Minutes of the Meeting of the Burton-by-Lincoln Parish Council
Held at the Burton Estate Club on Tuesday 07 December 2010

Present: Fred Myers (Chairman), Steve Chadderton (Vice Chairman), Parish Cllrs Eric Bell, Peter Cook, Ian Marriott, John Moore, Joan Osterfield

In Attendance: Maureen Wheeldon (Parish Clerk)

Also Present: County Cllr R Sellars, District Cllr J Brockway, District Cllr D Cotton

7.30pm PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
Mrs Helen Metson enquired about:
(a) the traffic light control at the junction of the B1398 which seems to be out of sequence since recent work was done; this is causing problems for residents. Cllr Sellars will look into this.
(b) the disruption to waste collections caused by the current wintry conditions; some cities/towns elsewhere had organised central collection points to which residents could take their waste. There was felt to be a lack of communication between WLDC and residents. Cllr Brockway explained that lorries were not sent out in conditions deemed dangerous to the wheelie-bin men, especially in rural areas. The lorry operators were conscientious and desperate to get out; it was certainly not a case of not bothering. Cllr Brockway will look into these concerns.

7.45pm COUNCIL MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence:
PCSO Goodwill (who had contacted the Clerk to say that she hoped to attend but could be prevented by pressure of work.)

2. Declarations of Interest in Accordance with the Local Government Act 2000
None

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting
Held on 05 October 2010. Minutes agreed – proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Osterfield and signed by the Chairman.

4. Reports from District Councillors, County Councillors and Police

County Councillor Sellars
County Council still identifying spending cutbacks; results should be known within a couple of weeks. Money available to maintain services will also depend upon the number of redundancies. Had received LCC notification of the proposed dedication of a public bridleway from the A57 to the River. (See item 5.11).

District Councillor Brockway
The weather is having an effect on WLDC with delayed meetings and skeleton staffing. Will contact Glyn Pilkington, Ops Svce Mgr, WLDC about refuse collection updates, i.e. how to keep all parishioners fully updated with the day-to-day situation, and to let the PC know. There is concern about elderly/vulnerable people – WLDC looking into this problem. Advertisement of a one-stop number might be the answer.
Complimented Cllr Cotton on his fierce defence of the ward whilst supporting Saxilby PC's application for money from WLDC.

District Councillor Cotton
WLDC still considering All Out Elections – planned meeting had been postponed for a week due to the weather. Move to All Out Elections needs consent of two thirds of the council at WLDC. Boundary Commission Electoral Review of West Lindsey – considering two and a half thousand constituents to each Councillor. Burton Parish is likely to remain in the Saxilby ward.

Police
See item 1.

5. Clerk's Report – Including Matters Outstanding
5.1 Receives support from the Saxilby Parish Clerk - attends the Saxilby PC Meetings.
5.2 Cost Cutting – Continues to be a priority.
5.3 Parish Website – Gordon Hickmore continues as Webmaster.

5.4 Discharge of Sewage within Burton Village – Public foul sewer to be provided to Burton village within defined area. WL finalising Business Plan with Ofwat, for period April 2011 to March 2015 – ongoing.
5.5. Coal Bed Methane Extraction – At PC meeting 06.07.10, Cllr Cotton reported difficulty with this initiative, as oil had been found on site – ongoing.
5.6 Odder Bus Stops – Ongoing – see item 11.4.
5.7 WLDC Lincs Villages Area Forum 20/10/10 - Ck had attended. Included Lincs Highways Winter road treatments and Central Lincs Joint Planning Unit update on joint strategies.
5.8 Ash Trees, Fen Lane - 28/10/10 – Andrew Creasey, LCC, advised County Tree Officer had condemned private ash trees and deadwood overhanging carriageway. Liaison arranged between Mr Creasey and landowner, Mr Russon.
5.9 Electoral Review of West Lindsey – Local Boundary Commission letter of 28/09/10 – formally announced start of first consultation stage on warding patterns - to Cllrs 08/10/10, Cllrs' obs sent 05/12/10. Cllrs in agreement that present structure of 2 District Cllrs works well.
5.10 WLDC Council Tax Focus Group Events – 'HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL SPENDING'. Saxilby scheduled for 30/11/10 but cancelled due to weather.
5.11 Proposed Dedication of a Public Bridleway from the A57 to the River - LCC letter of 24/11/10 – to Cllrs 30/11/10. Cllrs need confirmation whether it is proposed to have bridleway and cycleway access over a shared route. Clerk will check with Mr Outram – see 11.4.
5.12 Xmas Tree – Mr Russon has agreed to organise the Xmas Tree for Burton village.

