, considering the numerous proposed windfarms in other parts of North Lincolnshire. He also claimed that North Lincolnshire Council had not followed its own consultation process.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should ask North Lincolnshire to answer these questions together with a query about why Parish and Town Councils were not told when planning applications, to which they had objected, were to be discussed by North Lincolnshire Council, unlike individual residents.

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

2006/0112 Planning permission to erect a single storey rear extension to existing house (previous refusal 2005/0523)
25 Normanby Road, Burton.

No comments or observations

2006/0268 Planning permission to demolish existing lean to extension and erect new single storey extension.
23 Hillcrest Drive, Burton (Ms J.Dibdin)

2006/0269 Planning permission to erect detached house with double garage. Land at 23 Hillcrest Drive, Burton (Ms J.Dibdin)

It was reported that 13 letters of objection and one verbal objection had been received, reflecting very strong opposition to both applications. The Clerk and Chairman of the Burton upon Stather Planning Committee had researched the points raised by the objectors and compiled a list of Local Plan policies which the applications might contravene, if the Parish Council resolved to object.

RESOLVED that Burton Parish Council should object to **PA 2006/0268** for the following reasons:

1. The term "lean to" is a misrepresentation of an integral part of the building.
2. The house is unique in Burton upon Stather and to demolish the sloping lounge area would destroy the symmetry of the building, which is particularly striking when viewed from the west.
3. North Lincolnshire Council should consider listing the building, as it is a unique example of the modern architecture of its period.

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2006/0269 Planning permission to erect detached house with double garage. Land at 23 Hillcrest Drive, Burton (Ms J.Dibdin)

RESOLVED that the following objections should be made:

1. The erection of a two storey house and double garage will block the view over the Trent valley and is therefore contrary to Policy H5 (h) of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan in that it will detract from and obscure the landscape beyond, depriving the village of a public amenity.

The 11 foot high leylandii hedge has already grown to an unacceptable level (11 foot) and should be reduced to a maximum height of 6 foot. The reference to a “lean to” is very misleading and it is actually a partial demolition of uniquely designed property.

2. To comply with H5 (i) the applicant is depriving the village of valuable public amenity by using land designated as high landscape value in LC8 (i), where any proposed development should be subject to special scrutiny. The proposal is contrary to LC10 (i) as there will be significant adverse impact on the special scenic quality of the landscape. If the two proposed garden areas were fenced, it would lead to an unacceptable loss of view to the north, even at the end of the public grassed viewing area.

3. The two storey house will be inappropriately sited and will not reflect the existing street scene as the view over the valley will be blocked by brick walls. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy LC13, as the 3 roads – Westover Drive, Linton Rise and Hillcrest Drive - were specifically designed to afford clear views over the Trent valley with publicly maintained grassed viewing areas at the bottom of each road. In order to create additional space for a new house and garden, land has been acquired outside the current development limits, which is contrary to the spirit of Policy ST3 and HE3.

4. Even with the additional land, the plot is cramped and out of keeping with the size, form and character of Hillcrest Drive, therefore contrary to H3 (ii).

5. Burton is a minimum growth settlement where there is no need for additional housing, particularly one which deprives the village of open views over the Trent. It is therefore contrary to Policy H4 paragraph 4.37, which states “the piecemeal residential development of private gardens can, if uncontrolled, create an adverse impact and destroy the character of settlements. Any new development should enhance and improve the local environment”.

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2006/0269 objections continued:

6. The proposal is contrary to H5 (j) and DS 1 (i), (ii), (iii), (vii) and (viii) in that the two storey building will result in overlooking, loss of privacy, unacceptable vehicular access and loss of amenity to neighbouring properties.

7. The additional land which has been acquired falls away sharply to the west and will necessitate significant piling which will impact on adjoining countryside, therefore contrary to DS1 (ix) and (x).

8. The land acquired at the western edge appears to compromise Public Footpath 171 and is therefore contrary to Policy R5 (iv) in that the existing right of way is being restricted. Hawthorn has already been strewn across the original route.

9. If this development were allowed to go ahead, it would be contrary to policies DS1 and DS5 in that that the erection of the house and double garage would introduce a visually intrusive and prominent feature in the street scene of Hillcrest Drive.

It would set a dangerous precedent for the partial demolition of other properties along the western escarpment, particularly on Linton Rise and Westover Drive, which would further erode village amenity in depriving the village of important views over the Trent valley.

