

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 9 December 2002 in the Parish Office**

PRESENT: Councillor K.T.Gray in the Chair
Councillors P.Bell, Mrs A.Bradley, C.Curtis, A.H.Harrison
A.Irons, Mrs A.Jennison, M.Peace, S.Sowerby.

APOLOGIES: Councillors M.Aykroyd, Mrs J.A.Cooper, R.W.Harris,
G.Lindsay.
North Lincolnshire Councillor B.P.Regan

Councillors were reminded to record any declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda under the Model Code of Conduct Order 2001.

46. Minutes of the last meeting held Monday 11 November 2002, having been circulated previously, were signed as a true record.

47. Matters arising from the Minutes of the last meeting

a) The Rural Transport Partnership

The Clerk confirmed that Winterton School supported the Parish Council in their attempt to provide public transport from Burton to Winterton/Hull and would distribute questionnaires to the Burton schoolchildren.

Councillors were asked to distribute their 20 questionnaires to those likely to use a bus on their newsletter round. Further copies would be provided if necessary.

It was agreed that the questionnaires should be returned to the Clerk by or at the next meeting of the Council.

(b) Police Matters:

Inspector P.Griffiths had informed all Parish and Town Councils that police officers could not attend every Town and Parish Council meeting, but if there were specific problems, they would try to ensure an officer did attend.

The next meeting of the Crime and Disorder Forum and the Glanford Police Liaison Committee, the public open meeting, were both to be held at different venues in Barton on 10 December. It was noted that the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for The Paddock had been invited to attend the Crime and Disorder Forum with Councillor Alan Irons to discuss on-going problems with cars and noise in the Health Centre car park.

It was noted that the telephone kiosk on Stather Road had been smashed on 5 December 2002.

47. (c) New Cemetery

Minutes of the Cemetery Committee held 25 November 2002 were signed as a true record.

The Clerk confirmed that she had written to the Planning Department for advice on the proposed changes to the original design, particularly whether planning permission would be needed to change from vehicle access into the site to pedestrian access only, plus car parking entirely on the playing field site.

It was noted that the playing field car park would need considerable upgrading, which had not been included in spending plans for 2003/4.

(d) Highway Complaints:

All complaints reported to North Lincolnshire Highways had been acknowledged.

North Lincolnshire Council had confirmed that the road outside the fish shop was still scheduled to be repaired.

The area opposite the fish shop had been tidied up, but there was some pruning still to do. It was agreed that a working party could be formed to do the remaining work with the co-operation of the owner.

Trees opposite the former Lindsey Terrace were to be pruned.

(e) Glebe Paddock

It was noted that the Christmas tree was in position, the streetlight had been erected and was due to be connected shortly.

Mr R. Gray had kindly offered to buy new white lights for the Christmas tree. Flixborough Wharf had sent a cheque for £100, which covered the cost of the Christmas tree.

The official switch on was to be performed on 18 December by Tony Cassidy, who had organised the electrical work on the Christmas tree lighting.

Councillor Peter Bell updated the Council on the carol singing to be led by Revd Colin Martin and Revd Canon Peter Dadd.

Mr Harding had agreed to bring the school musicians to perform carols.

It was agreed that carol sheets should be printed at Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire.

The collection for Lindsey Lodge Hospice had been organised by Mr M.Lahive.

Volunteers arranged to meet on the Wednesday afternoon to erect the marquee kindly offered by Mr and Mrs P.J.Cooper.

47. (f) ERNLLCA Directives

Model Standing Orders and Model Financial Regulations

Councillors were reminded to read the Model Orders supplied by ERNLLCA ready for the next meeting, when possible alterations would be discussed.

The Clerk agreed to liaise with Councillors Peter Bell and Colin Curtis on the possible alterations they had highlighted.

(g) North Lincolnshire Council Liaison Meetings

Members were again reminded that questions to Directorate Heads were required in the new year.

(h) Annual Audit Requirements

The Clerk had delayed asking Mr A.Johnson to be the Internal Auditor until after the Finance Committee had met, as the financial records were needed. She confirmed that he would be asked to inspect the books after Christmas.

