

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Burton-by-Lincoln Parish Council Held at the Burton Estate Club on Tuesday 9th May 2006

Present: Eric Bell Gary Lisseman, Gillian Jolly, Steve Chadderton, Joan Osterfield,

In Attendance. Gordon Hickmore (Clerk), Cllr Sarah Anyan, Cllr David Cotton, Cllr Ray Sellars

Also Present: - Mr J Moore, Mr P Coates, Mr D Coates, Mr R Costall, Mr & Mrs P Cook, Mr & Mrs M Hakin, Mrs A Moore (Chair Burton Waters Residents Company) Mr & Mrs R Newton and others

Apologies: Peter Russon, John Copeland

1. Election of Officers and Acceptance of Office.

1.1 Chairman. Resolved: That Mr E Bell be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council.

1.2 Vice-Chairman. Resolved: That Mr S Chadderton be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

1.3 Acceptance of Office. Mr Bell and Mr Chadderton 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.

1.4 Eric Bell paid tribute to the retiring Chairman, Mr John Copeland, for all his hard work and commitment to the parish during his 10 years in office. He agreed to write a letter of thanks to John on behalf of all parishioners.

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 14th March were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

4. Clerk's Report - The Clerk reported on the following actions taken since the previous meeting:

4.1 Fly Tipping. John Copeland had received a letter from WLDC Chief Executive stating that it was not cost effective to investigate further the alleged incident of fly tipping in Fen Lane. However, the Clerk stated that from 1st April 2006, the District Council is empowered under the Clean Neighbourhoods Act, to impose a fine on the owner of the rubbish for failing to dispose of it in a proper manner. Unfortunately as the offence occurred before this date, action cannot be backdated.

4.2 Road Safety B1398. A recent police survey recorded that 35,000 vehicles used the B1398 over a 6 day period with only 331 vehicles exceeding the speed limit. In a covering letter, the Parish Council was informed by the Police at Saxilby: "There have been three personal injury road traffic accidents over the last three years but these have not been speed-related and accident investigators within the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership conclude there have been insufficient to justify a local road safety scheme, including white lines and cameras".

4.3 Vehicle Activated Speed Sign. VASS) The Clerk was pleased to report that he had secured a sponsor to fund the cost of a Vehicle Activated Road Sign (VASS) to be used as a traffic calming measure in the village where motorists were ignoring the 30mph speed limit. The equipment will be offered to other parishes along the B1398 as a local initiative to reduce the incidence of speeding. The Clerk will be contacting the police and the LRSP to approve the scheme. The cost of the equipment is £2750 plus VAT and Council expressed their thanks to the sponsors for supporting the parish so generously.

4.4 Road Markings. Repainting of the road markings in the village will be completed in the summer.

4.4 Quiet Lane – Fen Lane. Quiet lanes are a low priority with Lincs Highways and there are some doubts about their overall value. However, Highways conducting trials in conjunction with CPRE and the concept is included in the LCC Transport Plan for 2007-2011. Quiet lanes cannot exist in isolation and Highways will look at the possibility of Quiet lane status for Fen Lane when the planned cycleway is built linking the Pyewipe to Burton Waters. This is turn is linked to the construction of houses on Site A at BW but as the housing market is very slow, it will be 2-3 years before 50% of the houses are complete which is the trigger for funding. The Parish Council will continue to lobby for Quiet Lane status, but it is doubtful this would have any effect on the speed and volume of traffic using the lane.

4.5 Extension of 30mph speed limit. There was never a realistic prospect of extending the 30mph speed limit to New Farm as it does not meet the DoT criteria. It does not prevent us from continuing to lobby for an extension, but we should not be disappointed when it is rejected.

4.6 Defective Drain. This is a very sensitive issue and WLDC is taking legal action against the person responsible for the discharge of sewage which is leaching through a land drain and onto the road.

4.7 Graffiti. The Graffiti on the B1398 road signs has been reported to WLDC who are responsible for cleaning the signs.

4.8 Repairs to the Wellhead. The Clerk reported that he was in contact with Mr Paul Atkin but he was unable to complete repairs as he had been heavily involved with the Royal visit to the cathedral.