6. Finance

6.1 Parish Balance - Bank Statements show:
13 October 2010 Business Money Manager Account £2811.83
04 November 2010 Current (Community) Account £2210.51
6.2 Consideration of proposed budget and Precept for 2011/2012 – Documentation received from WLDC dated 28/11/10. Prior to the meeting Cllrs had considered Clerk's paper (emailed on 01/12/10); detailed as follows:

SUGGESTED PRECEPT BID FOR 2011/2012

2009/2010	£	2010/2011	£
WLDC Contribution	100.00	WLDC Contribution	100.00
553 voters at £2.00	1106.00	562 voters at £1.00	562.00
Balance from rates	2679.00	Balance from rates	3689.00
Precept	3885.00	Precept (+12%)	4351.00

The Chairman had proposed a 5% increase on the £4351.00 Precept received for 2010/2011 = £218.00
WLDC voter subsidy has been withdrawn; 2011 is an election year.

2011/2012 Precept would be (£4351.00 + £218.00)	=	£4569.00
+ Contested Election with Polling Facility		£1100.00
+ Provision of 2nd Polling Facility		£ 400.00
+ 611 electors x 21p polling cards		£ 129.00
Total Precept Bid for 2011/2012		£6198.00

Cllr Chadderton proposed that the Precept Bid for 2011/2012 be £6198.00; seconded by Cllr Bell.
Resolved: that Burton Parish Council set a Precept for 2011/2012 for £6198.
The Chairman and Cllrs Chadderton and Marriott signed the Precept upon the Charging Authority for £6198.00.
Clerk will submit this bid to WLDC.
6.3 Consideration of Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils subscription to Annual Training Scheme April 2011/March 2012 - £65.00
Circ to Cllrs 30/11/10 – annual amount, not due until 01/04/11. Covers any number of Cllrs and Clerk at all training events - no further cost other than £6.50 per person per day at all-day training sessions to cover lunch and morning/afternoon refreshments. (Alternative cost is £6.00 per delegate for afternoon or evening events; £21.00 delegate for all-day event.). Council agreed as proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Chadderton.

6.4 Authorisation of Cheques
6.4.1 Cheques issued since last meeting – 05/10/10:
Cheque 100406 Royal British Legion – Remembrance Wreath £40.00

6.4.2 Cheques Authorised at this meeting:

Cheque 100407 M Wheeldon Clerk's Salary 14/09/10 – 06/12/10 £512.40

7. Planning Matters

Cllr Bell declared a personal interest as a neighbour and Cllr Moore declared an interest as a Church Warden, in item 7.2 Old Coach House, Burton.

7.1 122793 Site B - Park Lane Burton Waters - 47 dwellings, commercial floor space, landscaping, visitor car parking and community facility. WLDC's letter 05/12/08 - planning permission granted, subject to the conditions concerning the provision of the community facility - ongoing.

7.1.1 Community facility plans – Update – The community facility is already in the planning appraisal for Site B which will mean that the facility will need a specification to satisfy the District Planning Authority - ongoing.

7.2 125378/125379 – Old Coach House, Burton - Proposal to extend to dwelling house. Kirsty Catlow, WLDC, advised (06/12/10) that the agents are still in negotiations with WLDC and English Heritage with a view to altering the design and reducing the scale of the extensions. Once a revised scheme is formally submitted, WLDC will be re-advertising and re-consulting on the application and Burton PC will receive a formal letter - ongoing.

