

# BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2013 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TODDS LANE, BURTON UPON STATHER

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	
	DJ Faulks in the Chair	
	C Allison	PF Bell
	Mrs A Bradley	RW Harris
	W Johnston	Ms HE Keane
	J Mitchell	M Peace
	C Taylor	Mrs ES Whittaker
	<b>North Lincolnshire Ward Councillors:</b>	0
	<b>Management Committees:</b>	
	Village Hall Treasurer:	Mr CRW Simpson
	<b>Police:</b>	Inspector B Ruty
	<b>Parish Clerk:</b>	Mrs J Harrison
	<b>Members of the public:</b>	3

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

<b>Councillors:</b>	
C Brydges	Mrs AM Croft
AV Demaude	NF Thornes
<b>Management Committees:</b>	
Burton Upon Stather PFA:	Mr J Leigh
Thealby PFA:	Mrs C Paterson-Parker
Police:	PC Amanda Barnett

Cllr Faulks opened the meeting and welcomed all present. He offered the apologies of Cllr Thornes and advised he would be Chairman for the meeting.

1. Apologies were received.
2. **Minutes, as circulated, of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 April 2012** were accepted as a true record.

Item 3 advised the Planning Inspector had granted an appeal for the Flixborough Grange Windfarm. A member of the public enquired whether North Lincolnshire Council had agreed an access route along the bridleway at the bottom of Wood Hill. The Parish Council had not been advised of a decision and agreed to make the appropriate enquiry with North Lincolnshire Council.

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### 3. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman read a report prepared by Cllr Thornes who reported the Parish Council now retained a full complement of councillors. He recognised that the knowledge and expertise of Cllr Steve Sowerby, who had chaired the Planning Committee, had been a loss to the council during the year but he welcomed back Cllr Bob Harris who had been co-opted in his place.

The report highlighted the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the series of co-ordinated events for all age groups involving the Parish Community Groups which were enjoyed by all. The Parish Council had supported the event with the purchase of commemorative mugs for the children of the parish, the purchase of bunting and a grant towards a firework display.

The meeting was advised the 7.5 tonne weight limit for vehicles using the parish roads is currently at the consultation phase and it is hoped this will become effective during 2013. Also that the Parish continues to be a safe low crime area.

There was comment that parents of youngsters in the parish have taken responsibility for the design of a new BMX/Skate Park on the site of the old tennis courts at the Burton Upon Stather Playing Field. The Parish Council is to support the plans with match funding of £5,000.

Details that the precept had been retained at £45,000 were announced.

Cllr Thornes thanked the Ward Councillors, in particular Cllr Elaine Marper, for their assistance resolving complaints, problems and issues with regard to highways and footpaths. He thanked all the Parish Councillors who play an active role in parish matters and those involved in the Playing Fields, Village Hall and Burial Ground Committees. Particular mention was made to Cllr C Brydges for chairing the Jubilee Committee, Cllr C Allison for his work with the web provider and the website, Cllr J Mitchell for his co-ordination of labour and distribution of salt and Cllr Mrs A Croft for her work on the Parish Newsletter. Additional thanks went to Cllr RW Harris and Mrs Gill Overington who have assisted in the maintenance of the Burial Ground. Finally thanks were passed to the Parish Clerk.

### 4. Report from the Community Police

Inspector Brett Ruddy advised that the crime figures for the area were down 10% and criminal damage had fallen by 16%. This was the lowest level for 10 years. He advised that Mr Matthew Grove, the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside Police and Ms Justine Curran, the new Chief Constable of Humberside Police were encouraging neighbourhood policing and support would continue within the parish for the foreseeable future. He commented that crime figures were low within the parish. He advised the neighbourhood officers fully supported activities for young people within the parish and believed this helped reduce anti social behaviour in general.

As there were no questions the meeting continued.

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### 5. Report from the Responsible Finance Officer of the Parish Council

The Parish Clerk commenced by referring to the end of year Financial Report as circulated. This showed a breakdown of all income and expenditure received during the financial year 1 April 2012 - 31 March 2013 and how the Parish Council had utilised the £45,000 precept. She continued to explain what assets were owned by the Parish. The Clerk then supplied the proposed budget for 2013/14 and advised the precept will remain at £45,000.

Mrs Harrison thanked Cllr AV Demaude for his assistance in checking the parish finances. She confirmed the Internal Auditors were Messrs Smailes Goldie, Chartered Accountants, the External Auditors were Messrs Littlejohn, Chartered Accountants. The Parish Clerk confirmed that all Parish Council spending was authorised by various Acts of Parliament, which allowed delegation of power before the Parish Council committed to any spending.

### 6. Report from the Village Hall Management Committee

The Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, Cllr Faulks, gave a short presentation. He described the activities by groups hiring the hall and gave special mention to the Christmas Fayre which has become an annual event. Cllr Faulks advised the main hall had, in the last few months, received new windows and a new wooden floor. Both rooms available for hire had been decorated by local businesses under a voluntary help scheme and he thanked Tata Steel, VANL and Jotun Paints respectively. The toilet basins and cisterns had been replaced and 3 young ladies from the village completing a Lifestyle programme had redecorated the ladies toilets over a bank holiday weekend.

Thanks were expressed to members of the Village Hall Management Committee for their hard work. A special mention was made to Cllr Mrs Croft who acted as Vice Chairman and Booking Secretary during 2012-13.

The Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee, Craig Simpson, then submitted the financial report. He submitted accounts from 1 January to 31 December 2012. The year showed total income £16,047, total expenditure £17,667 leaving a deficit of £1,619. Mr Simpson advised the accounts had been independently examined in accordance with the general directions of the Charity Commission, with an independent audit being completed by Claire Mosey, VANL.

### 7. Report from Burton Playing Fields Association

Cllr Mrs Bradley read a report originated by the Playing Fields Association Chairamn, Mr Joff Leigh. Thanks were initially passed to the committee and members of the PFA for their continued commitment and support over the past year with particular mention to Pauline Denby and Sarah Sowerby in their roles of Secretary and Treasurer accordingly. He also welcomed Kirsty Wynne onto the Committee who was, with Jane Beasley, involved in coordinating quotes and fundraising for the BMX/Skate Park.

He advised the PFA 200 Club Lottery was a good source of income which helped maintain and upgrade the faciilites. Bookings to use the pavilion had also increased. Street Sport, held on a Friday night, was also proving popular with the young people.

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### **7. Report from Burton Playing Fields Association (continued)**

The meeting was advised that the football pitches were in much better condition with new goal posts in place. Thanks were passed to Cllr Ogg and Mr Alan Jennison for their help and assistance. Three adult teams and two junior teams are playing on the pitches. They are playing well and achieving varying degrees of success.

The accounts from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 showed total income £10,113, total expenditure £9,994 creating a surplus of £119. These were signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Burton Upon Stather Playing Fields Association.

### **8. Report from Thealby Playing Fields Association**

No report was submitted although the income and expenditure accounts covering the period 5 April 2012 and 4 April 2013 were circulated. These showed total income £nil, total expenditure £nil and a closing balance of £538.

### **9. Report from the Burial Ground Committee**

The Chairman of the Burial Ground Committee, Cllr Mrs Bradley, commenced by thanking Cllr RW Harris and Mrs GM Overington for their assistance in maintaining and improving the visual appearance of the burial ground.

There has been little interest in the facilities offered at the burial ground. Letters were to be circulated to local funeral directors. Quotations were being obtained for a new notice board.

### **10. Open Forum**

No questions were received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.