

Minutes of the Meeting of the Burton-by-Lincoln Parish Council
Held at the Burton Estate Club on Tuesday 4th December 2007

Present: Eric Bell, Steve Chadderton, Fred Myers, John Moore, Ian Marriott, Joan Osterfield

In Attendance. Gordon Hickmore (Clerk), Cllr Ray Sellars, Cllr Jackie Brockway

Also Present: Mr & Mrs M Hukin, Mr & Mrs J Copeland, Mr P Coates

Apologies: PC Martin Clarke, Mr Roy Dowson, Cllr P Cook, Cllr D Cotton

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th October were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

2. Clerk's Report

2.1 Dangerous tree B1398. The dangerous tree overhanging the B1398 has been removed.

2.2 Central Networks – new sub-station, Burton Village. The new sub station will be commissioned this week. There will be an interruption to the supplies during the changeover to the new transformer.

3. Finance

3.1 Accounts. The Clerk stated that the parish balance at 4th December was £1806.60 with £2673.55 in the deposit account.

3.2 Authorisation of Expenditure. The follow expenditure was authorised by the Parish Council:

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£20
Staples	£68.97
CPRE	£27
Christmas Tree	£30

3.3 Additional expenditure. The Parish Council resolved to make additional grants under section 137 of the Local Government act as follows:

Burton Waters Residents Association	£100 for insurance costs
Burton Estate club	£100 for maintenance costs
Burton film Club	£100 for purchase of a projector
Burton Church Clock fund	£100 for maintenance of the church clock

3.4 Precept 2008-2009. The Clerk explained that copies of the proposed budget for 2008-09 had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. He suggested that the expenditure for 2008-09 should be increased by £100 to £3850 but as there the numbers of electors and domestic properties in the parish had increased, he calculated the parish rate would decrease by 5% to £9.62 for a Band D household. It was proposed by Fred Myers and seconded by Steve Chadderton that the proposed precept be approved. A copy of the proposed budget for 2008-2009 is attached at Annex A.

Resolved: That Burton Council set a precept of £3850 for 2008-2009

4. Planning

4.1 The following applications were approved by West Lindsey District Council Planning Committee

4.1.1 120687 Burton Waters Marina - To erect a single storey extension to Chandlery building.

4.1.2 120927 Park Lane Burton Waters. Application for erection of 3 dwellings on Park lane

4.1.3 120930 Burton Waters - Advertising consent The application submitted by Beal Homes to erect a multiple advertising hoarding at the Park Lane roundabout.

4.1.4 120971 – 54 Park Lane Burton Waters. Application to retain brickwork boundary wall and gates.

4.2 The following applications were rejected by West Lindsey District Council Planning Committee

4.2.1 120792 Burton Cliff Farm Middle St Burton. Amended application to convert building to use for classic and sports car restoration.

4.2.2 120323 Cockseye’s farm Middle St Burton. Amended application for Biomass processing plant.

4.3 The following application was considered by the Parish Council prior to the meeting:

4.3.1 121236 – Woodcocks Advertising Sign – Burton Waters. The parish Council opposed the application for an advertising sign at the entrance to Burton Waters on the grounds that it did not conform to the planning regulations contained in Core 6 of the Local Plan and it would lead to a proliferation of signs at the entrance to Burton Waters should the application be approved.

4.4 Future Applications.

4.4.1 Burton Waters Hotel and Conference Centre. It is expected that Midas will be submitting new plans for the hotel and conference centre complex, situated on a 10 acre site next to the David Lloyd club, early in the New Year.

