

BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TODDS LANE, BURTON UPON STATHER

PRESENT:

Councillors:
 DJ Faulks in the Chair
 C Allison
 A Bradley
 RW Harris
 J Mitchell
 C Taylor

PF Bell
 AM Croft
 W Johnston
 M Peace

**North Lincolnshire
 Ward Councillors:** Ms E Marper

Management Committees:
Village Hall Treasurer: Mr CRW Simpson

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Harrison

Members of the public: 1

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors: AV Demaude
 HE Keane
 NF Thornes
 ES Whittaker

Ward Councillors: R Ogg
 H Rowson

Management Committees:
Burton Upon Stather PFA: Mr J-C Bayley
Police: PC 2108 Amanda Barnett

Cllr Faulks opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

1. Apologies were received.
2. **Minutes, as circulated, of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 29 April 2014** were accepted as a true record.

There were no matters arising from these Minutes.

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3. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman, Cllr Faulks, commenced by reporting that he considered the last year to have been a good year. Commencing in the summer of 2014, although wet on the Saturday, Burton in Bloom set up stalls on the Sunday and shared the Nostalgia Day with the Burton Upon Stather Heritage Group raising funds from events held. The Village Hall Christmas Fayre too was a great success. The main event of the year however was the inauguration of the War Memorial on Glebe Paddock and the moving service attended by many. Cllr Faulks took the opportunity to mention the forthcoming event for the 'Ladies in Hats' event which is held to raise money for the hospice.

Cllr Faulks advised that, following the closure of the Post Office, work was continuing behind the scenes to obtain a replacement service. He continued to report that, although there had been a small spate of burglaries within the parish, these seemed to have quietened. He announced that a report had been received advising that the website was receiving approximately 6,000 visits per month and therefore proving to be a great success.

The Chairman thanked the Ward Councillors for their assistance in supporting projects within the parish, the Vice Chairman Cllr J Mitchell, all the councillors and the Parish Clerk who work tirelessly for the parish.

4. Report from the Community Police

No report was presented as apologies had been received from PC 2108A Barnett, the Burton Upon Stather and Winterton Neighbourhood Officer.

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 2014 - 31 March 2015 and how the Parish Council had utilised the £45,000 precept which was made up of £41,697 collected from local residents and £3,303 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 2015/16 and advised the precept would increase slightly to £45,089 - £41,786 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, and 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 volunteer members of the Village Hall Management Committee for their support and hard work. She thanked the Table Tennis group for painting the foyer making it fresh and welcoming and the people who use the hall for their loyalty and care. Thanks were also passed to Burton in Bloom for supplying the flower baskets and keeping them maintained.

Cllr Croft advised a new energy efficient boiler had been installed which was being enjoyed by all and will, in time, hopefully reduce the gas bills.

The main fundraising event was the Christmas Fayre which was a great success and raised £723.40. Cllr Croft thanked all those who took part in the day. She advised the Christmas Fayre for 2015 would be held on 5 December.

Cllr Croft announced the Management Committee would welcome new members who would like to take part in the future running of the Village Hall.

The Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee, Craig Simpson, then submitted the financial report. He submitted accounts from 1 January 2014 - 31 December 2014. The year showed total income £10,678, total expenditure £9,097, showing a surplus of £1,580. 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 R Williams, VANL.

7. Report from Burton Playing Fields Association

Cllr Bradley submitted the report on behalf of the Playing Fields Association Chairman, Mr Jon-Christopher Bayley. Thanks were passed to the committee and members of the PFA for their continued commitment and support, especially in the preparation and opening of the BMX/Skate Park. The facility is well used and there appears to be a general increase in activity on the field.

New aluminium goal posts had been installed. The adult teams were using the pitches on a regular basis and the 9, 7 and 6 year old children were playing in the junior football teams. Street Sport has continued every Friday night throughout the year.

Special thanks was passed to the Parish Council for providing the boundary fencing to the playing field.

Cllr Bradley advised that additional volunteers would be welcomed onto the Playing Fields Association Committee.

It was reported that the PFA200 Club Lottery continued to play a vital fundraising role.

A copy of the Balance Sheet for 2014/2015 was available for inspection by all those present at the meeting.

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8. Report from Thealby Playing Fields Association

No representative from the Thealby Playing Fields Association was in attendance. No report, accounts or bank statements were submitted.

9. Report from the Burial Ground Committee

The Chairman of the Burial Ground Committee, Cllr Bradley, commenced by advising that the Burial Ground had been completed as required by the Parish Plan. She thanked Mr Startin, the Burial Clerk, for his professional advice and support and his assistance in the preparation and scattering of wildflower seeds in the Natural Burial Ground which had been donated by members of Burton in Bloom. She also thanked the Parish Clerk for the help and support received and the Groundsmen and Contractors Mr Sylvester and Mr Birtwhistle for the high standard of maintenance achieved.

Cllr Bradley reported there had been five natural burials, four conventional interments and three cremated burials plus five pre-burials purchased to date.

10. Open Forum

Councillor Marper thanked the Parish Council for all the work completed on behalf of the parish.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm.