

Minutes of the Meeting of the Burton-by-Lincoln Parish Council
Held at the Burton Estate Club on Tuesday 11th March 2008

Present: Steve Chadderton (In the Chair), Ian Marriott, Joan Osterfield, Peter Cook

In Attendance. Gordon Hickmore (Clerk), Cllr Ray Sellars, Cllr David Cotton, PCSO Sonya Lewis

Also Present: Mrs A Copeland, Mr P Coates, Mrs M Cook, Mrs C Platts, Ms A Moore,

Apologies: John Moore, Eric Bell, Cllr Jackie Brockway, Fred Myres, Mr & Mrs M Hukin

Steve Chadderton was pleased to announce that the Chairman of the Council, Eric Bell, is recovering well from his recent illness but it is still too early to know when he will be fit enough to resume his duties as a member of the Parish Council. The Parish Council and all Parishioners extend their good wishes to Eric for a speedy and complete recovery.

Steve Chadderton welcomed PCSO Sonya Lewis of the Lincolnshire Police Saxilby office to the meeting. PCSO Lewis stated that she had joined the force in December 2007 and with PC Martin Clark, she was getting accustomed to her duties within the area. She reported that there had been just one incident in the parish in recent months with the theft of a 4x4 from New Farm. The Clerk suggested that a police presence at the A57 roundabout would be required on 14th March to inform motorists using Fen Lane of the B1398 road closure. The parish would also welcome the use of the speed gun in Burton village during the summer months as a deterrence to drivers ignoring the speed limit.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th December were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

2. Clerk's Report

2.1 Central Networks – replacement of overhead cables. The new substation was successfully installed in December 2007 and has resulted in a more reliable supply of electricity to the village, particularly to properties in Hall Yard. However, the company decided not to install underground cabling to connected houses on the lower part of Main St to the new transformer as was expected when the project was first proposed in 2005. Although the Central Networks had shelved the proposal, a survey in December 2007 revealed that a number of poles were unsound and required replacing. On 29th Feb the Parish Clerk received the following email from the wayleaves officer:

“The project that is presently in progress in your village has yet to be completed, and will allow for some more of the existing overhead line to be removed. I understand that the high voltage part of the project is complete except for gaining access to remove a few of the old poles, whilst the low voltage network requires some further work before the existing line running southwards from the new substation can be dismantled. This section of line runs through the wood and into the rear gardens of the properties. It remains Central Networks intention to proceed with the installation of further underground cables within Burton in the future, and indeed I am currently working on the next phase of the overall works”

It is understood from further correspondence with Central Networks that the overhead cabling serving properties on the North side of Main St from Monk Bretton to the Garden House, including Griffinwood, will be replaced with underground cabling in 2010. The Clerk stressed that the proposals are at an initial planning stage and property owners seeking further information should direct enquiries to Central Networks

2.2 Parish Clerk – Conditions of Employment. The proposed discussion on the conditions of employment of the Parish Clerk had been delayed owing to the indisposition of the chairman. The administrative delay had no bearing on the work of the Clerk or Council.

2.3 Waste Recycling. David Cotton regretted that as the contractor has now switched his operations from Caenby Corner to North Hykeham, it would be difficult to arrange a visit. He explained that from 1st April there would be an extension of the recycling scheme with a wider range of products including newspapers, being placed in the blue bin. Every household will be issued with a calculator to determine which items could be recycled.

3. Finance

3.1 Accounts. The Clerk stated that the parish balance at 4th March was £1185 with £2717 in the deposit account and £45 in cash.

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

Clerk's salary	October – March	£468.52	
Staples		£65.91	
Printer purchase		£55	
Lincs Association of local Councils		£166.30	(1 Apr)
Burton Club		£200	(1 Apr)
Burton Church		£200	(1 Apr)
Burton Waters Residents Association		£250	(1 Apr)
IT Software		£39.95	(1 Apr)

The meeting also approved the request for a grant of £50 towards the purchase of additional plates and crockery for village and church functions. The invoice is to be forwarded to the parish Clerk.

3.3 Draft Annual Balance. The Clerk presented the draft annual balance for 2007/08. He stated that the council had budgeted for an expenditure of £4250 in this financial year which included a provision for parish elections in May 2007 at a cost of £800. The election of councillors was uncontested and although the Council had made additional grants to parish organisations, we were showing a surplus of £593 for the year. 3 Editions of the Journal were published in 2007/8 and 12 monthly editions of the Church Newsletters costing £258 and £216 respectively. Income from advertising and from the PCC grant totalled £370 making the net cost to the parish funds of just £104. There is scope to improve the advertising revenue and the Editor would be seeking to improve the advertising income in 2008 but not at the expense of quality. A copy of the draft balance is at Annex A.

4. Planning

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

4.1.1 120971 – 54 Park Lane Burton Waters. Application to retain brickwork boundary wall and gates.

4.2 The following application was rejected by West Lindsey District Council Planning Committee

4.2.1 121236 – Woodcocks Advertising Sign – Burton Waters. The application by Woodcocks to erect an advertising sign on the grass verge at the entrance to Burton Waters was rejected .

