

Minutes of the Meeting of the Burton-by-Lincoln Parish Council
Held at the Burton Estate Club on Tuesday 10th October 2006

Present: Eric Bell (Chairman) Gary Lisseman, Steve Chadderton, Peter Russon, Joan Osterfield, Peter Cook

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

Also Present: - Anne Moore, Margaret Cook, John Moore, Mr & Mrs M Hukin, Roy Dowson, Peter & David Coates (Midas)

Apologies: Cllr Gillian Jolly, Cllr Ray Sellars, PC Martin Clark (Lincolnshire police)

1. Appointment of Co-opted Member of the Council

1.1 Following the resignation of Mr John Copeland in July, and there being no request to hold a by-election, the Council sought a volunteer to be appointed as a co-opted member. There were 3 applicants, Mr Fred Applewhite, Ms Kate Lane and Mr Peter Cook. A ballot of Councillors was held and by a majority vote, Mr Peter Cook was successful.

1.2 It was proposed by Gary Lisseman and seconded by Steve Chadderton that Mr Peter Cook be appointed as a co-opted member of the Council. The motion was carried unanimously. Peter Cook then signed the declaration of acceptance of office and invited to complete the declaration of member's interests.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th July were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Clerk's Report

3.1 White Paper on Local Government Reform. The White Paper on Local Government Reform is expected to be published shortly. It is likely that the Paper will recommend the strengthening of local democracy by devolving more power to town and parish councils and encouraging smaller councils to federate to provide improved local services. Pressure to introduce unitary authorities in Lincolnshire appears to have eased and the current belief is that the existing County and District Council structure will remain. It is hoped that the paper will be published before the next meeting in December when the recommendations can be debated.

3.2 Area Forums. The Clerk agreed to attend the next Area Forum at Bardney on 12th October with Cllr David Cotton. The agenda includes a presentation by the Road Safety Partnership.

3.3 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.

3.4 Central Networks – Proposed new sub-station. No further information has been received on the proposed new sub-station in Burton village.

3.5 Anglian Water Bench Seat. The bench seat is now positioned at the Burton Estate Club pending a decision by Mr David Hansord to allow the seat to be located within the Old Rectory grounds on the access road to the church.

3.6 Lodge Farm Stables. The Clerk reported he had been in contact with the WLDC enforcement officer who had visited the stables on several occasions over the past 6 months. She confirmed she was satisfied that there no evidence of any permanent occupation of the buildings. However, there was some question as to whether the stables were being used for agricultural and/or business use.

4. Finance

4.1 Parish Balance. The parish balance on 1st October was £2080 with £2614 in the deposit account. There were a number of precept items still outstanding which includes £500 towards the purchase of an interactive road sign and £250 for dog bins at Burton Waters.

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

Clerk's salary	£452.40	Salary April to October - 2 hrs per week
Staples	£78.94	Paper and consumables
Royal British legion	£20	Remembrance Day wreath
Moore Stephens	£58.75	Audit fee
Print cartridges direct	£71.97	Inkjet cartridges
CPRE	£26	Annual subscription
Bank to cash	£50	litter picking expenses £23, Chairman's expenses £20

4.3 Precept 2007-2008. The Clerk presented the draft precept for 2007 – 2008. He pointed out that elections are due in 2007 and the £700 cost must be included in the parish budget. This amounts to an additional charge of almost £3 per household. This year, the parish charge for a band D household is £9.50 which is the 4th lowest in West Lindsey for a parish with an active council. However, by cutting back on non-essential items, he recommended an increase of £500 in the total precept to £3750 which would represent a 20% increase in the rate. It is difficult to make an accurate forecast at this stage but he hoped that with an increasing population and the completion of more houses at Burton Waters, this would further reduce the rise to around 15%. He would welcome comments from Councillors and parishioners before presenting the final budget at the next meeting in December. A copy of the draft budget is at Annex A.

5. Planning

5.1 Planning Applications. Planning applications were received as follows:

5.1.1 M06/P/0600 The Coach House, Burton. Revised planning application for extension of former coach house to dwelling house with enabling alterations and extension. The Parish Council remains opposed the application on the grounds that the coach house as a listed building should remain as part of the Old Rectory and not be developed as a separate dwelling.

5.1.2 M06/P/0235 Burton Estate Club. Revised planning application for proposed extension for kitchen, bar and WC facilities. The Parish Council was unable to comment on the proposed plans as 5 Councillors hold executive positions on the club committee. The application was passed back to WLDC for a decision.

4.1.3 M06/P/0834 Burton Waters. Application to erect 4 dwellings Park Lane. The Parish Council opposed the application.

4.1.4 M06/P/0963 Burton Waters. Renewal permission to erect holiday cottages on BW 3 at Burton Waters. The Parish Council has no objection to the proposal.

5.2 Planning applications – Decisions. The following decisions on applications were received by the Parish Council from WLDC.

5.2.1 M05/P/0998 - Dunster Lodge. Permission was granted by WLDC for the conversion of a listed out-building at Dunster Lodge to a holiday cottage. There are a number of constraints on the development to ensure it complies with STRAT 1 of the West Lindsey Local Plan 2006.

