

Minutes of the Meeting of the Burton-by-Lincoln Parish Council
Held at the Burton Estate Club on Tuesday 13th March 2007

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

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

Also Present: - John Moore, Mr & Mrs J Copeland, Mrs A Richards, Mr R Dowson

Apologies: Peter Russon, Peter Cook

1. Introduction: The Chairman welcomed Mr Michael Bell of the Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service (YOS) to the meeting to give a presentation on the work of the service. Mr Bell explained that the aim of YOS was to prevent youth crime and to provide a service by which the courts could channel young offenders aged 10-17 years of age to work under supervision in the community to provide them with a sense of discipline and purpose which was lacking in their daily lives. The youth offending teams are made up of representatives from the police, Probation Service, social services, health, education, drugs and alcohol misuse and housing officers. The objectives of the service are:

- Swift administration of justice
- Confronting young people with the consequences of their offending
- Interventions to tackle risk factors
- Punishment proportionate to the seriousness of offending
- Encouraging reparation to victims
- Reinforcing the responsibilities of parents

As a team leader he was responsible for supervising the progress of young offenders and providing projects where young persons can work within the community. Such projects could include tidying the churchyard, painting & decorating, helping elderly or disabled people and general community work. Often offenders lacked family discipline and well managed programme at an early stage could prevent them regressing. Despite much adverse press coverage, the success of the YOS project was assessed at over 80%. The Chairman thanked Mr Bell for his interesting talk and stated the parish would promote the work of the YOS within the community.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th December were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Clerk's Report

3.1 Litter Picking Equipment. The Clerk reminded the meeting that litter picking equipment is available for the use of Burton Waters residents to clear the Fosdyke towpath. Heavy duty high visibility jackets had been purchased for the litter picking team at a cost of £70.

3.2 Highways and Road Safety. The clerk confirmed that the deep hole in the road opposite Beechcroft had been reported to Highways and would be repaired by 14th March. The overflowing storm drain in Manor Lane had been reported, the cause is thought to be a cracked pipe.

3.3 Burton Journal. The Clerk reported that the winter edition of the Burton Journal had been well received by parishioners. Income from advertising had been strong and we were close to break even on costs. However, it was not our intention to compromise on quality by seeking additional advertising. He regretted that he would have to slip the publication of the March edition to May as with the forthcoming parish elections, the volume of work was too great to complete the task in time.

3.4 Wellhead. It was hoped that Mr Richard Osterfield would start work on the Wellhead by 1st April.

3.5 Closed Churchyards. No information had been received from the church council regarding the future of St Vincent's churchyard.

3.6 Parish website. The parish website had been revamped and is now fully operational. The site contains details of all the latest church and parish events and received a steady number of hits over the past month.

3.7 A57 Roundabout. The manager of Woodcocks had been contacted regarding Marston's proposed sponsorship of a planting scheme for the A57 roundabout. Unfortunately there was no response from the Company.

3.8 New Village Notice Board. A new village notice board had been supplied and erected by Mr Roger Broom at a cost of only £20. The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to Mr Broom.

3.9 Provision of IT equipment. A new laptop and printer had been provided for the parish by the National Association of Local Councils at a cost of only £50. The purchase has been funded by a government grant.

3.10 Burton Club. The club AGM was held on Friday 23rd February. Mrs Alison Richards was elected as Chairman.

4. Finance

4.1 Parish Balance. The Clerk stated that the parish balance on 1st March was £1167 with £2641 in the deposit account. He presented the draft annual balance for 2006-2007 which showed an under spend of £590 on the year. The Council could therefore make additional grants to local causes if they so wished. Following discussion, the Council authorised expenditure as follows:

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

Parish Clerk salary October – March	£452.40
Expenses as per receipts	£98.90
Lincs Association of Local Councils subscription	£133.00
LALC IT equipment	£50

Resolved that the Council makes additional grants to local organisations as follows:

Burton Film Club	£50
Burton Church Clock Fund	£100
Burton Club	£100
Burton Waters Leaseholders Company	£100

4.4 Precept 2007-2008. The Clerk confirmed that the parish precept for a Band D property would be £10.05 an increase of only 42p per property despite the need to budget for an expenditure of £800 to cover the cost of a parish election. If an election is not held, the money will be reallocated to community projects. The parish precept forms just 00.75% of the total local taxation of £1308.

5. Planning

5.1 Planning Applications. Planning applications were received as follows:

5.1.1 M06/P/0600 The Coach House, Burton. No further information had been received on the proposed conversion of the Coach House. It is understood a decision will be made within the month.

5.1.2 M06/P/0834 Burton Waters. Application to erect 3 dwellings Park Lane. The parish Council opposed the revised application for 3 dwellings on Park Lane.

5.1.3 Garden House Burton. The Parish Council had no observations to make on the application to move the gate pillar at the entrance to the Garden House 1.2 m to the right.

