

BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TODDS LANE, BURTON UPON STATHER

PRESENT:	Councillors:	
	DJ Faulks in the Chair	
	C Allison	Mrs A Bradley
	RW Harris	Ms HE Keane
	J Mitchell	M Peace
	C Taylor	Mrs ES Whittaker
	North Lincolnshire	
	Ward Councillors:	Ms E Marper
	Management Committees:	
	Village Hall Treasurer:	Mr CRW Simpson
	Police:	PC Amanda Barnett
	Parish Clerk:	Mrs J Harrison
	Members of the public:	1

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors:	PF Bell
	AV Demaude
	NF Thornes
	ES Whittaker
Belated Apologies:	W Johnston
Ward Councillors:	R Ogg
	H Rowson
Management Committees:	
Burton Upon Stather PFA:	Mr J Leigh
Thealby PFA:	Mrs C Paterson-Parker

Cllr Faulks opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

1. Apologies were received.
2. **Minutes, as circulated, of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23 April 2013** were accepted as a true record.

At this meeting it was reported that a member of the public had asked if North Lincolnshire Council had agreed an access route along the bridleway at the bottom of Wood Hill. At the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 May 2013 the Parish Council were advised that North Lincolnshire Council had confirmed the matter was still under consideration by the Planning Inspectorate and this information had been forwarded to the member of the public by email.

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3. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman commenced by reporting the events during the last year. He began by mentioning the flood damage caused to 5 properties at the side of the River Trent in Burton Upon Stather from the tidal surge on 5 December 2013 and how the agencies had worked together to assist those families affected. He reported the Emergency Plan had been used for the first time and it had proved helpful. Since that time Cllr Craig Allison had also been appointed the Flood Warden. Cllr Faulks then described how Burton in Bloom, together with members of Burton Stather Heritage Group, had arranged events during the Burton in Bloom weekend. A Carol Service and Christmas Fayre had also taken place within the village. He advised the year had been of consolidation rather than change. He announced that, once again, the precept had been retained at £45,000.

Cllr Faulks thanked the Ward Councillors for their assistance in supporting projects within the parish, especially regarding a new building for the school. Special thanks were given to all those who had worked so very hard to set up the BMX Track at the Playing Field, to the Vice Chairman, Cllr J Mitchell and Cllr Croft in her role as Editor of the Parish Newsletter. He thanked all the Parish Councillors who play an active role in parish matters, those involved in the Playing Fields, Village Hall, Burial Ground Committee and the Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer.

4. Report from the Community Police

PC Amanda Barnett, Burton Upon Stather and Winterton Neighbourhood Officer, advised that the crime figures had once again reduced. Antisocial Behaviour was down 16% this year and Damage down 4.9% across the division. Burton Upon Stather suffers very little crime and figures are down on previous years. Patrols are carried out on a regular basis. A councillor asked for special patrols of the skate park to be included in the route and for any problem to be reported to the Parish Council. PC Barnett agreed to do so.

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 2013-31 March 2014 and how the Parish Council had utilised the £45,000 precept which was made up of £41,155 collected from local residents and £3,845 by grant support from North Lincolnshire Council. She continued to explain what assets were owned by the Parish. The Clerk then supplied the proposed budget for 2014/15 and advised the precept will remain at £45,000, £41,697 collected from local residents and £3,303 grant from North Lincolnshire Council.

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.

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6. Report from the Village Hall Management Committee

The Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, Cllr Croft gave a short presentation. She began by thanking the members of the Village Hall Management Committee for their support and hard work. Though few members there had been many changes throughout the year to include a new wooden floor, curtains and blinds in the main hall, new entrance door and the updating of emergency lighting and smoke alarms to comply with fire regulations. She explained that copies of keys to all parts of the hall were retained by the committee to comply with the new policy to deal with arson.

Cllr Croft expressed her appreciation for the grant of £2,000 from North Lincolnshire Council, £600 from Burton in Bloom, £500 from the Drama Group and £1,500 from the Parish Council. She explained that Jotun had supplied the paint and team of painters to decorate the main hall.

The Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee, Craig Simpson, then submitted the financial report. He submitted accounts from 1 January to 31 December 2013. The year showed total income £11,045, total expenditure £16,830 leaving a deficit of £5,026. 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 Ursula Vickerton, VANL.

7. Report from Burton Playing Fields Association

Cllr Mrs Bradley read a report originated by the Playing Fields Association Chairman, Mr Joff Leigh. Thanks were 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, Secretary, and Sarah Sowerby, Treasurer and Lottery Promoter. It was noted the lottery now had over 190 members.

Mr Leigh advised the BMX/Skate Park had been the PFA project for the year, with the official opening taking place 22 April 2014. Special thanks were passed to Kirsty Wynne, Jane Stevenson and Jon Christopher Bayley who completed most of the work with a group of young enthusiasts who were consulted on the final design. However one item of equipment is missing due to one unsuccessful grant application. A new litter bin is to be installed in the near future.

Mr Leigh reported that the pavilion and football pitches were used on a regular basis. A further set of goals had been purchased following a grant from Tata Steel.

The accounts from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 showed total income £11,552, total expenditure £9,833 creating a surplus of £1719. 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 or accounts were submitted. A bank statement was presented showing a balance of £538.32 on 22 May 2013. The Chairman noted the Playing Field Association was in need to new members and this should be discussed at the forthcoming Parish Council meeting.

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9. Report from the Burial Ground Committee

The Chairman of the Burial Ground Committee, Cllr Bradley, commenced by advising that at the present time there has been 1 cremation, 2 burials and 5 natural burials with 2 natural sites pre-booked. She advised that, as St Andrew's Churchyard was near to closing, the parish burial ground will become self financing.

Cllr Bradley thanked Cllrs Harris and Johnston who had voluntarily completed ground maintenance work at the Burial Ground. This work had now been contracted out and would increase costs. She thanked the Burial Clerk for his support and help, especially with the natural burial ground. Cllr Bradley also thanked Burton in Bloom for their donation of £86.00 towards the purchase of flower seeds and Winterton and District Lions Club for the donation of a wooden bench.

10. Open Forum

Once again a member of the public raised his concern about the amount of dandelions growing in the grass and through the tarmac on the footpaths of Barnston Way and asked why, if a household can pay a local firm to spray the footpaths and clear them of dandelions, why North Lincolnshire Council cannot obtain the same type of spray. The Ward Councillor agreed to discuss with North Lincolnshire Councillor on behalf of the member of the public.

PC Amanda Barnett advised that there was a pile of glass at the end of one of the parking bays in the car park outside Burton Hills. She had again reported this to North Lincolnshire Council. It was noted that the Parish Council had also reported this on two earlier occasions.

A councillor also mentioned the problem incurred by Windows XP and that Microsoft is trying to 'stop the hole'.

Finally, Councillor Marper thanks the Parish Council for all their work completed on behalf of the parish.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.