Notes of the Burton-by-Lincoln Annual Parish Meeting
Held at The Woodcocks Inn on Tuesday, 12th May 2009, Commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Steve Chadderton (Chairman) Maureen Wheeldon (Clerk to the Parish Council), Fred Myers (Vice-Chairman); Cllrs Ian Marriott, John Moore, Joan Osterfield.
Officers of the West Lindsey District Council Recycling Team - Steve Leary, Recycling Officer and Nigel Periam, Street Warden.
6 Members of the Public.

'Simple Sid' Vehicle Activity Sign

Before the start of the formal meeting, PCSO Sonia Lewis explained the operation of 'Simple Sid'. This interactive road sign system displays, but does not record, speeds up to 50 mph as a reminder to motorists. A sign on loan for 2 months from Gainsborough HQ had received good feedback in respect of its effect on speeding. It is hoped that local Parish Councils will contribute to the target £2,000 cost of a 'Simple Sid'; these Councils would then have use of the sign for periods of time proportionate to their contribution. Saxilby Parish Council is keen to participate. The signs are considered more influential if not left in the same place for too long. The police at Saxilby Police Station would administer the sign; chain it up for use in daylight to a telegraph pole in the designated location; collect it in the evening and charge its batteries overnight. See item 8.1.

The Chairman welcomed all parishioners to the meeting and introduced the new Parish Clerk, Maureen Wheeldon, who had taken office on 08 July 2008.

1. Apologies for Absence:
Cllrs Jackie Brockway, David Cotton, Ray Sellars, Eric Bell, Peter Cook.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting
The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13 May 2008 were accepted as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising
3.1 Illegal Advertising signs - Burton Waters – The problem continues, with local business placing illegal advertising signs on the roundabout at Burton Waters. The signs are dangerous in that they obscure motorists' view. This type of advertising needs planning permission. The Clerk will raise the problem with WLDC.
3.2 Unpleasant smells - Burton Waters - Unpleasant smells emanating from the farmland on the Skellingthorpe side of the Fossedyke have continued to annoy residents. Cllr Ian Marriott has been in liaison with Alan Jarvis, the Environmental Protection Officer, WLDC. Cllr Marriott reported that there had been a lessening of the smell (by an approximate 90% improvement). It is presumed that the entrance pipe to the sludge tank had been lengthened as the smell had improved.
3.3 Burton Waters Cycleway - Cycle Path - Beal Homes had paid £90,000 to Lincolnshire County Council as their contribution under Section 106 for the construction of the Pyewipe to Burton Waters Cycleway – see item 9.4, Burton Parish Council Minutes 08/07/08. Work on the cycleway is in progress, including plans for a new bridge over the River Till to be in place before October 2009.
3.4 Planning - WLDC 122367 Relocation of Lincoln Rugby Club to B1398, Middle St, Burton - A public consultation meeting had taken place on 03/06/08 at which John Roberts, Architects, Lincoln, explained their plans for this development. A private meeting of Burton Parish Council had taken place on 28/07/08. WLDC's letter of 14/10/08 advised that the application had been withdrawn – see item 6.1, Burton Parish Council Meeting Minutes 02.12.08.
3.5 Clearance of Footpath - The Old Coach Road - At the 2008 Annual Parish Meeting, parishioners had expressed concern at the several inches of mud on the footpath at the end of the Old Coach Road; the Clerk agreed to ask Highways to clear the footpath. The problem remains and the Clerk had recently reported it once more to Lincs Highways - Report No 746869 – 05/05/09.

3.6 Provision of Parish Facility - WLDC 122793 Site B - Park Lane, Burton Waters - WLDC's letter of 05/12/08 advised that planning permission had been granted subject to the provision of a community facility. The Chairman has formed a sub-committee with Cllrs Myers, Bell and Marriott, to monitor the progress of the parish facility initiative and to meet with the developer within the next 3 weeks - ongoing.
3.7 Burton Journal - The Burton Journal is currently in abeyance. Cllr Osterfield suggested that details of Parish Council Meetings could be published in the Church Magazine. The Clerk will contact the editor, Mrs Julia Hepburn.

4. **Annual Report of the Parish Council 2008/2009**
4.1 The Chairman presented the Annual Parish Council report for 2008/09. A copy of the report is attached - Paper A.

5. **Financial Report**
5.1 The Parish Clerk presented the Parish Accounts for the year, see attached - Paper B. She stated that the parish finances showed an annual expenditure of £4348; expenditure over income of £183. The reason for the expenditure is that the Parish Council had incurred training expenses for the new Clerk (£228 – offset by a LALC bursary of £97); an increased external audit fee (£140) and the payment of 2 annual subscriptions (for 2008/09 and 2009/10 - total £325) for the LALC. Income for the year was £4165 and included the parish precept (£3850); a VAT refund (£118); a donation from the publication 'Springline' (£50) and the LALC training bursary (£97).
5.2 The Council made grants, under Section 137, of £650 – made up of £200 to the Churchyard; £250 to the Burton Waters' Residents Association and £200 to the Burton Estate Club.
5.3 The current and deposit account balance at 31 March stood at £3537.06.