10. Members of the North Lincolnshire Planning Committee should be urged to visit the site before making a decision.

Full Planning Permissions granted or refused by North Lincolnshire Council : None

The Council then reverted to the original agenda.

241. Burton Playing Field Association

Cllr N.F.Thornes clarified the background to a complaint alleging that a junior football team was being forced to move to the school. He refuted the allegation, explaining that the PFA had asked the manager not to use the same part of the pitch so that the wear was distributed evenly. The football teams had been asked to form an umbrella organisation to monitor the use of the pitch, as there were maintenance costs to be considered.

Cllr Thornes confirmed that all football managers had to have CRB clearance and that the PFA had offered to pay half the cost of the application.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should liaise with Cllr Thornes to write a letter of explanation to the football manager concerned.

It was noted that the new fencing was now complete. The Clerk was to ask North Lincolnshire Council if they had any more hedging plants, which could be planted alongside the new fence.

242. New Cemetery

i. Car Park Refurbishment

Tim Allen, the North Lincolnshire Council Project Manager, had confirmed that there was no other source of funding available for the car park refurbishment. The Parish Council was therefore asked to consider applying for a loan sanction from ERNLLCA to enable them to borrow money from the Public Works Loan Board to match fund grants to complete the work after April 2006. The Clerk reminded members that the recommendations from the Finance Committee meeting, as approved by the full council meeting held on 12 December 2005, were to set aside £5000 for the financial year 2006-7 to either increase the capital budget or to start annual repayments to the Public Works Loan Board. The North Lincolnshire Council Highways Alliance had quoted a minimum cost of £37,500 for the work at 7 June 2005.

Members considered the capital budget allocation detailed below, together with current annuity and e.i.p. loan repayment rates for £20,000 from the Public Works Loan Board. It was confirmed that the loan could be repaid early if the Council wished to do so.

Budget allocation

Parish Council allocation to March 31 2006	8,947.00
North Lincs Council/Heritage Lottery grants	10,000.00
Loan from the PWLB	20,000.00
	38,947.00

RESOLVED that the Council should apply for a loan sanction from the East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire Local Councils Association which would allow them to borrow £20,000 from the Public Works Loan Board over a period of 10 years.

ii. Hedging

The Clerk had arranged for the delivery of additional hedging plants from North Lincolnshire Council to plug gaps in the cemetery hedge. Members were asked to volunteer to plant the hedging when it arrived.

iii. Barriers

The Clerk had arranged to meet Mr D.Sanderson, North Lincolnshire Council Public Rights of Way officer, and Mr J.Hurst, Normanby Estate Farm Manager, on Friday 17 March to discuss the erection of a barrier to stop unauthorised vehicle access to Foot Path 164 and the new cemetery site.

Councillors were invited to attend the meeting.

243. Humberside Police

The Humberside Police caravan was to visit the Health Centre car park on Tuesday 21 March 2006 between 10.00am – 3.30pm.

244. North Lincolnshire Council:

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

i. No further news on the adoption of Ashwood Close.

ii. *Dog litter bin – Ashwood Close/Burton Hills

*Cllr Mrs C.A.Middleton declared a personal interest as a resident affected by the position of the dog bin.

The Public Rights of Way officer had agreed to take on responsibility for the path from Ashwood Close onto Burton Hills, if his superiors allowed him to. He was considering improvements to the access by raising the level of FP 7.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would pay for a dog litter bin, if agreement could be reached with the officer on the site, so that North Lincolnshire Council could service it free of charge.

iii. Sewerage Problems – Orchard Drive

Cllr B.P.Regan had written to residents, advising them to treat the sewerage system carefully to avoid future blockages. The Environmental Health officers at North Lincolnshire Council were thanked for responding to the latest blockage. North Lincolnshire Council was putting together a plan for all residents of Orchard Drive and Orchard Close to contribute to the cost of upgrading the sewerage system.

iv. Road surfacing – Normanby

Surface patching had been completed, but no further action was planned as the highway signing was good and there had only been one minor accident recorded in 2003.

v. Excessive lorry traffic – Thealby

Lorries (4 red plus 1 white) travelling to the Alkborough Flats project had been using the wrong route (via Normanby – C107 Thealby) according to Sarah Burtonwood, the Project Manager. The drivers had been advised of the correct route. Residents could expect a maximum of 10 trips per lorry per day using the authorised route (via the A1077) up to mid May.

RESOLVED that North Lincolnshire Council should be warned that the lorries were causing excessive damage to the Alkborough road, particularly at the water tower corner. They should be urged to implement temporary repairs to prevent accidents.