7.3 126216 – Site Adj David Lloyd Centre, Woodcock Lane, Burton Waters - Proposal to erect a 120 bedroomed hotel, conference centre and associated carparking – to Cllrs 30/08/10, obs sent 16/09/10. WLDC planning notice dated 29/11/10 advises planning permission has been granted.

7.4 126357 – Land west of Park Lane/Burton Lane End Roundabout, Burton - Proposal for advertisement consent to display a non-illuminated hoarding 1.8 metres x 5.5 metres for three years - WLDC advised 19/10/10 that planning permission has been granted.

7.5 126358 – Land SW of A57 Burton Waters - Proposal for advertisement consent to display two vinyl signs on timber frames for three years - to Cllrs 30/08/10, obs sent 16/09/10. John Howlett, WLDC, advised (07/12/10) that the current position is that the Highways Authority consider the sign to be located on their land. They are in discussions with the applicant to determine if this is the case and WLDC have been asked to hold the application in abeyance pending the resolution of this issue - ongoing.

7.6 027963 – Proposal pruning & removal of 13 trees, W1 Burton No 2 1951 Order, The Aviary, Burton - to Cllrs 27/09/10, obs sent 08/10/10. WLDC advised 04/11/10 that (a) consent refused for removal of 1 tulip tree and 1 mature sycamore tree; (b) consent given to pruning works to 1 yew and 1 lime, and removal of 11 trees.

7.7 126658 - Rosewalk, Main St, Burton – Planning application for replacement dwelling. Including erection of timber plant room and air source heat pumps - To Cllrs 29/11/10

8. Correspondence

WLDC Standards Comm 2009/10 Annual Report; Review of Planning Decisions; Lincs Villages Area Forum 20/10/10; Parish Matters; Council Spending – Public Events Register of Electors – 1/12/10; Soc Local Co Cks - Clerks Membership Renewal
LCC Plan Appn Checklist Consultation; Gritting Routes 2010/11; Public Bridleway – A57 to River; Govt Self Help – Snow Clearance
Cent Lincs Joint Strat Plan Committee - Central Lincolnshire Joint Core Strategy; Lincs Police - Community Safety Partnership Issues
Local Govt Boundary Commission - Electoral Review of West Lindsey; CPRE - Countryside Voice Magazine; Fieldwork Magazine;
LALC News; LCC New Management Structure; Clearview Opticians - Advert request – Parish Magazine
Letter from a Parishioner – Sewerage Disposal , The Aviary
Oct /Nov Editions – Rural Lincs; Clerks & Councils Direct; Inside Lincolnshire

9 Risk Assessment Register Review

Cllrs reviewed the Register – everything in order.

10. Burton Waters and Odder

10.1 Smell – No complaints received.

10.2 Landscaping – Clerk had sent 2 letters (06/10/10 & 21/11/10) reminding Beal Homes that the landscaping promised for this year at Burton Waters remains outstanding. Email from Mr Costall 24/11/10 promised work would start 29/11/10, to be completed by Xmas. Weather has delayed work. Item to be kept on future agendas until completed.

10.3 Odder - See item 11.4

11. Highways & Road Safety

The Chairman requested that the Clerk send a letter to Mr Tim Russon to thank him for his help in clearing snow from roads and keeping the community working.