(i) FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – Publication Scheme

RESOLVED that Burton upon Stather Parish Council should implement the Freedom of Information Act Model Publication Scheme – Core Classes Only.

It was noted that the publication scheme should be in place by 28 February 2003 and should be reviewed every three years.

(j) The Avenue Trees

It was noted that members of the public had expressed some concern about the project to fell many of the trees along The Avenue and to replant with beech and lime. It was also noted that there had been no response to the original article in the Parish newsletter a year ago.

It was agreed that a further article should be included in the next newsletter to explain why so many trees were being removed.

(k) Vital Villages Information Event – Report

Councillors Colin Curtis and Mrs A.Bradley had attended a very informative session and had used the opportunity to press for a bus between Burton and Winterton.

(l) Finance Training – Report

Councillor Miles Aykroyd and Pauline Denby had attended an excellent training session delivered by Alan Barker of ERNLLCA.

47. (m) Arts and Business Yorkshire - Report

Cllr Mrs Ann Bradley had attended an event in Goole and received information on the provision of arts entertainment, which was to be passed on to the Village Hall and Burton in Bloom Committees.

(n) Flixborough Road Trees

Stuart Dodson of North Lincolnshire Council had written to confirm that they would continue to prune the trees along Flixborough Road. He stated, however, that after the Yorkshire Electricity pruning some years ago, the large cherries could no longer be made into good specimens.

48. **MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2002 AND DISCUSSION ON THE PARISH PRECEPT 2003-4.**

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held 2 December 2002 were confirmed as a true record after an amendment to page 2, 3 c) Burton upon Stather Playing Fields Association to read:

“RESOLVED to recommend that a grant of £5000 be allocated comprising £3000 towards the refurbishment of the showers and **up to 80% of the cost of a new grass cutting machine up to a maximum of £2000** to enable the Committee to make further savings with grass cutting costs.”

The Clerk confirmed that she was still researching the cost of a new photocopier, but had received details from Danwood of new leasing arrangements for future comparison.

She was also still awaiting information from ERNLLCA regarding the terms of a possible loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Finance Committee should be accepted and that **the Parish Precept for 2003/4 should be £29,500.**

49. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Post Office Benefit Payments

Concern had been expressed about the Government's plans to persuade pensioners to have their benefits payments paid into a bank and an article written by the Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Women's Institutes was noted.

RESOLVED that an article should be included in the next newsletter advising pensioners that they could still receive benefit payments via a card account at the Post Office

2. Public Rights of Way

A letter was noted from North Lincolnshire Public Rights of Way Department asking if there were any outstanding work, which needed to be done this winter before they officially took over.

The Clerk had alerted officers to a possible blockage to FT170 beyond the back of Hillcrest Drive.

3. Fibrogen – Advance notice of new planning application

A letter from Fibrogen Ltd had been circulated to all councillors outlining their planning application to burn meat and bone meal from other European Union countries. They stressed that the meat and bone meal would come from healthy animals over 30 months old and that there would be no increase in vehicle movements.

4. North Lincolnshire Council Public Events Group – Seminar

The Clerk confirmed that she had indicated to North Lincolnshire Council that the Parish Council would be interested in attending a training arranged in the new year.

5. North Lincolnshire Strategic Partnership

A workshop was held on 5 December 2002 to discuss the urban renaissance of Scunthorpe and possibly the surrounding area. The Partnership was still seeking Partnership Stakeholders and councillors were invited to put their names forward if they were interested.

6. CPRE Best Kept Village Results

The results of this year's best kept village competition were as follows:

Large village: 1st – Ulceby, 2nd - Wrawby, 3rd – East Halton (Burton 5/7)

Small village/hamlet: 1st – Irby upon Humber, 2nd – Alkborough, 3rd – Althorpe (Thealby 12/14 and Normanby 14/14).

49. 7. North Lincolnshire Council Forward Plan

Details of the coming meetings and decisions were received and noted.

