

# BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TODDS LANE, BURTON UPON STATHER

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:**  
 NF Thornes in the Chair  
 Mrs A Bradley  
 Mrs A Croft  
 B Johnston  
 SG Sowerby

C Brydges  
 DJ Faulks  
 J Mitchell

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

**Management Committees:**  
 Village Hall Treasurer: Mr CRW Simpson

**Police:** PS DS Burton  
 PS T Emperingham

**Parish Clerk:** Mrs J Harrison

**Members of the public:** 2

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

**Councillors:**  
 C Allison  
 AV Demaude

**Ward Councillors:**  
 R Ogg

**Management Committees:**  
 Burton Upon Stather PFA: Mr J Leigh  
 Thealby PFA: Mr P & Mrs L Hall

PF Bell  
 H Rowson

1. Apologies were received.
2. **Minutes, as circulated, of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26 April 2011** were accepted as a true record.

Item 7 in the Minutes referred to why North Lincolnshire Council were charging a charity for collecting waste. The meeting was advised that charities receive a reduced charge for collecting waste and are not charged a disposal charge.

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

The Chairman commenced his report by advising the meeting that at the last election 8 councillors stood down with initially only 1 new member joining the council. Three vacancies were still outstanding and further applications would be welcome from residents, especially from Normanby village who is without representation at the present time.

Special mention was given to councillors who had taken responsibility during the year for specific areas and to the Ward Councillors for their support and links to North Lincolnshire Council when dealing with resident's concerns. He also thanked the Parish Clerk for her work during this time.

Thanks were again passed to former councillor, Mrs Gill Overington, for the Community Emergency Plan.

The meeting was advised how the Parish Council had worked closely with North Lincolnshire Council to ensure an effective winter weather programme was in place, supplying extra salt and salt bins in strategic locations within the parish. The Ward Councillor and members of the Parish Council had also acted as Snow Wardens at this time.

Reference was made to the proposed School Safety Zone consultations and the concerns of heavy goods vehicles travelling through the parish. A member of the public requested the Parish Council contact Bibby Distribution Ltd as they believed satnavs were directing lorries through the parish. Further information was requested to support the approach.

The new burial ground continued to enhance its appearance and the first burials and interment of ashes had taken place.

He acknowledged the Planning Inspector had granted an appeal for the Flixborough Grange Wind farm despite numerous concerns raised by local residents, the BATS Group and Parish Council.

Burton Upon Stather Parish had achieved second place in the Best Kept Village competition for North Lincolnshire.

The new website was in the second stage of design and would be up and running by the end of May 2012. The Chairman thanked Miles Aykroyd for his work in developing and maintaining the previous site.

Lastly the celebrations to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee 1-5 June 2012 was mentioned. The community groups together with the Parish Council have worked hard to design a series of events for all age groups during this weekend. They are all to be commended.

### 4. Report from the Community Police

PS Dave Burton produced crime figures for Lincolnshire 2011/12. In the last 4 weeks the crime figures for Burton Upon Stather and Winterton as an average were 1.5 per week criminal damage and 4 per week anti-social behaviour. He advised that the police had received very few anti-social behaviour reports for the parish. Residents were requested to telephone 101 to report any incidents. It was suggested that the police issue a Crime Number instead of a Log Number to ensure the correct information was being collated.

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### **Report from the Community Police (continued)**

The police suggested there were few facilities for youths within the Parish. They were advised that a leaflet had been delivered to every household and a meeting held in the Village Hall asking for volunteers and no response had been received.

The Community Bus Project was mentioned and the meeting advised that it was to be discussed at the forthcoming parish council meeting. However this does require volunteers to drive buses at required times outside of the usual bus timetable and may assist in transporting youths to sports facilities, cinemas etc.

The Parish Council requested the police highlight water safety awareness early to children/youths to stem the problem when entering rivers/ponds in warm weather.

PS Burton advised that a meeting had taken place with the Burton Upon Stather allotment holders. Mr Craig Marriott from Safer Neighbourhoods had attended. As there had been recent thefts from the allotments it had been suggested the allotment holders use brightly coloured paint or an engraving kit to identify items belonging to them in case of theft. Smart Water was also mentioned. Alarms for sheds were also suggested.

### **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 2011 - 31 March 2012 and how the Parish Council had utilised the £45,000. She continued to explain what assets were owned by the Parish. The Clerk then supplied the proposed budget for 2012/13 and advised the precept had remained 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 the Audit Commission and 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.

An enquiry was received as to why there was a large difference in 'General Administration' in 2011/12 from the previous financial year.

**RESOLVED:** To forward a breakdown of the figures for information purposes.

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

The Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee gave a short presentation. He advised bookings in the hall had increased income by £1,000. However with the increase in utility prices and the maintenance and repairs to the hall, there had again been a deficit of £1,167.92. To assist the hall the Parish Council has allocated a £750 grant for 2012/13. The accounts had been independently checked by the chartered accountant employed by Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire (VANL).

Thanks were expressed to members of the Village Hall Management Committee, especially the Booking Secretaries, for their hard work.

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### **7. Report from Burton Playing Fields Association**

In the absence of the Chairman of the Playing Fields Association Cllr Mrs Bradley read the report. The refurbishment had been completed and the official opening was held on 10 March 2012. Thanks were passed to all those who supported the refurbishment and members of the Playing Field Committee who chased for grants, met with council officials and kept excellent monetary controls. Without the hard work by the PFA the parish would not now have a splendid pavilion.

One further men's team had begun playing on the football pitches at the playing field and were enjoying much success. Unfortunately the PFA are struggling to resolve problems with rabbits burrowing on the pitches. Also youths are congregating again and unfortunately smashing bottles, leaving cans, takeaway wrappings, lighting bbq's on the football pitches and causing general damage. The PFA welcomes the youths but not the damage. The police have been informed.

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

No report was submitted although the income and expenditure accounts covering the period 5 April 2011 and 4 April 2012 were circulated. This showed total income at £758.95, total expenditure of £733.95 and, after including the balance brought forward from 5 April 2011 of £513.32, the balance held as at 4 April 2012 was £538.32.

The meeting was advised that Mr & Mrs Hall were resigning from the committee due to their impending move of house.

### **9. Any Other Business**

In answer to a question from a member of the public the chairman explained the reasons for bringing in a new web site.

A member of the public thanked the editor of the newsletter for the new and colourful layout.

Cllr Mrs Marper thanked the parish council for the hard work completed on behalf of the parish.

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