
BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, TODDS LANE, BURTON UPON STATHER
ON MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2013**

PRESENT:	Parish Councillors: Cllr J Mitchell in the Chair Cllr PF Bell Cllr AV Demaude Cllr W Johnston Cllr C Taylor	Cllr AM Croft Cllr RW Harris Cllr M Peace
	North Lincolnshire Councillors:	Ward Cllr Ms H Rowson
	Parish Clerk:	Mrs J Harrison
	Members of the public:	1
APOLOGIES:	Parish Councillors: Cllr C Allison Cllr Mrs A Bradley Cllr C Brydges Cllr DJ Faulks Cllr Ms HE Keane Cllr NF Thornes	North Lincolnshire Councillors: Ward Cllr Mrs E Marper Ward Cllr R Ogg

Cllr Helen Rowson advised the meeting that properties and businesses affected by the flooding on Thursday night, 5 December 2013, had received assistance from North Lincolnshire Council who had provided pumps, sandbags and skips. She explained that a meeting of the North Lincolnshire Cabinet had approved an allocation of £100k to provide a grant of £300 for every home that had flooded. Officers were continuing with the full recovery operation. Thanks were expressed to the Parish Councillors, the clerk and willing volunteers that had rallied round to help.

Cllr Rowson advised the Burton School Crossing Patrol person was on long term sick leave and arrangements were taking place to provide a replacement as soon as possible. Burton Stather Primary School is requesting that parents take extra care when parking their vehicles at the start and end of the school day. She also confirmed the footpath between Hillcrest Drive and the High Street, Burton upon Stather had been adopted. A tree had been felled on 5 December in Thealby as it was thought to be in danger of falling in the storm and the footpath at the roundabout in Normanby had been coned and taped off as a safety precaution until railings or fencing could be installed.

Cllr Croft raised concern about trees from a neighbouring property that she felt were unsafe. She is to contact the North Lincolnshire Council Environment Officer (Trees and Landscape) for advice.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

129. Apologies for absence:

As stated above.

130. Declaration of Interest – Code of Conduct adopted by this Council

(a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

(b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

Personal interest as a member of the Burial Ground Committee: Cllr PF Bell,
Cllr Mrs AM Croft, Cllr AV Demaude, Cllr RW Harris, Cllr W Johnston

Personal interest as a member and trustee of the Village Hall Committee: Cllr AM Croft and Mrs J Harrison

Personal interest as a member of Thealby Playing Field Association: Cllr M Peace

Personal interest as a member of the Public Rights of Way and Footpaths Committee:
Cllr W Johnston, Cllr J Mitchell, Cllr M Peace

131. Minutes of the last full Council meeting held on Monday 11 November 2013, the Public Rights of Way and Footpaths Committee held on Wednesday 6 November 2013, the Planning Committee held on Monday 25 November 2013 and the Finance Committee held on Monday 25 November 2013 as circulated, were signed as a true record.

132. Burton Playing Field Association

It was reported that the members were working very hard to access the funds for the proposed skate park. Although offers of funding have been received they are waiting to find out if the request for a grant from Biffa has been successful. Quotations have been obtained for the equipment, which has unfortunately risen due to lack of eligibility to a special discount, and the tarmac.

133. Burton Upon Stather Parish Burial Ground

No report was submitted at this time.

134. Village Hall

The Christmas Fayre was held on Saturday 30 November 2013 and monies were raised towards the operation of the village hall, the Burton Stather Primary School, charities and local groups. There was a fancy dress competition and Santa Clause. Games, nail painting and removable tattoos were also available.

135. Burton Upon Stather Parish Website

The meeting was advised the website is proceeding without problem.

136. Burton Upon Stather Parish Allotments

A request was received from the Allotment Association that they wished to build 3 or 4 composting bins.

RESOLVED: The councillors agreed to this.

A request was received from a gentleman on the Waiting List to lease two half plots at different parts of the allotments.

RESOLVED: The councillors agreed to this.

137. Police Matters and Safe Neighbourhoods/Neighbourhood Action Teams

No concerns have been reported.

138. Highway Repairs or Faults

(a) Normanby Road, Thealby

North Lincolnshire Council advise that the 7.5 tonne weight limit signs are awaited and will be installed upon receipt. The order for the weight limit will soon be advertised and become effective.

139.Highway Repairs or Faults (continued)**(b) Damage to wall, Normanby Hall**

The Museums and Heritage Manager, North Lincolnshire Council, has advised that three sections of the wall had been repaired. Further work will commence after 1 April 2014.

(c) Blocked Drain, junction of Thealby Lane/Coleby Road

Councillors advised the drain is clear but the ditch running alongside the road is overgrown with shrubbery.

RESOLVED: To contact North Lincolnshire Council and the local farmer regarding the clearance of the drain.

(d) Wood Hill, Burton Upon Stather

Information is awaited from Severn Trent Water as to whether the manhole cover with a bolt down lid has been replaced and when the area will be cleaned.

(e) Footpath, Top of Stather Hill, Burton Upon Stather

North Lincolnshire Council require access to a property at the top of the hill to complete soil tests. They are to contact the resident for permission.

(f) Drain, Stather Hill, Burton Upon Stather

North Lincolnshire Council is looking to diverting this into the highways drain. Further investigations and information is awaited.

(g) 32 Stather Hill, Burton Upon Stather

North Lincolnshire Council is to install a cut off drain at the back of the footway adjacent to No. 32 and install some 'french drains' to try and intercept water from the sewer backfill. Work will commence as soon as possible although no further information is available at the present time.