With reference to waste lorries, there is no weight restriction on the B1430 or C107 so they are allowed to travel through Thealby, but the Traffic Safety Officer agreed to consider a possible weight restriction order for the B1430 now that the new roundabout has been constructed into the Lysaghts Enterprise Park off Normanby Road.

vi. Standing water on the B1430, north of the new roundabout had been reported.

vii. Flixborough Road sign - Mr M.Collins had offered to have the street sign on his wall, but there had been no response from Highways as yet.

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- viii. Damaged and worn directional signs were to be changed in the new financial year.
- ix. Old Row: the road surface was not a highways issue as it is an unadopted road and public right of way FP 168. It could not be surfaced to road traffic standards, only pedestrian public rights of way standards. The residents had been advised that they could ask Public Rights of Way for permission to lay slag themselves to redress the flooding problem.
- x. Stather Road – The stream of water continued to flow and the problem had been referred back to Severn Trent.
- xi. Flixborough Road street clutter – Highways had been reminded again to see what poles etc could be removed.
- xii. Hedge at end of Flixborough Road – neither Highways nor the Normanby Estate were convinced that lowering the hedge would make any difference to the icy road problem, but would spoil a very good hedge, if lowered, therefore no further action was planned.
- xiii. Stone water markers – Highways had referred the complaint about impractical and broken water markers to Anglian Water on numerous occasions.
- xiv. The Traffic Safety Officer did not object to moving the 30mph sign to include streetlight at far end of Flixborough Road, but there was no money left in the highways budget and it was low priority, as the bend in the road tended to slow traffic down, not moving the sign a few feet.
- xv. Wood Hill – North Lincolnshire Council had been asked to provide a “No through road” sign to prevent traffic travelling down Wood Hill by mistake. Unlicensed motorcyclists without helmets were also using the road.
- xvi. A foul smelling stream of water flowing down Wood Hill had been reported. According to the Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph, Wood Hill appeared on the list of roads to be treated after April 2006. The Clerk was asked to check the report and suggest it might be a blocked culvert.
- xvij. A request had been made for a “No parking on ornamental verges” sign on Tee Lane to prevent damage by cars and building materials. The Clerk was to ask for similar sign for Main Street, Normanby.
- xviii. The concrete surface water drainage channel on Burton Hills was choked with weeds and shrubs and had been reported.
- ix. A sign warning dog walkers not to foul FP7 on Burton Hills had been defaced.

245. Village of the Year - Allocation of Prize Money

RESOLVED that this item should be deferred until the next meeting.

246. Parish Plan

Questionnaires and newsletters had been allocated to deliverers and were ready to be delivered after the week beginning 20 March.
It had been agreed that consultations with the school should be deferred for the time being.

247. 60th Anniversary of the Friendship Club*

*Cllr Mrs M.A.Richardson declared a personal interest as a member of the Friendship Club.

Members were asked to consider making a small token donation towards the 60th anniversary celebrations.

RESOLVED that the Council, in accordance with the powers under Section 137 of the LGA 1972, should incur the above expenditure of £60.00 which, in the opinion of Council, is in the interest of all or some of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

248. Hawthorn Clearance – Burton Hills

A decision on a request from residents at 23 Holme Drive to be allowed to leave the hawthorn prunings in the Burton Hills woodland was deferred. It was agreed that councillors should view the hawthorn trees on site after meeting with the Public Rights of Way officer on Friday 17 March.

249. Briar Clearance – Burton Hills

Mr G.Judkins, the St Andrew's Church groundsman, asked the Parish Council to clear the briars and scrub from the grass verge adjacent to the churchyard on Burton Hills. Once cleared, he offered to maintain it and plant it with spring bulbs. Mr M.Birtwhistle had quoted £75.00 to clear the briars and scrub.

RESOLVED that councillors should view the site on Friday 17 March before making a decision.

250. Burton Hills and Picnic Site Car Park

The Public Rights of Way officer, Mr D.Sanderson, sought the Council's approval to remove the vandalised information board from the Burton Hills car park and to replace it with a more suitable sign for Burton Hills, possibly something like the diorama at Alkborough, if funding became available.

He was planning to re-surface the picnic site car park in the new financial year, now that Public Rights of Way Department had accepted responsibility for it.

Mr Sanderson had agreed to explain his plans at the site meeting on March 17.

251. CPRE - Best Kept Village Competition 2006

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should enter the Parish of Burton, Normanby and Thealby into the past winners' group at a cost of £10.00.

