

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 9 October 2006.

PRESENT Councillor G.M.Aykroyd in the Chair
 Councillors G.E.Anderson, P.F.Bell Mrs A.Bradley,
 Mrs B.Clark-Vessey, Mrs J.A.Cooper, Mrs P.J.Cooper,
 C.Curtis, G.A.Mackay, Mrs C.A.Middleton, M.Peace,
 Mrs M.A.Richardson, S.G.Sowerby .
 North Lincolnshire Councillor A.Smith
 P.C. J.Sewell.

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors R.W.Harris and N.F.Thornes
 No members of the public or the press were present.

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

On-going declarations of interest were noted from Councillors Mrs A.Bradley (Playing Field Committee); Councillors Mrs A.Bradley, Mrs C.A.Middleton and G.A.Mackay (Village Hall Committee); Councillor G.M.Aykroyd (Burton in Bloom Committee).

118. Minutes of the last full Council meeting held on the 11 September 2006, as circulated, were submitted and signed as a true record.

It was noted that the Planning Meeting, scheduled for 20 September 2006, was not held, as there was no quorum.

119. Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct

Councillor Edward Anderson had signed and submitted the appropriate forms and was welcomed onto Burton upon Stather Parish Council.

120. Public Footpath 170/171

There had been no written reply from North Lincolnshire Council regarding the investigation into the route of PF171, with a view to correcting any anomaly on the Definite Map. Mr D. Sanderson was the investigating officer who had indicated that it could not be done in the near future and would be expensive, either to restore the footpath as is shown on the Definitive Path, or to create a diverted new footpath, which is what residents of Hillcrest Drive actually wanted.

It was noted that the Normanby Estate had sold additional land beyond Hillcrest Drive to a previous owner, not to the present owners.

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121. Burton Playing Field Association

It was noted that Tim Allen's departmental budget had already been debited by £37,000 for the new car park, but that the Parish Council had not yet received a bill, or any explanation of the final costs.

A letter expressing dissatisfaction at the Parish Council decision to retain the car park barrier was received and noted.

The Clerk had written to Lincs Timber and Fencing for an estimate to provide additional fencing from the steel barrier to the conifer hedging.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should consider the costs of additional fencing and hedging at the next meeting.

A previously circulated report from Noel Thornes, Chairman of the PFA, was noted.

The litterbin had been stolen again from the playing field, but a replacement had been provided by North Lincolnshire Council and was now chained to the metal barrier next to the pavilion.

122. Police Matters

PC Jeff Sewell reported that Burton upon Stather Parish was currently in the top 3 places in the beat area experiencing crime and disorder. He mentioned high performance car theft and theft from gardens in particular.

Complaints about speeding were noted in Main Street, Normanby, Tee Lane and Wiltshire Avenue, which were to be referred to Traffic Safety at North Lincolnshire Council.

PC Sewell hoped that Community Beat Officers might be able to operate radar guns in the near future.

Concern was noted about the position of the mini roundabout in Main Street, Normanby, which was to be referred to Traffic Safety.

Answering a query, PC Sewell stated that anti graffiti kits were available via the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Ken Bates, for specific areas.

It was noted that the next public meeting of the Barton Neighbourhood Policing Team Panel would be held on Monday 23 October 2006 at 7.00pm at Baysgarth House Museum.

123. North Lincolnshire Council:

Progress reports, repairs or other routine matters.

It was noted that there was still a backlog of work to be done, such as signpost repairs and replacements.

Other items to be reported:

Damaged wooden footbridge across the surface water drainage channel – suggestion that it should be replaced by a metal footbridge.

Insecure safety bollards at the entrance to Dairy Close, Normanby.

Missing safety posts opposite Normanby Park.

Number 4 streetlight Normanby Road, Thealby, defective.

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124. Burton Hills Surface Water Drainage Ditch

The Normanby Estate had agreed to clear the ditch in January 2007, after all crops had been harvested.