4.4.2 Burton Waters Site B. It is expected that Beal Homes will be submitting new plans for the shopping and commercial area on site B in the New Year. The final phase of the Burton waters development will contain shops, offices and residential flats.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Correspondence received included the following items:

- West Lindsey District Council information booklets
- LCC Confirmation of Diversion of public bridleways 182 &185
- Lincolnshire Police – council Tax options public survey
- WLDC Application to fell ash tree B1398
- WLDC Generic equalities scheme
- Leverton farms – Re planning applications Burton Cliff farm
- Standards Board – Adoption of Code of Conduct for members
- Lincolnshire playing Fields association
- Burton Film Society - application for grant
- LCC Community transport information leaflet
- LALC Newsletter
- EMDA news
- CPRE Annual report

6 Roads, Footpaths and bridleways

6.1 Diversion orders for bridleways 182 and 185 have been confirmed. The dangerous ash tree overhanging the B1398 has been felled. The Parish Council has been offered the use of the LRSP mobile vehicle activated road sign previously used in Sept 2006. The Clerk has booked the equipment for use in late March 2008.

7. Burton Waters and Odder

7.1 The Pyewipe – Burton Waters Cyclepath. The Clerk stated that the S106 agreement signed in 2003 by Mr R Costall and Lincoln City Council was a “unilateral undertaking” in that the developer agreed to pay £90k to the City Council (later transferred to Lincolnshire County Council) towards the cost of the construction of the cycletrack. The agreement has no bearing on the proposed route of the cycletrack through Burton Waters. The developer, however, has an obligation under the S106 agreement signed in 1999 to provide land to link the proposed Lincoln – Saxilby cyclepath.

Letters between Beal Homes and Lincolnshire Highways confirm that proposed route will enter Burton Waters at an agreed point near the emergency gate and follow the hedge line along the A57. A 1.8m fence will secure the cycletrack from the residential area. It is the view of the developer that the current security alongside the A57 is inadequate and the provision of the security fence funded from the £90k grant will improve the overall security of the residential area. The cost of maintenance being offset by savings in the cost of maintaining the path and the hedge.

Lincolnshire County Council recently announced that a £650k grant had been secured from the East Midlands development agency for the construction of the cyclepath. It is estimated that the £90k S106 grant will be made available by Beal Homes in summer 2008 when the 31st property is completed on the Ellison's Wharf development. It is expected that Lincolnshire Highways will publish the proposed route in 2008 and residents will have the opportunity to comment on the route.

7.2 Burton Waters Leaseholders Company AGM. The Clerk attended the AGM of the leaseholders company at the invitation of the Chairman. The Clerk reported that concern was expressed about the route of the cycletrack and of the cost of maintaining the security fence. There was also disquiet about the provision of the park and ride and park and sail facilities. The meeting paid tribute to Phillip Rich who has stood down as Company Secretary. 4 new directors were appointed making 8 in total. The Chairman emphasised that progress on the many issues affecting residents should be achieved through consultation rather than confrontation.

8. Parish Clerk – Contract of Employment

8.1 The Clerk submitted a draft of the Clerk's Contract of Employment as required by the NALC. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should review the agreement and submit a final draft for ratification by the Council at the March meeting.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 District Councillors' Special Grants. Jackie Brockway reminded the meeting that the individual £1000 community grant was available for suitable projects within the parish. Applications should be submitted by February 2008.

9.2 Police Attendance – Parish Council meetings. The meeting expressed disappointment that although invitations were extended to the local police to attend parish council meetings, it was at least 18 months since a police officer or CPSO attended a meeting in Burton. This was also reflected in attendances at meetings across the ward. The Clerk agreed to write to the Saxilby office and suggest that a police attendance at the March meeting would be welcome and that policing matters would be the first item on the agenda.

9.3 Waste Recycling. Jackie Brockway agreed to consult with David Cotton and arrange a visit for Councillors to the WLDC waste recycling facility. The Clerk agreed to include an update on materials that can be recycled in the parish newsletter.

9.2 Next Meeting. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th March 2008

9.3 Meetings 2008. The following dates were agreed for Parish Council meetings in 2008. It was agreed that in 2008 Parish Council meetings would be held in the Estate Club but the Annual Parish Meeting would be held at Woodcocks.

Tuesday 11th March, Tuesday 6th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting),
Tuesday 13th May (Annual Parish Meeting Woodcocks), Tuesday 8th July,
Tuesday 14th October, Tuesday 2nd December

9.4 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm and Councillors and parishioners adjourned for traditional mulled wine and mince pies in the Club.