4.3 The following applications were received and considered by Burton Parish Council

4.3.1 121437 Burton Waters Hotel and Conference Centre. The application for a 120 bedroomed hotel and conference centre on land next to the David Lloyd centre was approved by the parish Council and is now under consideration by WLDC.

4.3.2 121483 Extensions and alterations to Tvinde, Main St Burton. The parish council had no observations to make on the application for extensions and alterations to Tvinde, Main St Burton.

4.3.3 Tree surgery – Burton Hill House and Burton Club. The council received notification from WLDC Environmental services of surgery to trees at Burton Hill House and Burton Club.

4.4. Future Applications

4.4.1 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 spring. The final phase of the Burton waters development will contain shops, offices and residential flats. It is hoped that the proposals will contain plans for a permanent bus stop and a communal facility.

4.4.2 Relocation of Lincoln Rugby Club. No further information is available on the plans to relocate the Lincoln Rugby club to a site between the bridge and the old coach road.

4.4.3 Rosewalk. It is understood that the new owner of Rosewalk will be submitting revised plans for a dwelling on the site. He intends to consult with neighbours and with the Parish Council before submitting the revised plans to WLDC.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Correspondence received included the following items:

WLDC Electoral register

Draft East Midlands regional Plan publication

WLDC Funding fair – 10th April

WLDC Contacts list

Clerks Direct Magazine

WLDC Sandbag provision

Lincs police – Special Constables recruitment

Citizens Advice Bureau – request for support

WLDC Conduct of Local Authority members – policy doc

Orders and regulations for local authority members

Natural England seminar Biodiversity forum – 7 Feb

LCC – get Active

LCC Municipal Waste Strategy

Highways B1398 advice of closure

LCC Rural transport policy car schemes

LALC Area Forum – 13th March

Calor - villages of the year

LCC Lincoln bypass route consultation

Celebrate St Georges Day

LCC Good Citizens award

Lincoln fringe village forum - 10 March

Central networks – Plan to replace overhead lines

WLDC Information booklets

WLDC Parish assembly 3 April – Tour of new offices marshals yard

LALC Training events 2008

Concessionary travel for pensioners

District and Parish Council elections 1 May

5.2 The following was agreed:

5.2.1 LALC Area forum – The Clerk to attend the area forum 13th March at Faldingworth.

5.2.2 WLDC Parish Assembly 3 April – The Clerk and Chairman to attend the parish assembly

5.2.3 Concessionary Travel – Post the meeting the Clerk confirmed that the following concessions will be available for Senior Citizens and the disabled from West Lindsey DC from 1 April 2008. The Clerk agreed to publish details in the next newsletter.

- Free National Bus Pass
- Senior or Disabled Railcard
- Taxi Tokens

6 Roads, Footpaths and bridleways

6.1 Repairs to B1398. Repairs to the B1398 at the traffic lights will commence on 14 the March and be complete by 20th March. The contractors will be working over the weekend on 15/16th March. The road will be closed apart for access for residents and alternative arrangements have been made for school buses. Warning signs advertising the closure of the road are not particularly well sited and no doubt the signs will be ignored by a great number of motorists who regularly use Fen lane as a cut through. It is hoped that an initial police presence at the Fen lane roundabout will help to avoid congestion in the village.

7. Burton Waters and Odder

7.1 The Pyewipe – Burton Waters Cyclepath. There has been no further news on the progress of the cyclepath but it is understood that the developer will be in a position to meet his S106 commitment to transfer £90k to the Lincolnshire county Council at the end of April on the completion of the 37th house on Ellisons Wharf. It is expected that Highways will be publishing a draft plan of the route when negotiations with landowners are complete

7.2 Community Facility – Burton Waters. The Parish Council had indicated to WLDC that when the revised plans for Site B are submitted by the developer, the parish would welcome plans for a permanent bus stop and a community facility to be provided at Burton Waters as part of a section 106 agreement between WLDC and the developer. It is understood that as part of the consultation process, the developer will be publishing plans in 2008 and this will give the opportunity for all parishioners to comment on the type of facility required. The concept of a community facility can be wide ranging: in other parishes where there has been major developments, S106 agreements have been used to provide recreation facilities such as sports fields, allotments, health centres, parish offices and village halls. The Clerk stated that every community has different needs but the publication of the plans for Site B will enable the public consultation process to determine the type of facility best suited to the needs of the parish. It was agreed to include the provision of a community facility as an agenda item for the annual parish meeting.

8. Arrangements for Annual Parish Meetings 13th May 2008

8. Councillors agreed to combine the Annual Parish Council meeting and the annual parish meeting to be held on Tuesday 13th May at Woodcocks. The Annual Parish Council meeting which includes the election of the Chairman of the Parish Council for 2008 and the adoption of the Annual Accounts will be held at 6pm followed by the Annual parish meeting at 7.30pm. The Clerk confirmed he had asked Rick Costall if he was able to unveil the plans for Site B at the meeting as part of the consultation process. However he was reluctant to commit himself at this time as he was unsure if the plans would be available by 13th May.

9. Next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 13th May at 6pm at Woodcocks followed by the Annual Parish meeting at Woodcocks at 7.30pm.

10. Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Steve Chadderton
Chairman