(h) Beech Grove, Burton Upon Stather

The Planning Application for the parking bays was approved 6 December 2013 and the work is to commence in the near future.

(i) Verges, Thealby

A councillor reported that tractors travelling on the roads surrounding Thealby village were breaking up the tarmac at the sides of the roads.

RESOLVED: To advise North Lincolnshire Council.

140.Archive/Resource Material

Cllr Harris advised the council that a costing had been obtained by Cllr Mrs Bradley to build an office and storage facility at the burial ground. A smaller build would be between £32k-£48k and a larger build could cost up to £72k. Following a request by councillors at the November full council meeting information is awaited from the North Lincolnshire Council Planning Department as to whether the parish council could build outside the building line at the burial ground or replace the present parish office on the High Street which is in the conservation area. Once all the information is obtained the councillors will make a decision whether they wish to proceed.

141.Proposal for the building of a War Memorial

The meeting was advised the Parish Council cannot build a war memorial although they can maintain, repair, protect and alter. (War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1923, s.1, as extended by Local Government Act 1936, 2. 125).

142.Public Rights of Way, Burton Upon Stather Parish

A meeting took place on Monday 25 November 2013 with the Estate Manager for Normanby Estates Co Ltd, the Operations Director for County Turf, the Public Rights of Way Officer (West Area), North Lincolnshire Council, the Definitive Map Officer, NLC, and Councillors Allison, Faulks, Johnston, Mitchell and Peace from Burton Upon Stather Parish Council. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss access to footpaths that had previously been walked within the parish but were not Public Rights of Way, namely Tranmere Wood Path, Crowstons Track Path and Winterton Beck Lane Path. Councillors were advised that they would not consider access to Tranmere Wood Path and Crowston's Track Path. The Estate Manager agreed to consider a 6 month trial access to Winterton Beck Land Path although no information has been received to-date. The Parish Council is to contact the Estate Manager to obtain a decision.

143.Christmas Carol Singing

Members of St Andrew's Church Choir have agreed to join the festivities and sing a few carols. They asked the Parish Council if they could also sell refreshments to raise monies for the 'Wish Upon a Star' Charity.

RESOLVED: The councillors agreed to this.

144.Christmas Tree Lights

Following the annual electricity safety check councillors agreed to display and turn on the lights of the Christmas Tree on Sunday 15 December 2013.

145.Winterton & District Lions

An offer to donate a 3 seater hardwood bench by the Winterton & District Lions was received.

RESOLVED: Councillors accepted their kind offer and this is to be placed in the conventional area of the Parish Burial Ground. As the seat was delivered flat-packed Cllr Harris agreed to build, varnish and install the bench.

146.Winter Service Review

The meeting was advised two new salt bins had been delivered and installed by the Parish Office, to the side of the Chinese takeaway, and at the corner of Holme Drive and Ashwood Close. To aid in the distribution of salt councillors suggested a spreader should be purchased.

RESOLVED: To purchase a hand-spreader up to the value of £150.

An offer to become a Snow Warden had been received from a Burton Upon Stather resident and Cllr Mitchell agreed to contact the individual.

147.Freedom of Information Act

A request from the Burton Upon Stather Heritage Group had been received to access Parish Council files. The charge for copies was also queried.

RESOLVED: The Parish Clerk would accompany the member on a Tuesday or Wednesday. Cllrs Harris and Peace agreed to attend on other days during the week. The standard charge for copies would apply.

148.Parish Office

Although a quotation had been obtained to clean the gutters at the parish office it was noted that these had been damaged in the last week. Further examination to be made before any decision made.

149.Superfast Fibre Broadband Roadshow

North Lincolnshire Council and Regeneration Department advised they would like to bring a 7.5 tonne mobile display vehicle to Burton Upon Stather in April, May or June 2014.

RESOLVED: To liaise with the Burton Upon Stather Surgery to discuss the siting of the vehicle, as it was considered to be the most central location for residents, and discuss a convenient time and date.

150.Planning**Planning Applications received from North Lincolnshire Council for comment:**

PA/2013/1484: Planning permission to install doors to facilitate the change of use for disabled facilities.

Site Location: Normanby Hall Country Park, Normanby

Applicant: Mrs S Hopkinson, North Lincolnshire Council

RESOLVED: No objections or comments.

Planning (continued)**Planning Permission granted by North Lincolnshire Council:**

PA/2013/1219	To erect a single garage, garden shed and wall
Site Location:	47-49 High Street, Burton Upon Stather
Applicant:	Mr D Hearn
PA/201351	To demolish an existing garage and the retention of a new one
Site Location:	9 Flixborough Road, Burton Upon Stather
Applicant:	Mr G Davidson
PA/2013/1359	Notice of intention to undertake crown reduction works on a silver birch within the Normanby Conservation Area
Site Location:	5 The Old Estate Yard, Normanby
Applicant:	Mrs J Westfield

151.Finance

- i. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Councillors agreed the Income and Expenditure.
- ii. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Councillors agreed the Payment of Accounts and Receipt of Payments – see Appendix 1.
RESOLVED: The payment of salaries and contractual commitments in the sum of £678.46 for November (paid December). PAYE, National Insurance and Pension contributions for November (paid December) on behalf of the employee and employer total £487.85.
Invoices paid £500 and over:
December
Birtwhistle Landscaping Ltd: £552.00 gross Hedge Cutting, Burton Hills
£460.00 net
- iii. **RESOLVED:** The Parish Council agreed the Parish Precept will be £45,000 for 2014/15. This is the same total amount as in 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/14.