

## **BURTON BY LINCOLN PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held at the Burton Estate Club on Tuesday, 15th May 2007, Commencing at 7.45pm**

**Present:** Eric Bell, (Chairman) Gordon Hickmore (Clerk to the Parish Council), Cllr Ray Sellars, Mrs J Osterfield, Mrs L Benson, Mrs A Copeland, Mr J Moore, Mr F Myers, Mr I Marriott

#### **Introduction**

Mr Eric Bell welcomed all parishioners to the meeting. He stated that a new Parish Council was formed on the 9<sup>th</sup> May. Its composition was well balanced with 3 members from Burton village and 3 from Burton Waters with himself as Chairman. He looked forward to working with all sections of the community over the next year.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D Cotton, Cllr J Brockway, Mr S Chadderton, Mr P Cook, Mr R Dowson, Mrs E Cousins

**2. Minutes of the last Meeting** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2006 were accepted as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

#### **3. Matters Arising.**

**3.1 Burton Estate Club.** The Club had received planning permission to extend the premises to improve the bar and provide a kitchen area and inside toilets. However, the club was struggling to resolve an insurance claim as the building was subject to subsidence. No works could be undertaken until this had been resolved with the insurers.

**3.2 Anglian Water Bench Seat.** The Clerk stated that no Annual Parish Meeting could be complete without mention of the Anglian Water Bench seat which was now residing in the Estate Club grounds as agreed at the 2006 meeting. He had asked Mr Hansord if he was willing to allow the seat to be placed below the church on the rectory drive, but he was unwilling to make that decision until the outcome of the Coach House planning application was known.

**3.3 Vehicle Activated Speed Sign. (VASS).** The Clerk stated that after much delay the Lincolnshire Road Safety partnership would not authorize the operation of a privately purchased speed sign although these are in daily use in other counties. In September 2006 we were the first parish to be loaned a VASS, provided by the LRSP. It was used over a 2 week period on a site in main St and it had a dramatic effect on traffic speeds. Unfortunately we have been unable to get a further loan of the equipment to reinforce the message. Recently the Lincs Association of local Councils proposed a scheme for the purchase of mobile speed signs for parishes and this is being considered by the LRSP and Lincolnshire Highways.

**3.4 Defective Drain.** The defective drain had been repaired but further problems had arisen with the detection of foul water in the storm drains and in the village drain below the village. The WLDC Environmental officer had recommended that the village apply for an assessment by Anglian Water to establish if the company had a duty to provide mains drainage in the village. This will be completed within 6 months but if a duty is established, funding for a main sewer will not be budgeted until 2010-2015. In the meantime householders are advised to ensure that septic tanks are maintained and regularly emptied.

**3.5 Village Graffiti.** Responsibility for removing the Graffiti on the B1398 road signs had been disputed by WLDC and Lincolnshire highways. In the meantime the signs were cleaned by the Council Chairman. Following discussion, the Clerk agreed to clean the graffiti from the hillside garages.

**3.6 Repairs to the Wellhead.** The Parish council had been unable to contact Mr Atkin to repair the wellhead but we were fortunate to secure a sponsor to cover the cost of repairs estimated at £2000. The work was completed by Mr Richard Osterfield. The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to Mr Peter Coates of Midas Ltd for the company's most generous donation to preserve this historic village feature.

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3.7 Footpath Safety and cleanliness on the B1398. The Council received the following report from Lincolnshire Highways:

*I have inspected the kerbs along Middle Street and whilst I agree that they are lower than usually specified these days, the carriageway is sufficiently wide enough to allow two-way traffic to pass comfortably. The channel has been lined to indicate the carriageway and if large vehicles are over-running these kerbs at the level they are currently at, they will doubtless be able to overrun a full face kerb as well. I will add these works to my future works list but I am afraid I am unable to indicate when they may be carried out as there are currently many higher priorities for the limited budgets we have available.*

### **4. Annual Report of the Parish Council 2005/2006**

4.1 The Chairman presented the Annual Parish Council report for 2006/07. A copy of the report is attached at Annex A.

### **5. Financial Report.**

The Parish Clerk presented the Parish Accounts for the year. He stated that the parish finances were in good shape and showed an income over expenditure for the year of £151. Income for the year totaled £3906 with £3250 from the parish precept and £656 from miscellaneous receipts and the VAT refund. We received £265 from advertising in the Burton Journal which almost covered the production costs. The Council made grants of £900 and total expenditure was £3755. The current and deposit account balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March stood at £2888. A copy of the annual account is displayed on the notice board and attached at Annex B to the minutes. The accounts will be available for public inspection for 28 days prior to the audit date of 30<sup>th</sup> July.

