

Minutes of the Meeting of the Burton-by-Lincoln Parish Council
Held at the Burton Estate Club on Tuesday 3rd May 2005

Present: John Copeland (Chairman), Gary Lisseman, Eric Bell, Gillian Jolly, Steve Chadderton, Joan Osterfield,

In Attendance. Gordon Hickmore (Clerk),

Also Present: - Mr D Rossington, Mr J Moore, Mr R Dowson, Mrs P Chadderton

Apologies: Cllr Sarah Anyan-Needham, Cllr David Cotton, Cllr Ray Sellars, Peter Russon

1. Election of Officers and Acceptance of Office.

1.1 Chairman. Resolved: That Mr J Copeland be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council.

1.2 Vice-Chairman. Resolved: That Mr E Bell be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

1.3 Acceptance of Office. Mr Bell and Mr Copeland signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

1.3 Register of Members Interests. The Clerk reminded all Councillors that they should register any changes to the declaration of member's interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. Declaration of Interests

2.1 There were no declarations of interests made in relation to items on the agenda.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th March were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

4. Clerk's Report

4.1 Local Strategic Partnership Meeting (para 3.1) Steve Chadderton attended the meeting at Saxilby. Items discussed were the availability of after hours health cover, local transport and waste disposal.

4.3 Flood Risk Presentation (para 8.5). The clerk reported he had received a copy of the flood risk measures taken by the Upper Witham Drainage Board and this will be published in the July edition of the Journal.

4.4 Fly Tipping. No further information is available on the progress of the fly-tipping prosecutions.

4.5 Speed Limit B1398 (para 7.1) The 50mph speed limit has been installed on the B1398 and first impressions are that the limit has had a significant impact on the speed of traffic along Middle St.

4.6 Village Signs (para 7.2). The Burton by Lincoln signs had been erected at the entrance to the village from Fen Lane and on the B1398. The height of the signs varied and the clerk agreed to contact the Highways Dept to arrange for the signs to be set at an optimum level. Traffic calming signs had also been erected on the A57 at Odder.

4.7 Speed Limit Fen Lane (para 7.3) The Clerk stated that Lincolnshire Highways Dept had considered the extension of the 30mph village speed limit to New Farm, but the density of housing did not meet the criteria. Mr D Rossington agreed to speak with the Department regarding the recommendations outlined in the Parish Plan.

4.8 Burton Estate Club (para 9.1) As a first step, the Secretary of the club had written to Lord Monson requesting an extension of the current lease to enable the club committee to seek grant-aid. No reply had been received.

4.9 Anglian Water Bench Seat. The Clerk will be seeking estimates to position the seat by the post box. He confirmed that the seat is covered for 3rd party insurance under the Council's insurance policy.

5. Finance

5.1 Annual Accounts. The Clerk presented the final accounts for the year 2004/2005. A copy of the balance sheet is attached at Annex A to the minutes.

Resolved: That the Parish accounts for the Financial Year 2004/2005 be accepted.

5.2 Annual Audit. The Annual Return for the year ending 31 March is required to be presented to the external auditors by 30th July. Members of the Council approved unanimously the statement of accounts and the statement of assurance required by the auditors.

Resolved:

1. The statement of accounts contained in the Annual Return presents fairly the financial position of the Council for the period ending 31st March 2005
2. The Statement of Assurance is approved by the Council.
3. Mr Nigel France is appointed as the Internal Auditor for the Council

The declarations were duly signed by the Chairman and the Responsible Finance Officer.

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

Allianz Cornhill Insurance	£286.74
Burton PCC – Churchyard maintenance	£150
Burton PCC – Clock Maintenance	£50
Burton Estate Club – Grant	£150
Burton Estate Club - Room Hire	£50
Burton Waters Residents Association	£150
Staples	£22

The Parish Council approved the expenditure of £70 to purchase silk flowers and permanent decorations for the traditional May well dressing ceremony. The Council also approved the expenditure of up to £50 for expenses in association with the 60th Anniversary VE day celebrations.

5.4 Parish Precept. The Parish Clerk stated that the parish precept of £8.72 had worked out within 4p of the predicted amount for a band D household, a reduction of 15% over the previous year. However, it was likely that WLDC would remove the subsidy paid to councils based upon the number of registered voters. In 2005 the parish received £780. Although the net payment would be the same, the parish rate would increase from £8 to £12.