5.4 A copy of the annual accounts will be displayed on the notice boards and attached to the minutes. The accounts will be available for public inspection for 28 days prior to the audit date of 30 June 2009.

6. **Parish Website**
The former Parish Clerk, Mr Gordon Hickmore, continues as Webmaster. The website includes Parish Council information, current and archived minutes, a history of Burton Parish and other items of interest to parishioners.

7. Parish Update
7.1 Highways - Mr Alan Brown, Area Highways Manager, Lincs CC had addressed the Burton Parish Council meeting on 10.03.09.
Mr Brown said that all UK speed limits were under review, due to be completed by 2011 and that the volume of traffic on the A45/A57 into Lincoln reflected a national problem. Local issues discussed had included the problem of Fen Lane being used as a 'rat run' for the A57, similar problem being experienced throughout Lincolnshire. The bad surface condition of Fen Lane and the potholes – the cost of hardening the road surface down to the A57 is estimated at £350,000, and is included in the Highways programme. Dedicated passing places on Fen Lane are not feasible as the road is wider than 3.5m. A Highways Area Response Team tackles small, 'annoying' jobs - including a pothole patrol. Open dykes are best for coping with floodwater.
7.2 Traffic Speeding through Burton Village - The Parish Council had approached both Lincs CC Highways and the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership but had been unsuccessful in securing a vehicle-activated sign to alleviate this problem, even on a temporary loan basis. See the information at the beginning of this document - PCSO Lewis' explanation about 'Simple Sid' and item 8.1.
7.3 Parish Champions - Adie Selby, WLDC Team Leader, Street Scene, has advised of this scheme, which is working well with 30 out of 70 Lincolnshire parish councils participating. A volunteer Parish Champion undertakes the responsibility of reporting items such as leaf fall/litter directly to WLDC. WLDC acts immediately to remedy the problem, resulting in a tidier environment. Cllrs had agreed that the scheme be shown on the Parish website in the hope of a volunteer from Burton Village. Burton Waters is in the care of the management company responsible – see item 5.2.9, Burton Parish Council Meeting Minutes 10.03.09.

7.4 Burton Waters Address Problem - Cllr Cotton had advised, on 16/02/09, that 2 Burton parishioners had asked for help as they had been told their address, 'Burton Waters Cottages', does not officially exist and they live on 'Saxilby Road' (the old Saxilby Road). The developers call it 'Woodcocks Lane' but WLDC have no knowledge of this name. Cllr Cotton has contacted Anna Grieve at WLDC who is investigating.
7.5 Discharge of Sewage within Burton Village - Awaiting the results of the recent Anglian Water survey.
7.6 Coalbed Methane (CBM) Testing at North Carlton and South Carlton – Lincs CC Planning Ref No: PL0077/09. A Public Meeting had taken place on Monday 11/05/09 at Fen House, North Carlton, Lincoln. Copies of flyers for the meeting were passed to Councillors; the Clerk had arranged for details to be shown on the parish website – see item 5.16 Burton Parish Council Meeting Minutes 05/05/09.
7.7. Bus Stops At Odder - In 2007, the former Parish Clerk, Gordon Hickmore, had corresponded with LCC, to no avail, about formal bus stops at Odder. There is no footpath along the A57 to the bus stop at Broxholme, some 300 yards away. Mr Mick Rylatt, the A57 café owner, concerned about the danger to pedestrians on the A57, had asked the new Clerk to re-address this problem. Lincs CC have replied that both PC Coaches and Stagecoach buses stop on the main road on request but would not want to extend their journey times by pulling in to Odder. Also there is no current funding to provide hard standing, raised kerbs, timetable board or flag. Cllr Sellars has promised to look into this problem – see item 10.1 Burton Parish Council Meeting Minutes 05/05/09.

8. Suggestions for matters to be considered by the Parish Council during the forthcoming year.
8.1 Mr Gordon Hickmore suggested that a contribution towards the police 'Simple Sid' vehicle activated sign should be an agenda item at the next Parish Council Meeting.
8.2 Cllr Myers requested that the problem with dangerous overtaking at the Burton village traffic lights on the B1398 be addressed.

9. Presentation by Officers of the West Lindsey district Council Recycling Team.
Steve Leary, Recycling Officer and Nigel Periam, Street Warden.

The Chairman introduced Mr Leary and Mr Periam who gave a presentation on Waste Management, Recycling and the Triple Bin Project. Explanatory leaflets were made available for parishioners.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 09.00.

M Wheeldon
Clerk to Burton-by-Lincoln Parish Council