4.9 Anglian Water Bench Seat. The Council agreed to review the siting of the bench seat at the Parish Council meeting in July. It was generally agreed that the proposed site next to the post-box was unsuitable and an alternative site should be found. The Clerk agreed to ask David Hansord whether he was prepared to give permission for the seat to be located in the recess on the gravel drive next to the church. It was agreed to seek the views of parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting.

4.10 Litter Picking. The litter picking squad continues to operate covering the B1398 and Fen lane. The clerk confirmed that he had requested additional litter picking equipment for the use of Burton waters residents who had volunteered to clear litter along the tow path.

5. Finance

5.1 Annual Accounts. The Clerk presented the final accounts for the year 2005/2006. A copy of the balance sheet is attached at Annex A to the minutes.

Resolved: That the Parish accounts for the Financial Year 2005/2006 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 June. 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 2006
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	£296.81
Burton PCC – Churchyard maintenance	£150
Burton PCC – Clock Maintenance	£50
Burton PCC – Delivery Burton Journal	£50
Burton Estate Club – Grant	£150
Burton Estate Club - Room Hire	£50
Burton Waters Residents Association	£150
Staples	£85.61
Mr G Hickmore – Ink & Toner Cartridges	£49.98

6. Planning - The Council received notification of the following planning applications:

6.1 M06/P/0251 Limes House Middle St, Burton. The Parish Council recorded no observations on the further extension and changes to Limes House, Middle St.

6.2 MO6/P/0235 Burton Estate Club. As 5 Councillors had declared a prejudicial interest being members of the Club committee, the application was referred back to the WLDC planning committee for a decision.

6.3 M06/P/0285 Hillside Cottages, Main St, Burton. The Parish Council had no observations to make on the application to return no 3 Hillside Cottage to residential use.

6.4 M06/P/0305 The Chandlery, Burton Waters. The Council had no observations to make on the application for a single story extension to the chandlery at Burton Waters marina.

6.5 M06/P/0344 – Walnut Garth, Main St, Burton. The Parish Council had no observations to make on the application to install a bay window to the front of the property.

6.6 M06/P/0394 Units 11/12 Burton Waters. The Parish Council had no observations to make on the application to install new shop front canopies at Unit 11/12, The Landings, Burton Waters.

6.7 Central Networks – Proposed new sub-station, Burton Village. Central Networks has informed the parish that they have agreed with the Monson Estate to site the new village electricity transformer in the wooded area between Beechcroft and Hawthorn Cottage on Main St. All houses will eventually be connected by underground cable to this transformer. The Clerk will be writing to the agency pointing out that as it is in a Conservation Area, the transformer should be set back from the road and suitably landscaped.

6.8 Local Plan – Inspector’s Report. WLDC reviewed objections to the Inspector’s Report and confirmed their resolution to reject the recommendation to include “Special needs residential housing” in the planning criteria for BW3. Extant planning permission remains for a Hotel and Conference Centre on the 3.7 hectare site next to the David Lloyd Club, but it is believed the developer may seek a change of use as is his entitlement under the planning regulations.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Correspondence received included the following items:

- WLDC Information Booklets for Members.
- Lincs Association of Local Councils April Circular
- WLDC – Concessions for Senior Citizens
- East Midlands Regional Assembly – Regional Plan to 2026
- Area Forum Fiskerton 12th June – The Clerk agreed to attend
- Town and Parish Assembly 24th May – The Clerk agreed to attend

8. Burton Waters and Odder

8.1 Work has begun on the rotunda over-water restaurant and it is expected to be completed handed over to the Chinese owners for fitting out by 4th June. The Bistro bar is expected to be opened at the end of June. No tenant has been found for the convenience store, but negotiations continue. The Burton Waters residents held their AGM in March and resolved to change the name of the organisation to the Burton Waters Residents Company. This change will enable the owners and tenants of businesses to be members of the group. The new Chairman of the committee is Mrs Anne Moore.

11. Any Other Business

11.1 The Burton Journal. John Copeland has stood down as joint editor of The Journal. The new Editorial team will be Gordon Hickmore, Glenn Whitehead and Ian Waites. The next issue will be published in July.

11.2 Next Meeting. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th July

11.3 There being no other business the meeting closed at 1930.

..... Eric Bell
Chairman