5.2 Planning applications have yet to be received for Rosewalk, the Rugby Club and Fen Farm. (Note: the application for Rosewalk received 14th March)

5.3 Local Development Framework (LDF). WLDC are now preparing the new planning document, the Local Development Framework which will replace the Local Plan in 2008. The new document which will form part of the East Midlands Regional Plan, does call for additional housing within West Lindsey. Any new housing will be concentrated in areas where there is an existing infrastructure. The Parish Council has asked the local authority to re-examine the extant planning permissions for the Burton Waters holiday complex during the review process.

6. Correspondence

- 6.1 WLDC Information booklets
- LALC circular and training events 2007
- WLDC Local development framework – early issues for parishes
- Trinity Arts centre events
- WLDC Spring Cleaning offensive
- NALC Quality Councils
- WLDC Code of Conduct for Councillors
- Audit Commission – appointment of auditor
- Lincolnshire NHS – public consultation
- Celebrate St George’s day
- East Midland Rural Action plan
- Saxilby Police - doorstep crime
- Big lottery funding for children’s play areas
- NALC – funding for IT equipment
- LCC Funding fair – 26th April
- LCC - Primary School provision review panels
- LCC Fire – Risk management Plan
- WLDC LRP Area Forum – Fiskerton 19th March -
- Notification of Election
- CPRE – best kept village competition

6.2 West Lindsey – Foul effluent in a Watercourse at Burton

6.2.1 The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from the West Lindsey Environmental Protection Officer, following a report of foul effluent in the storm drains and a watercourse in Burton. The letter points out that this is indicative of unsatisfactory foul drainage systems within the village and that it is an offence under the Environmental Act to discharge sewage into a watercourse. The problem stems from the many properties in the village with basic waste disposal systems that no longer meet the stringent environmental requirements of the act.

6.2.2 Over a number of years, sewage has contaminated the parish drain which runs through Burton Park and it falls upon the tenant, Mr Peter Russon, to keep the dyke clear. Mr Russon maintains that while he acknowledges his responsibility to keep the drain clear for the discharge of storm water, it is not his responsibility to clear sewage sludge that has contaminated the water course. Unfortunately, West Lindsey refused his request to meet the cost of clearing the dyke as it is on private land. The Clerk confirmed that under the Public Health Act the parish may clean any waterway or pond that is likely to be prejudicial to public health and contribute towards the expense incurred.

6.2.3 The letter further advises the Parish Council that it should inform residents that they must look towards improving standards of foul effluent disposal so that sewage is not discharged into the storm drains. This could lead to legal action if sewage is discharged illegally into the watercourse. It also advises the council that it should make an application to Anglian Water in respect of an S101 registration for a public sewer. The application would commit Anglian Water to complete an appraisal to determine whether a duty exists to provide a public sewer and whether it is economically viable.

6.2.3 In a wide ranging discussion, Councillors recognised that the problem of sewage placed an additional burden on Mr Russon over and above his statutory duty to clear the parish drain. It was proposed by Gary Lisseman and seconded by Steve Chadderton that the Parish Council makes a contribution of £250 towards the cost of clearing the watercourse. The Council also proposed that an application be made to Anglian Water for the installation of a public sewer and that householders should be made aware of the need to improve standards of effluent disposal.

6.3 Resolved:

6.3.1 That the Parish Council makes a contribution of £250 towards the cost of clearing the parish drain subject to the sludge being removed in accordance with the Environment Agency regulations.

6.3.2 That the Parish Council apply to Anglian Water for an assessment to determine whether a duty exists to provide a public sewer under section 101A of the Water Industry Act.

6.3.3 That the Parish Council informs all residents of the need to upgrade existing sewage systems to meet the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act.

7. Burton Waters and Odder

7.1 The first of the lodges had been delivered to the fishing lake site which is being developed by Torksey caravans. It is not known whether the lodges will be for purchase or rental. Progress on the holiday cottage site had been slowed by planning requirements and the developer was seeking alternative proposals to develop the hotel and conference centre site for leisure use. Work on the footings for the 60 properties on site A at Burton waters had commenced and Beals had released the first tranche of 30 homes to the market. An application to convert Odder farm to a private residence had been approved and the property is now up for auction.

7.2 In response to questions the Clerk agreed to inquire further on the progress of the proposed cycleway linking the Pyewipe to Burton Waters.

8. Parish and District Council Elections May 2007

8.1 Parish and District Council elections will be held on 3rd May 2007. Nomination forms are available from the parish Clerk and from West Lindsey District Council which must be returned to the Electoral registration officer by noon on 4th April. Cllrs Gillian Jolly, Gary Lisseman and Peter Russon confirmed that they would not be standing for re-election.

9. Parish Meetings 2007

Tuesday 8th May (Election Day Thurs 3rd May) Tuesday 15th May (Annual Parish Meeting) Tuesday 10th July, Tuesday 9th October, Tuesday 4th December

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Litter Bin – Odder. David Cotton informed the meeting that he had received a request from Mike's Diner at Odder for a litter bin to be provided in the lane to the front of his café. The Clerk agreed to investigate.

10.2 Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th May at 7.30pm in the Estate club. This will be the first meeting of the Council following the parish and District Council elections on 3rd May

In conclusion the Chairman thanked all Councillors for their contribution to the Parish over the 4 years they had been in office.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 8.50pm

Eric Bell

Chairman