125. Parish Plan

A draft report, written by Mrs Heather Newby, was received and noted. The Clerk confirmed that she was using the draft and adding an introduction for circulation to North Lincolnshire Council, village organisations and other official bodies.

It was noted that a condensed report and action plan still had to be discussed by the Parish Plan Working Party.

It was agreed that a Parish Plan Response exhibition should be held on the 10 and 11 November 2006, in conjunction with the "Bittern Exhibition", on loan from the Scunthorpe Museum.

RESOLVED that a Parish Plan meeting should be arranged prior to the exhibition.

126. Burton Hills – Maintenance

A growing number of residents living adjacent to Burton Hills had requested permission to prune trees on Burton Hills to improve the view over the River Trent.

The Clerk confirmed that Colin Horton of North Lincolnshire Council was supposed to be preparing a structured maintenance plan for the Parish Council to implement. She had also sought authority from the Normanby Estate, if the Parish Council agreed to let the residents go ahead.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should await advice from the Normanby Estate and North Lincolnshire Council;

that a site meeting should be arranged with the Estate, Colin Horton and interested residents;

that the next agenda should include an item on future maintenance of the Burton Hills picnic site.

127. East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire Annual General Meeting

It was noted that the AGM was to be held on Saturday 21 October 2006 at the Ashby Community Centre 9.30 – 4.30pm.

No councillors volunteered to attend.

The ERNLLCA newsletter had been circulated.

128. Flixborough Compost Site

It was noted that Cllr Allan Smith was investigating complaints from Flixborough residents about the smell from the Flixborough Compost Site.

There had been no complaints from Burton residents.

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129. North Lincs Liaison with Town and Parish Council

Members were reminded that the next meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 12 October 2006 at Pittwood House, Scunthorpe, with sessions on Quality Councils, the Local Development Framework and Dog Wardens schemes.

Cllr Mrs C.A.Middleton and the Clerk volunteered to attend.

130. Parish Property – Repairs and Replacements

i) Bus shelter painting

The cost of anti graffiti paint was considered for use on one or more bus shelters.

RESOLVED that the Normanby bus shelter should be repainted with masonry paint, then anti graffiti sealant, before considering the other bus shelters.

Cllr S.G.Sowerby kindly agreed to order the paint.

Cllr C.Curtis asked councillors to consider allowing schoolchildren or Lifestyle groups to paint the Normanby Road bus shelter with a decorative collage.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Head at Burton County Primary School to seek his opinion.

ii) Normanby Memorial Seat

The Clerk reported that 3 joiners had confirmed that the seat could not be repaired economically.

Costs for different replacement seats were considered:

Wooden seat of the same design: £509.06 + ground fixing kit + VAT

Metal Ollerton commemorative seat: £624 + ground fixing kit + VAT

Metal Ollerton (WI seat design) £594 + ground fixing kit + VAT

Concrete ended, wooden slatted seat: £368.00 + ground fixing kit + VAT.

It was not known who owned the land on which the seat now stood.

RESOLVED that this item should be deferred until the next meeting when details of land ownership could be taken into consideration.

iii) Thealby bus shelter

A quotation for the repair of two broken Georgian wired glass panes in the Thealby bus shelter was considered.

RESOLVED that Mr R.J.Carton should be asked to proceed with the work.

131. Chafer Lane/Trent Bank and Villa Farm – Footpath Claims

Members considered the advice circulated from the Definitive Map Officer, Naomi Boyd, regarding the path to the Burton fishing ponds and the riverbank footpath in front of Villa Farm. It was noted that paths might be developed from the Alkborough Flats project back towards Burton in the future.

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131. Chafer Lane/Trent Bank and Villa Farm – Footpath Claims

RESOLVED that Public Rights officers should be asked to pursue claims for 2 permissive paths.

132. Best Kept Village 2006

It was noted that Burton upon Stather had been placed 1st in the Past Winners Group. Mark sheets were available, with the judges' comments that Burton was "a well cared for, attractive village, but let down by thoughtless littering".

Presentations were to take place at Scawby Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 6 November 2006.

RESOLVED that Cllr R.W. and Mrs A. Harris should represent the Parish.

133. Adventure Playground at Normanby Hall Country Park.

The Parish Council had received a request from Susan Hopkinson, Business Unit Manager at Normanby Hall Country Park, for a letter in support of their bid to BIFFA for funding to improve their play facilities.

RESOLVED that a qualified letter of support be sent, mentioning Burton upon Stather Playing Field Association's on-going applications.

134. Lottery Fund Award

It was noted that North Lincolnshire Council had been awarded £350,000 to improve play access across the region and that they were seeking deserving projects to fund.

RESOLVED that a letter should be sent supporting Burton upon Stather Playing Field Association's application to upgrade children's play equipment.

135. Seminar on Physical Activity and Well-being

It was noted that two sessions would take place at the Kingsway Centre on the 7 November 2006.

136. Extended Schools Project

Councillors were reminded that the North Lincolnshire Council booklet was still circulating.

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137. Christmas Carol Singing

Revd Canon Dadd, Revd Kim and Burton County Primary School had confirmed that they could attend the carol singing evening on Wednesday 13 December 2006 at 6.30pm on Glebe Paddock. It was agreed that donations should be invited in aid of "Wish upon a Star" and mulled wine served. Lindsey Lodge Supporters would be invited to raise money selling hot soup. It was agreed that a Christmas tree should be ordered as in previous years.

138. Co-option Procedure

RESOLVED that Standing Orders should be amended to include a detailed clarification of the procedure for co-opting a new councillor, omitting the necessity for revealing email and telephone numbers as a condition of membership of the Parish Council.

139. Premature Destruction of Bulb Foliage

A letter of complaint from Burton in Bloom had been forwarded to the Divisional Manager of Neighbourhood Services.

140. Autumn Newsletter

Contents of the autumn newsletter were discussed and agreed.

141. South Humber Energy Efficiency Partnership Scheme

It was noted that Solarwall Ltd was currently offering discounted prices on cavity wall and loft insulation in partnership with North Lincolnshire Council. For further details contact Linda Argent on 01724 297642.

142. South Humber Bank Wildlife and Heritage Partnership

Copies of the summer newsletter were received and noted.

143. Humber Playing Fields Association AGM

It was noted that the Annual General Meeting had taken place at Hessle Town Hall on 9th October 2006.

144. Voluntary Car Service AGM

The Annual General Meeting was to be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 18 October 2006 at Elsham Golf Club.

145. Heartwell Funding for Healthy Projects

It was noted that small grants were available to encourage healthier eating, promoting physical activity or improving well being.

See www.HeartWell.co.uk or tel. 01652 600118.

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146. Street Activities and Licensing Policy

The Clerk had been informed that there should be no change for existing activities run by local organisations, but the full policy document could be viewed on www.northlincs.gov.uk/licensing/streetactivities , at any local link office, or by contacting Licensing on 01724 297750.

147. VANL Rural Funding Advisor

It was noted that Graham Busby was the new Rural Funding and Development Advisor at Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire based at 41 Frances Street, Scunthorpe, telephone 01724 845155; email: graham.busby@vanl.org.uk.

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

- 2006/1370** Planning permission to erect a two storey extension and a conservatory to the rear at 2 Flixborough Road, Burton.
No comments or observations.

Applications granted by North Lincolnshire Council:

- 2006/0976** To erect a carport and a domestic garage at 45 High Street, Burton.
2006/1055 To remove condition 2 of planning permission 2003/0765 which requires the office to be removed by 30 July 2006 at the Forge, 2 Carr Lane, Thealby.
2006/1226 Notice of intention to fell 7 trees at 24 Main Street, Normanby (No Tree Preservation Order imposed, permission lasts for 2 years.)
2006/1290 Conservatory, install bay window and chimney stack at 60 Wiltshire Ave, Burton.

Applications refused by North Lincolnshire Council:

- 2006/1057** To erect 2 domestic double garages and a 2.5 metre high brick wall at 1 Churchgate, Burton.

Reason for refusal:

“It is the opinion of the local planning authority that the erection of two large detached double garages on this prominent corner site would be out of keeping with the character and appearance of the Burton Conservation Area, due to their size, scale, siting and overall design. In addition, the garages are proposed to be built in very close proximity to two large, attractive beech trees which are protected by a tree preservation order and it is considered that the works involved would have a significant, detrimental impact on the trees, which, if lost, would be harmful to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and settlement as a whole. The proposal is therefore contrary to policies HE3 and LC12 of the North Lincolnshire Local Plan”.

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148. PLANNING

Planning correspondence:

- i) It was noted that 2 Vicarage Crescent, which was the subject of complaints regarding storage of materials and high conifer hedge, was now for sale.
- ii) The allegedly dangerous chimney at the Mai Ling Takeaway had been repaired.
- iii) It was noted that North East Lincolnshire Council had adopted a new procedure for dealing with minor amendments to plans after the Planning Decision, following case law. There was no longer any provision for post-decision amendments to be approved to existing planning permissions by informal letter. An approved development had to be carried out strictly in accordance with approved plans, otherwise the whole development would be unauthorised. There had been no directive from North Lincolnshire Council.

149. FINANCE

- i. Members compared and approved actual expenditure against budget allocation to date for the financial year 2006-7.
Cllr G.A.Mackay confirmed that he continued to check the accounts every month against bank statements as an additional internal audit check.

The Clerk reported that St Andrew's Parochial Church Council had stated that the lawnmower, owned by the Parish Council, was reaching the end of its useful life. Mrs Pat Hornsby had offered a donation towards the purchase of a new one.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should accept her kind offer; that the Parish Council should buy the lawnmower, then accept a donation for the cost of the lawnmower, less the VAT element.

ii. Successful completion of 2005-6 Parish Council Audit.

It was noted that the Audit Commission had not raised any issues with the Parish Council's accounts. The completion notice was on display in the noticeboard.

Advice had been received from the Inland Revenue regarding the possibility of reclaiming VAT on the Clerk's home telephone rental, as queried by the independent Internal Auditor. The Parish Council could not reclaim the VAT, as it was a shared expense.

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149. FINANCE**iii. Payment of Accounts and Receipt of Payments**

OCTOBER 2006		
St Andrew's PCC (Reimbursement of grounds maintenance costs)	284772	169.98
Birtwhistle Landscaping Ltd (Grounds maintenance Burton, Thealby) Aug/Sept £812.48 plus £142.18 VAT	284773	954.66
Birtwhistle Landscaping Ltd (Playing Field grant 2006/7 grounds maintenance Aug/Sept £300 + £52.50 VAT)	284774	352.50
Mrs P.Denby (Salary: New contract from April 1 st 2006: September salary SCP22 16 hpw @£9.589 per hour = £664.84 less PAYE £23.59 and pension £39.89 = £601.36, plus expenses September £39.24 + £3.01 VAT)	284775	643.61
Post Office Ltd (PAYE £23.59 plus NI £20.81)	284776	44.40
East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Pension September 2006: Clerk pays 6% = £39.89, Council pays 19.1% £126.98 for period up to 01.04.07)	284777	166.87
Mrs H.Newby (Responses report – Parish Plan)	284778	48.00
TOTAL		2380.02

RESOLVED that these accounts should be paid.

RECEIPTS	
Bank of Ireland monthly interest (September) £219.60 less £2.50 Direct Debit for Public Loan repayment charge	217.10
TOTAL	217.10

Bank Statements

Lloyds TSB statement at 27.09.2006	4,367.59
Lloyds TSB passbook. No transactions since 15 June 2005	76.61
Bank of Ireland statement at 29.09 2006	65,252.69
TOTAL	69,696.89

Total includes amount outstanding to pay for the playing field car park (– up to £40,000 still under discussion), plus January half yearly repayment to the Public Works Loan Board (£1,273.88), remaining Parish Plan grant and £850.00 Village of the Year prize money).

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