### **6. Burton Waters & Odder - Progress Report**

6.1 General. All the shop units are now occupied on the landings and the overwater Chinese restaurant added a new dimension to the facilities at Burton Waters. Work has started on the remaining 59 residential units on Site A. The developer had submitted a planning application for houses on an infill site on Park Lane which has been opposed by the Parish Council and residents on the grounds that the houses are too close to the public footpath along the Fosdyke and that residents had previously received assurances that the area would remain undeveloped and landscaped. Mr Phillip Rich had been appointed as the agent for the management Company and the residents had formed a leaseholders company which eventually would take over the administration of the site from the developers. The Council Chairman and the Clerk had agreed to meet with Phillip Rich to discuss areas where the Parish Council and the Management Company can combine to provide services to residents.

6.2 The Western Site. Progress had been slow on the western site but hard standings had been completed for the fishing lodges which are being developed by Torksey caravans. There is active interest from local companies in developing the hotel and conference site. These include a local hotel group, a retirement home company that is considering developing a retirement home and hotel complex and a joint proposal involving Beals and Midas to build a second marina with a hotel and residential units. All proposals will require planning approval from WLDC who are not noted for their speed and flexibility in considering changes.

6.3 Burton Waters Cycleway. The Clerk confirmed that the extension of the cycleway to Burton waters from the Pyewipe would follow the A57 for part of the route but it would remain separate from the residential site. Construction would commence when the 35<sup>th</sup> house is occupied on site A. The sum of £90,000 had been allocated by the developers towards the cost of the project.

6.4 Burton Waters Summer Party. The Burton waters summer party sponsored by Beal Homes and local businesses will be held 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May. Events include a dinner with entertainment on 25<sup>th</sup> May a barbecue and a “Songs of praise” service on Saturday evening, and a business and charities events on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May.

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### **7. The Burton Journal**

7.1 The Burton Journal continued to be a valuable means of communication informing parishioners of Council business, events and issues and linking all communities within the parish. Costs have been offset by a steady stream of advertising and there is scope for more advertising features to promote local businesses without compromising the quality of the magazine. The Residents Association has been struggling to produce "Flaghoist" and there is a suggestion that we could combine the two in a single publication.

### **8. Suggestions for Items to be considered.**

8.1 Unpleasant smells – Burton Waters. Mr Marriott raised the concerns of residents about the unpleasant smells that emanated from farmland across the Skellingthorpe side of the Fosseydyke. It was believed that the smell was generated from piles of poultry manure that was dumped in fields owned by Mr Holmes of Manor farm. The Clerk agreed to follow the complaint through with North Kesteven District Council whose environmental officer would have jurisdiction over the area.

8.2 Illegal Advertising signs – Burton Waters. The Clerk confirmed that he had communicated with Lincolnshire highways and WLDC regarding the proliferation of advertising signs at the Burton waters entrance which were untidy, distracting and illegal.

Note of Action from WLDC received 16<sup>th</sup> May:

Your complaint with regard to advertising at Burton Waters has been passed to me as part of the enforcement team for further investigation. I have now contacted the land owners and a letter will be sent shortly seeking removal of unauthorised signage. I will endeavour to update you on progress in due course.

*Regards,*

*Von Cook*

Enforcement Officer (Planning)

West Lindsey District Council

8.3 Clearance of Footpath – The Old Coach Road. Parishioners expressed concern at the state of the footpath at the turn in to the old coach road which was covered in several inches of mud. The Clerk agreed to seek assistance from Highways to clear the footpath.

Chairman Burton-by Lincoln  
Parish Council