

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 12 March 2007.**

PRESENT Councillor R.W.Harris in the Chair
Councillors G.E.Anderson, G.M.Aykroyd, P.F.Bell, Mrs A.Bradley, Mrs J.A. Cooper, C.Curtis, G.A.Mackay Mrs C.A.Middleton, Mrs M.A.Richardson, S.G.Sowerby, N.F.Thornes.
North Lincolnshire Cllr A.Smith, Inspector B. Rutty.
Mrs P.Denby – Clerk

APOLOGIES for absence were accepted from Councillors Mrs B.Clark-Vessey, Mrs P.J.Cooper, M.Peace, North Lincolnshire Councillors B.P.Regan and H.Rowson.
Three members of the public were present.

Before the meeting began, Mr and Mrs J.Bullass appealed to the Parish Council to support their request for the removal of the playing field car park barrier and asked any member to put this proposal to a vote.

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

Councillors Mrs A.Bradley and N.F.Thornes declared a personal interest as members of the Burton PFA.

Councillors Mrs A.Bradley, G.A.Mackay and Mrs C.A.Middleton declared a personal interest as members of the Village Hall Committee.

Councillor G.M.Aykroyd declared a personal interest as a member of the Burton in Bloom Committee.

240. Minutes of the last full Council meeting held on 12 February 2007, the Cemetery Committee meeting of the 20 February 2007 and the Planning Committee meeting of the 28 February 2007, as circulated, were signed as a true record.

241. Police Matters

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Brett Rutty to the meeting. Cllr Harris listed a significant number of incidents including criminal damage, burglary, arson, street robbery and anti social behaviour involving drinks and drugs which had caused parishioners great concern. It was felt that there had been little evidence of a proactive response by Humberside Police despite evidence provided by the public. He asked for a visible police presence at those times when most anti social behaviour was happening – evenings at weekends and during school holidays.

In conclusion, he queried the criteria for speed checks, as Burton had requested them at various locations, only to be told that the locations did not meet the criteria in terms of accidents.

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241. Police Matters

Replying, Inspector B.Rutty gave a detailed breakdown of crimes and anti social behaviour logged by Humberside Police during the 24 month period February 2005 - January 2007, but noted that there was no identifiable pattern to the crimes. There had been an average of 2.29 calls per month for service relating to anti social behaviour. He confirmed that P.C.Jeff Sewell was the Neighbourhood Beat Officer with Police Community Support Officer, Shaun Black. Both patrolled the village regularly, concentrating on High Street to the church, the Chinese takeaway and the playing fields. They had confiscated alcohol from youngsters on their beat and challenged inappropriate behaviour. He explained that the next step in the development of Neighbourhood Policing was the setting up of Neighbourhood Action Teams, which would act as a gateway for information to and from the community to identify and respond to neighbourhood priorities.

Councillors were particularly concerned about cases of criminal damage where the names of the alleged offenders had been provided, but there had been no response from the police. Inspector Rutty confirmed that residents should continue to use the 0845 60 60 222 call centre to report crime and claimed that the call handling was improving.

He reported that the Respect car had been successfully used in rural areas at weekends to attend to anti social behaviour and gave the Council a direct contact to request speed cameras.

The Clerk reported that she had attended the launch of the Burton and Winterton Neighbourhood Action Team in Barton and confirmed that the first meeting would be held on 4 April in Winterton, organised by the Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership. It was understood that all Neighbourhood Watch organisers would be invited. The purpose of the Action Teams was to find solutions to local problems using all agencies, including the police. Cllr R.W.Harris agreed to attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

242. Burton Playing Field Association

It was noted that Tim Allen had agreed to the design and cost of the side opening mechanism for the car park barrier, but Kevin Booth, Waste Management, favoured a lowered barrier, according to his email correspondence. It was not yet clear whether or not he would accept the side opening mechanism.

It was noted that the height restriction notice had been removed and that the barrier was constantly being left open.

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242. Burton Playing Field Association

Cllr N.F.Thornes, chairman of the PFA, reported that they had held a successful meeting with a representative of the Football Foundation who had indicated that it could fund improvements to the changing rooms, if the plans were amended slightly. Unfortunately, since that meeting, the Committee had been informed that their application to the Big Lottery Fund had not been successful, therefore all the other pledged matched funding would be lost. He intended to write to Elliot Morley M.P. to advise him about the frustrations faced by applicants.

Cllr Thornes confirmed that the PFA's own legal advisors had approved the changes made to the lease by R.A.C.Symes. The amended lease was to be lodged with the Land Registry, with a copy to the Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council.

Cllr Thornes agreed to inspect the wooden fencing, which crossed the pedestrian tarmac path into the playing field and discuss it at the next PFA meeting.

It was noted that North Lincolnshire Council had supplied additional hedging plants, which could be used at the playing field or the new cemetery.

243. New Cemetery

A report was circulated on the very informative visit of Councillors G.M.Aykroyd, Mrs A.Bradley, Mrs C.A.Middleton and the Clerk to the Palm Farm at Thornton Curtis. Members noted the approximate cost of hedge plants, trees and planting, but it was agreed that it was possibly too late now to begin planting beech and specimen trees and that it should be done in autumn/winter 2007.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should get two further quotations for comparison.

244. North Lincolnshire Council:

The following repairs and maintenance issues were noted:

- i) Two "Hillcrest Drive" and one "The Avenue" signs had been collected by North Lincolnshire Council for repair and re-erection.
- ii) Work appeared to have started on demolition site water pipes off Stather Road, but water continued to flow across Stather Road.
- iii) New bus signs were being erected in the village. One complaint had been made about the sign outside 8-10 High Street obscuring the vehicle access.
- iv) An enquiry was to be made about when the salt boxes were to be removed.

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245. Parish Property

i) Replacement vandal-proof dog waste bin - Glebe Paddock
RESOLVED that the “Isles” bin, as recommended by North Lincolnshire Council, should be ordered.

ii) The cost of removal of the Norfolk Avenue public seat was considered.
RESOLVED that the cost to repair the seat should be sought

iii) **RESOLVED** that Mr Mark Branton’s appointment should be confirmed as ditch inspector and litter collector on Burton Hills; that a litter collecting stick and protective gloves could be purchased.

246. Standards Board – Councillor Behaviour

Members were reminded about standards of behaviour at public Council meetings, particularly when visitors were present.

247. Village Hall

Cllr G.A.Mackay reported that Allianz Cornhill had settled the recent insurance claim for damage with a cheque for £396.67.

Mr D.Faulks, the Village Hall Chairman, had agreed to take action against the hirer of the Hall to try to recoup any losses.

Cllr Mackay confirmed that he had resigned as Village Hall secretary. John Cowley had agreed to take on this role.

248. Public Rights of WayVilla Farm Footpath

The Clerk reported that she had given out a number of forms with an explanatory note about the history of the failed claims, but only received 4 completed forms to date.

Sir Reginald Sheffield had contacted the Clerk to state that the Normanby Estate owned land to the north of Villa Farm, and, although no one was being prevented from walking on this land, he was unwilling to dedicate it as a public right of way.

It was agreed that the Council should wait to see if more forms were returned.

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248. Public Rights of WayChafer Lane Footpath

A letter was noted from the owner of the Burton Brickponds warning that he would take measures to protect and conserve his property, following incidents of vandalism. It was agreed that this would be reported in the next issue of the Parish magazine.

Public Footpaths 165 and 171

The Clerk had received notification that the Parish Council's views were being sought on the diversion of footpaths 165 (Normanby) and 171 (sloping land west of Hillcrest Drive), which would be on the agenda of a future meeting.

249. Spring 2007 Newsletter

The Clerk reported that, so far, there had been no requests for life saving demonstrations but the free adult education taster classes for digital camera users was to go ahead. Only 3 residents had expressed an interest in the bus via Burton to Winterton and Brigg.

It was agreed that residents should be asked if they would prefer a larger font in the next newsletter.

250. Grass Cutting – B1430 Burton to Thealby

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should accept the quotation from Birtwhistle Landscaping for one annual autumn cut of the B1430 Burton to Thealby verge, south side only.

251. Village of the Year 2007

It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged to prepare the Burton upon Stather application ready for submission by 16 April.

252. Burton Hills – Maintenance

North Lincolnshire Council had not yet started any shrub clearance on Burton Hills. It was agreed that the new litter collector should be asked to monitor any signs of unauthorised damage to trees or property.

253. Parish Plan Expenditure

The Clerk had submitted the accounts relating to the final cost of the Burton Parish Plan 2006. Approximately £422.00 remained from the grant and the Clerk had asked if this money could be put towards extra display boards as suggested at a Parish Plan Working Party meeting. There had been no reply as yet.

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254. ERNLLCA Office Move

It was noted that, from Monday 5 March 2007, ERNLLCA will be based at Haven House, Waterside Road, Barton upon Humber DN18 5BD, telephone 01652 662020.

255. Blocked Sewer – Orchard Close

It was noted that North Lincolnshire Council had cleared the unadopted sewers in Orchard Close. It was agreed that the next newsletter should contain another reminder about taking care with waste discharged into the public sewers.

256. Older Community Involvement

The Clerk agreed to liaise with Mr B.Booker of Winterton, a member of the Older People's Forum, which deals with issues concerning older residents.

257. Speeding – Thealby Lane

RESOLVED that a letter of complaint about speeding motorists and damage to cars in Thealby Lane should be forwarded to North Lincolnshire Council and Humberside Police for possible action.

258. Door to Door Collections

RESOLVED that the next newsletter should contain a warning about non charitable door to door collections.

259. Date of the April Council Meetings

RESOLVED that the next full Council meeting should be held on **Wednesday 11 April** at 7.15pm in the Green Room of the Village Hall to avoid Easter Monday.

Members were reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Monday 16 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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260. PLANNING

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

2007/0271 Planning permission to erect extension and alterations.
17 Tee Lane, Burton upon Stather.

No comments or observations.

2007/0307 Prior notification to install a radio base station consisting of roof mounted antennas and equipment cabin ancillary thereto.
Anglian Water Tower, Tee Lane, Burton upon Stather.

No comments or observations.

2007/0326 Planning permission to erect a garden shed.
1 Churchgate, Burton. (Dibdin)
It was noted that the shed was already erected.

No comments or observations.

Applications granted by North Lincolnshire Council.

2007/0115 To erect a two storey link between 15 and 17 Burton Road, Thealby.

261. FINANCE

i. Comparison of expenditure against budget for 2006-7 to date.

Members considered and approved the accounts to date.

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FINANCE ii. Payment of Accounts and Receipt of Payments.

Astbury Wren (Thealby play area insurance)	284838	950.00
Normanby Estate Farm (Surface water ditch clearance and playing field hedge cutting £76.00 + £13.30 vat)	284839	89.30
Burton upon Stather Village Hall Committee (Reimbursement of insurance settlement)	284840	396.67
AON Ltd (Village Hall Management Committee public liability insurance)	284841	410.97
R.J.Carton (Repairing the Thealby seat)	284842	68.00
NALC (One subscription to Local Council Review)	284843	13.50
Mrs P.Denby (Salary new contract from April 1 st 2006: February salary SCP22 16 hpw @£9.589 per hour = £664.84, less PAYE £23.61 and pension £39.89 = £601.34, plus expenses February £86.96 + £2.01 vat)	284844	690.31
Post Office Ltd (PAYE £23.61 and NI £31.34)	284845	54.95
East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Pension November 2006: Clerk pays 6% of salary = £39.89, Council pays 19.1%= £126.98 for period up to 01.04.07)	284846	166.87
TOTAL		2840.57

RESOLVED that these accounts should be paid.

RECEIPTS	
Bank of Ireland monthly interest (February)	212.83
Village Hall insurance claim	396.67
TOTAL	609.50

Bank Statements

Lloyds TSB statement at 28 February 2007	4,874.44
Lloyds TSB passbook. No transactions since 15 June 2005	76.61
Bank of Ireland statement at 31 January 2007	51,106.47
TOTAL	56,057.52

Total includes amount outstanding to pay for the playing field car park (£35,000), plus half yearly repayments to the Public Works Loan Board (£1,273.88), remaining Parish Plan grant and £900.00 Village of the Year and Best Kept Village prize money.

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