11.1. Problems reported:

11.1.1 WLDC - NIL

11.1.2 Lincs Highways - NIL

11.2 Fen Lane – See item 5.8.

11.3 Fly Posting at the A57 Burton Waters Roundabout – Ongoing.

11.4 Pyewipe to Saxilby Cyclepath – See minutes 05/10/10 – update from Les Outram, LCC Tech Svcs Partnership. Ph3 includes the crossing of the new A57, new surfacing across private land and construction of the

path on the navigation canal bank top through to Pyewipe; out to tender – due back end October. Tenders would be assessed as to the way forward. All construction is planned to be substantially complete by end March 2011.
29/11/10 – The Chairman and Clerk had met Les Outram, Leslie Lawrie, LCC, and Odder residents at the Odder café, to discuss proposals for a safer arrangement at the Odder access(es) and provide a safe crossing point for the new Pyewipe to Saxilby shared footway/cycleway. Mr Outram took away residents' concerns, which included the necessity for bus stops at Odder, promising to review the proposals with Alan Brown, Area Highways Mgr. The Chairman wrote, on 29/11/10, to Alan Brown in support of the Odder residents' wishes; that in addition to the proposed single junction into Odder, to retain the junction nearest to Lincoln to allow traffic coming out of Odder on to the A57 to turn left. This would be advantageous to heavy farm machinery and lorries and also help Lincoln bound buses to turn into Odder at the first junction and exit at the second junction. Email from Mr Outram 06/12/10; to confirm he had met with Alan Brown and obtained further information from the team who deal with bus routes. Awaiting developments.
Clerk awaiting confirmation from Mr Outram whether it is proposed to have bridleway and cycleway access over a shared route at Odder – see item 5.11.
11.5 'Smiley Sid' mobile speed monitor – 11/11/10 Email from Tracey Broughton, Saxilby Parish Clerk, who said that Saxilby PC could insure 'Smiley Sid' for the whole of Lincolnshire, but if there is an accident caused by the appliance, then Saxilby's insurance would cover it. This could potentially put up Saxilby's premiums beyond what Saxilby could afford to pay. The Road Safety Partnership have said that only the Highways Authority has the legal right to place anything on the highway, including footpaths and verges. Permission of LCC Highways Authority is required as to safe locations before 'Smiley Sid' is deployed. Saxilby PC to contact Alan Brown on behalf of each contributing parish. Currently the device is not being used. Ongoing.

12. WLDC Standards Committee
Annual Report 2009/10 – Circ to Cllrs 06/10/10. WLDC had requested that this be an agenda item at the following PC meeting to ensure that everyone is made aware of the work of the Standards Committee. The documents have been duly noted by Cllrs.

13. Electricity Supply
Item requested by Cllr Marriott following power cuts at Burton Waters. Clerk had received an apology from EON. Short interruptions on 18/11/10 were due to 2 overhead cable failures (at Skellingthorpe and Saxilby) and the switching process necessary to de-energise before repair. EON's analysis of all causes of incidents and the network's performance is under constant review; the ongoing maintenance programme with line patrols highlights any problems on the network. There have been 3 planned interruptions to improve the network by partial upgrading and numerous trees have been trimmed and bird diverters erected. The new underground cable near the canal and rail track is still under negotiations with the relevant parties. Central Networks are unable to guarantee an interruption free supply and customers are advised to insure against any losses which they may incur as a result.
The complaints procedure can be found on the website: www.central-networks.co.uk

14. BT Broadband – Poor Service
See item 5.12 PC meeting 02/03/10 – Clerk had contacted BT who responded that problems must be reported by individuals, not on a group basis. 19/11/10 - Clerk had contacted BT from the PC stance once again to no avail as the PC is not a BT customer. BT cannot deal with a general enquiry about Broadband service. Queries can only be handled on the basis of an individual BT customer i.e. a BT land-line routed to a specific BT telephone exchange. Parishioners need to accept that the onus is upon them to contact BT or their I.S.P. (Service Provider) to express any dissatisfaction about the service. The answer may be for individual customers to complain to BT en-masse.

15. Dates of Parish Council Meetings in 2011
Cllr Myers had asked if the day of the PC meetings could be moved from the first to the second Tuesday of the month. Council agreed as proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Marriott. Clerk will check with WLDC if such a change is acceptable and arrange the schedule accordingly.

13. Date of Next Meeting
Tuesday 08 March 2011 - 7.30 pm – Burton Estate Club

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Fred Myers
Chairman, Burton Parish Council