6. Planning

The Council received notification of the following planning applications:

6.1 M05/P/0128 Hawthorn Cottage Burton. WLDC granted permission to erect a garden wall at Hawthorn Cottage subject to a scheme of landscaping and planting to the front of the wall being approved by the District Planning Authority.

6.2 MO5/P/0170 Mill House Burton. WLDC refused permission for the application for alterations and extensions to Mill House, Burton on the grounds that the proposal would not comply with the policies laid down in the West Lindsey District Plan. The Planning Authority advised that pre-application discussions should be held with Planning Services if another application is submitted.

6.3 Protected Frontages – Main St Burton. It was confirmed that the Local Plan Inquiry had accepted the application by the Parish Council for the frontages leading into the village from Fen lane to be designated as “Important Frontages in Settlements”. This will preserve the view across the fields as you enter the village and prevent any further development beyond the existing houses on Main St.

6.4 Local Plan Inquiry – Burton Waters. No decision had been announced regarding the objections raised by Midas and Burton Lodge Ltd BW3 at the Local Plan Inquiry to the development of areas BW2 and BW3 at Burton Waters.

6.5 M05/P/0335 – Mexborough House Burton. The Parish Council had no observations to make on the application for listed building consent for internal alterations to Mexborough House.

6.6 M05/P/0259 Limes House, Middle St Burton. The Parish Council had no observations to make on the application to continue mixed residential /office use and to extend Limes House to form additional residential accommodation, provided the extension is used solely for residential purposes.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Correspondence received included the following items:

- WLDC Information Booklets for Members.
- Lincs Association of Local Councils April Circular
- WLDC – Election details
- WLDC – Concessions for Senior Citizens
- East Midlands Regional Assembly – Regional Plan to 2026

7.2 Environmental Agency – Flood Risk Wardens. The Environmental Agency is requesting that parishes which are subject to flood risk, should appoint a warden who will be responsible for advising residents on flood precautions. As Burton Waters and Odder are within the flood plain, Steve Chadderton agreed to pass details of the Environmental Agency flood risk warning scheme to the Burton Waters Residents Association committee for action.

7.3 Best Kept Village Competition. The Parish Council declined to participate in the best Kept Village and Small Town Competition promoted by the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

8. Burton Waters and Odder

8.1 Noise Pollution - Bird Scarers. Steve Chadderton reported that residents at Burton Waters have been disturbed by a bird scarer sited in a field on the Skellingthorpe side of the Fossedyke. The Clerk stated that NFU guidelines advised against scarers being sited close to residential properties, and he suggested that as the owner of the field was not known, residents should report the matter to the Lincolnshire Environmental Health Dept.

8.2 Lincoln-Burton Waters Cycle Path. The Clerk agreed to report on the progress of the proposed cycleway at the Annual Parish Meeting on 10th May.

8.3 Litter A57. Burton Waters residents were concerned at the build up of litter along the A57 which was not only an eyesore, but it also detracted from the vista for visitors approaching the city from the north-west. The Chairman stated that the road was too dangerous for the volunteer litter squad to patrol, and that litter clearance should be the responsibility of the West Lindsey Environmental Services. The Clerk agreed to contact WLDC with a view to establishing a regular litter clearance patrol of the A57 from Odder to the Lincoln boundary.

8.4 Litter Clearance – Fossdyke canal path. The Chairman agreed that the litter squad would complete a regular litter sweep of the Fossedyke tow-path from Odder to the Parish Boundary. He noted that refreshments would be available for the squad at Woodcocks and the Pyewipe. Burton Waters residents were welcome to join the squad – details would be passed by email.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Mr Frank Stuart – 90th Birthday. The Parish Council agreed to send a card to Mr Frank Stuart on the occasion of his 90th Birthday on 11th May 2005.

11.2 Theft of Garden Material. Councillors were concerned to here that the theft of stones from a garden in the village had not been followed through by the police, although the vehicle type, colour, registration and description of the men involved had been passed to the incident room. The Clerk agreed to seek further information from the local police.

11.3 The Burton Journal. The spring edition of the Burton Journal had been delivered to over 300 residents in the parish

11.3 Next Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th May at 7.30pm. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th July

11.4 There being no other business the meeting closed at 2045.

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