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252. Date and Venue for Annual Parish Meeting

It was noted that the date had been set for Tuesday 25 April 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The date had been written into the community diary at the post office.

253. Burton Stather

Mr S.P.Smith, landlord at the Ferry House Inn, requested that the sign to the wharf at the Sheffield Arms corner should be removed and a decorative "to Burton Stather" sign be substituted.

RESOLVED that the request for the sign's removal could be passed on to Highways, but no decorative "To Burton Stather" should be requested.

254. Ferry House Inn Licence Appeal

Mr S.P.Smith, landlord at the Ferry House Inn, asked the Parish Council for support in his appeal against licence restrictions. Mr Smith argued that he could not "police" what is, essentially, a public green. He claimed that he either had to restrict access to the Ferry House green or run the risk of visitors drinking their own liquor on his land, risking a heavy fine.

It was noted that the Parish Council had not made any comments on the original application, therefore would not be expected to make any comment at the appeal.

Members were of the opinion that the licence restricted the sale of liquor from the Ferry House Inn only.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should advise Mr Smith to erect a simple disclaimer notice on his premises, advising visitors that they could not consume their own drinks on his land.

255. North Lincolnshire Strategic Partnership Health Improvement Strategy Group

A consultation on the "Obesity Strategy for North Lincolnshire" was noted.

256. ERNLLCA Newsletter

Councillors were reminded that ERNLLCA was holding its first dinner dance on the 13 May 2006 at a cost of £24.00 per head. Booking by 14 April 2006.

257. South Humber Bank People and Wildlife Project

It was noted that a consultation service was now available for local community groups to help maintain and improve local wildlife habitats e.g. Burton Hills.

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258. Climate Change Meeting

Mrs Liz Coe had announced that a public meeting was to take place at 7.00pm on 30 June 2006 at the Scunthorpe Library with Elliot Morley M.P. and Tony Juniper of Friends of the Earth.

259. Town and Parish Standard: 06

March update as circulated

260. North Lincolnshire Council Budget

It was noted that Band “D” properties would pay £1362.88 in Council Tax, of which £37.22 was the Burton Parish precept.

261. Mayor’s Charity Dinner Dance

The Mayor’s Charity Dinner Dance would be held on Saturday 22 April in aid of the Alzheimer’s Society and Arthritis Care at a cost of £25.00 per head. Booking by 29 March 2006.

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263. FINANCE 13 March 2006

Payment of Accounts and Receipts

North Lincolnshire Council (Parish Plan/Exhibition leaflets £24.60 + VAT)	284693	28.90
North Lincolnshire Council (Litter bin Flixborough Road £74.30 + VAT)	284694	87.30
NPOWER (Office supply £22.75 + VAT@5%)	284695	23.92
R.J.Carton (Normanby bus shelter roof repair and refitting Burton Hills gate)	284696	75.00
Astbury Wren & Co (Thealby Play Area insurance)	284697	950.00
NALC (1 Subscription to Local Council review)	284698	14.00
Northern Lincolnshire CPRE (Entry to best Kept Village competition)	284699	10.00
Burton upon Stather Methodist Church (Grant remainder 2005-6 towards roof repairs)	284700	1054 .00
Mrs P.Denby Salary: New contract from June 1 st 2005: Feb SCP22 16 hpw @£9.315 per hour £645.84 less PAYE £21.94, NI £21.53 and pension £38.75 = £563.62, plus expenses Feb £80.49 + £0.86 VAT (includes telephone rental)	284701	644.97
Post Office Ltd (PAYE £21.94 plus NI £41.83)	284702	63.77
East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Pension: Clerk pays 6% £38.75, Council pays 16.9% £109.15 for period up to 01.04.06)	284703	147.90
Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire (Subscription 2006-7)	284704	10.00
TOTAL		3109.76

RESOLVED that these accounts should be paid;
that all previously authorised outstanding accounts due before 31 March 2006 should be paid.

RECEIPTS - None

BANK STATEMENTS

Bank of Ireland Statement 28 February 2006	16,523.76
Lloyds TSB - current Statement 28 February 2006	10,607.04
Lloyds TSB Passbook no transactions since 15 June 2005	76.61
TOTAL	27,207.41

of which £8,947.00 is designated for resurfacing the playing field car park in the 2005-6 budget and £2995.00 is designated to meet all expenses for work on the Parish Plan 2005-6 to 2006-7.

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