5.2.2 M06/P/0753 – Burton Waters. Permission was granted for advertising consent for an illuminated sign at the Harbour City Chinese Restaurant.

5.2.3 M06/P/0745 – Burton Waters. Permission was granted for the plans for the ground and infrastructure works in connection with the fishing lodges on BW 2.

5.4 Erection of fencing BW3. The meeting noted that steel fencing had been erected around the fishing lodge site. The Clerk agreed to contact the WLDC planning office to ascertain whether the green fencing is intended as a permanent feature, and if it is, whether planning permission is required.

5.5 Tree Felling order. WLDC had approved the felling of a diseased ash tree situated on boundary of the Burton Hill House paddock and the churchyard.

5.5 The Local Plan 2006. The clerk received a copy of the new WLDC Local Plan which now will be applied to all future planning applications.

6. Correspondence

Central Networks - Grants for community projects
Julia Hepburn provision of recreation area in Burton
WLDC Community involvement
WLDC request for information on community facilities
WLDC Corporate plan and Performance plan
WLDC Gambling Act
WLDC Information booklets
Community Council Magazine
Rural Fizz fund – grants for village and environmental projects
East Midlands regional plan
NHS Primary Care Trust
LALC information bulletin
Lincs highways Speed limit review
 Road repairs A15 & B1398
 Rights of way improvement plan
Lincolnshire Police Cancellation of merger plans
 Police and community forums
CPRE – Fieldwork magazine

7. Burton Waters and Odder

7.1 All shops on the Landings precinct are now occupied and it is expected that the Harbour City Chinese restaurant will open shortly. The Arctic Spa shop will also be a convenience store stocking a range of convenience foods and will be licensed to sell wine and spirits. Work has commenced on the footings for the residential housing on site B. Residents supported by the Parish Council were strongly opposed to the application to erect a further 4 houses on a narrow site on Park Lane. It was felt that the houses would create a bottleneck and exacerbate the already difficult parking problems. Work on the infrastructure for the fishing lodges had commenced but the developer of the BW 3 site reported slow progress in his negotiations with the WLDC planning office on a number of issues affecting the site.

8. Highways and Road Safety

8.1 Interactive Road Sign. The parish was the first in the county to use the interactive road sign on loan from the Road Safety Partnership. Eric Bell, Steve Chadderton and the Clerk assisted by other volunteers deployed the equipment 6 times on Main St over a 2 week period during September. For health and safety reasons, the equipment can only be used within a 30 speed limit, so it could not be deployed on Middle St. It proved dramatically successful with a marked decrease in the speed of traffic in both directions. It remains to be seen whether the trial has a lasting effect on the speed of traffic but it made many motorists aware that there is a limit and hopefully will drive through the village with greater care and awareness. The parish has first call on the equipment when it is next available and we hope to repeat the experiment in November.

Unfortunately the LRSP will not at this time authorise the use of equipment outside of the Parish Link scheme, so the project to purchase our own equipment which could be hired to other Springline parishes, must remain on hold. The Clerk was pleased to report that his communications with the LRSP has improved and he noted that the organisation was now attending Local Forums to improve their image.

8.2 Although Lincolnshire Highways refused the Council's request to impose a 50mph speed limit along the length of Fen Lane to the A57, the department agreed to following improvements to road signing:

8.2.1 The provision of cattle signs approaching the New Farm and at other field entrances where there are cattle movements.

8.2.2 The extension of the winter gritting of Fen lane to New farm (possibly to the A57)

8.2.3 Improvements to the road markings at the Dunster Lodge, Abbots View and Bridge Farm bends.

8.1.4 Replacement of the Chevrons at the Dunster and Abbots View bends.

9. Repairs to the Wellhead

9.1 The Clerk confirmed there had been contact with Mr Atkin through a parishioner regarding repairs to the wellhead. However, he had only a moral obligation to complete the work and the Clerk considered it may be better to employ a reputable stonemason to complete the work. He had received 2 estimates around £1500 which required stripping down the top half of the wellhead and replacing the damaged arch-stone. He was hoping to secure a donation to cover half the cost with the remainder from parish funds. This could be funded by forgoing the expenditure on the interactive sign and the dog bins. The work needed to be completed before the onset of winter. He agreed to advise Councillors on the financial aspects by 1st November.

10. Parish Meetings 2007

10.1 The Clerk stated that parish elections would be held on Thursday 3rd May 2007 and the new council should meet within 10 days of the election. He suggested that the dates of meetings for 2007 be as follows:

Tuesday 13th March, Tuesday 8th May (Election Day Thurs 3rd May) Tuesday 15th May (Annual Parish Meeting) Tuesday 10th July, Tuesday 9th October, Tuesday 4th December

11. Any Other Business

11.1 The Burton Journal. The winter edition of the Journal will be published in November. The Editorial team had secured additional advertising that would make this edition self supporting.

11.2 Burton Graveyard. Mr John Moore informed the council that with the increase in the parish population and a move away from cremation, it was likely that the churchyard would be full within the next 10 years. The Clerk agreed to research the obligations of the Parish Council in relation to closed churchyards and report back at the next meeting.

11.3 Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th December at 7.30pm in the Estate club.

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

Eric Bell

Chairman