8. Bridleway 167

A letter from Mr A.Beaumont and Ms A.Lister complained about increase and speed of traffic using the road and bridleway 167 to Brookside Caravan Site and about the type of residents living there. They stated that the planning permission had never been ratified and that the permission should be reviewed.

It was understood that a senior planning officer was due to visit the site.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should ask for copy of the planning officer's report before commenting on the planning issue;
that the couple should be advised to report allegations of unruly behaviour or traffic speed to the police.

9. Field Ditch Grille – Burton Hills

Members were reminded about a letter from a resident of Holme Drive who claimed that his property flooded when the field ditch grille was blocked.

Mr J. Burton at North Lincolnshire Council was investigating a slightly differently designed grille to prevent the build up of any blockages. He intended to forward a price for the work to the Parish Council when it became available.

10. The Change and Steadfastness Festival – St Andrew's Church

A letter of thanks was noted from Mr Ron Hornsby.

50. PLANNING

Planning applications submitted to North Lincolnshire Council and passed to Burton Parish Council Planning Committee for observations:

2002/1552 P.p. for the demolition of existing single storey section of existing house and to add extensions to accommodate breakfast room, utility room, snooker room, double garage on ground floor with loft room and 3 additional beds on first floor level.
7 The Avenue, Burton.

It was understood that some neighbours had made a written objection to the Planning Department, but the Parish Council had not received a copy.

No observations.

2002/1688 Two storey extension to form two ensuite bedrooms,
41 Holme Drive, Burton

No observations.

Full Planning permission granted by North Lincs Council

2002/1376 First floor extension 8 Holme Drive, Burton

2002/1412 5 Bed detached house 34 Stather Road

Street Numbering

New numbering for Ashwood Close (formerly Cliff Drive) was noted.

51. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Edmundson Electrical Ltd (Electrical components for Glebe Paddock)	284193	1188.21
St Andrew's Church Burton upon Stather (Reimbursement of grounds maintenance costs)	284194	598.60
Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire (Printing 750 transport survey forms)	284195	15.35
Society of Local Council Clerks (Annual subscription)	284196	48.00
Viking Direct (3 boxes copier paper + one black cartridge for C.Curtis)	284197	78.52
*S.Benson (Litter collection – Glebe Paddock)	284198	10.00
The Post Office Ltd NI £36.40+ PAYE £17.83	284199	54.23
East Riding of Yorkshire Council (Clerk's pension: Clerk pays 6% of pay £36.08 Council pays 11% £66.15 from 01.04.02 – 31.03.03)	284200	102.23
Mrs P.Denby Sal (Nov) £451.36 and backpay to April 2002 £150.01) less Pension £36.08, NI £18.31,PAYE £17.83 + Expenses Nov inc. telephone rental £86.96	284201	616.11
Frosts Garden Centre (Christmas tree)	284202	97.23
Bus Shelter Cleaning: Mrs N.Allison (Main St. Normanby)	284203	70.00
Mrs C.Key (Thealby Lane)	284204	70.00
Miss A.Jennison (Normanby Road)	284205	70.00
Burton W.I (High Street and Lych Gate)	284206	70.00
Mrs E.Shaw (Thealby Pinford)	284207	70.00
*St Andrew's Church, Burton upon Stather (Electricity for floodlights)	284208	170.67
Birtwhistle Landscaping Ltd (Hedge cutting – Thealby Play Area)	284209	76.38
TOTAL		3405.53

*Denotes Section 137 expenditure.

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

51. RECEIPTS

Flixborough Wharf (Christmas tree)	100.00
STATEMENT	
Lloyds TSB Current Account at 29 Nov 2002 - Bank statement	1979.77
Lloyds TSV Liquid Gold	14543.67
Bank of Ireland 2002 Bank statement	10418.27
TOTAL	26941.71

£5000 of all current balances are reserved for capital expenditure, (Minuted at Parish Council meeting dated 10.12.01)

52. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Matters to note or to give intention that items should be discussed at future meetings only.

1. Winter Newsletter Items

The contents of the Winter newsletter were discussed and suggestions for inclusions made.

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