

Burton Upon Stather Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 12 December 2016

Village Hall, Todds Lane, Burton Upon Stather

Present: Cllrs Craig Allison (Chair), Peter Bell, Ann Croft, Bill Johnston, Michael Peace, Penny Pringle

In attendance: Parish Clerk Kath Jones

Ward Cllrs present: Elaine Marper, Ralph Ogg

Members of the Public: none

7.15 – 7.30 Public Participation Session

Cllr Allison opened the session at 7.15. There being no members of the public present, Ward Councillors gave a report. New village signage for Normanby has been requested by Normanby Community Group and this, together with signage for Thealby, will be taken as an agenda item at January's Council meeting. Cllr Marper will forward information received from the Group to the Clerk. There is also a signage offer available from North Lincs Council. There had been flooding on Thealby Lane during recent heavy rains and car accidents had occurred. No feedback had yet been received from North Lincs Council on cause: Normanby Estates had been asked to keep an eye on the adjacent dykes as they hold the maintenance contract. New signs will be installed on Flixborough Road. Cllr Ogg will also raise the issue of overgrowth at Normanby roundabout with the Estate. The post box has now been replaced, but not with a pillar box as the Post Office report the volume of post does not merit one. Collection times are not presently advised. The matter will be kept under review.

The Public Participation Session closed at 7.30.

Cllr Allison opened the Parish Council meeting at 7.30

79.16 Applications for co-option to the Parish Council. Alan Craddock made a short presentation in support of his application for co-option. All those present voted in favour of his application and his Acceptance of Office form was signed into the minute book. Cllr Craddock then joined the body of the meeting.

80.16 Apologies for absence Cllrs Harber, Faulks and Thornes

81.16 Minutes of Council Meetings

a. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14 November, as amended, were agreed and signed as a true record. Moved Cllr Croft, Seconded Cllr Johnston.

b. Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 28 November, were agreed and signed as a true record. Moved Cllr Johnston, seconded Cllr Peace

82.16 Declarations of Personal Interest were received as follows:

as members of the Burial Grounds Committee Cllrs Allison, Pringle; as members of the Village Hall Committee: Cllr Croft: as members of the Thealby Play Area Committee: Cllrs Allison, Croft and Peace.

83.16 Reports were received from the following:

- a. Burton Paying Fields Association. Cllr Allison reported that a joint steering committee had been formed to push forward those new projects that fall within the scope of funding currently available from North Lincolnshire Council and a meeting is scheduled for 21 December. Cllrs Allison, Bell, Johnston and Craddock will represent the Parish Council; Cllr Harber sits as a PFA Committee member. The Clerk advised the Parish Council on its ability to reclaim VAT for new build or new equipment, but not on refurbishments. There will be a further joint meeting with Ward Councillors in January.
- b. Village Hall Committee. Cllr Croft reported that the Christmas Fair had been successful, well attended and with good stalls. Cllr Johnston's view that the Committee's wish to fund a range of improvement works to the Hall merited wider discussion at the forthcoming Finance Committee had general support.
- c. Thealby Play Area. The hedges have been cut, the tree remains to be lopped and moles have appeared. A quote to renew the safety matting for the slides will be discussed at the January committee meeting.

84.16 Reports were received on the following Highways repair and related issues

- a. Footpath, Burton Stather Hill. Leaves have now been cleared and access issues arising from works to a nearby property are believed to be temporary
- b. School Safety Zone, Burton Stather Progress on the latest residents' consultation exercise by North Lincs Council requires clarification.
- d. Village signage Thealby Referred to January's agenda
- e. School Travel Plan As the Clerk had not received any further response, the issue will be removed from the agenda

85.16 Grounds Maintenance contracts post April 2017

The tender timetable for reletting the Parish Council's Grounds Maintenance contracts with effect from 1 April 2017 was noted, as follows:

Invitations to tender out to prospective contractors week commencing 19 December 2016, closing date 20 January 2017 (five weeks' turnaround). Tenderers to be invited to price for both three and five year contracts.

Finance Committee to consider responses in week commencing 30 January, with recommendation to Parish Council meeting on 13 February 2017.

Contracts let week commencing 20 February 2017.

86.16 Parish Office

An informal meeting to discuss options for the Parish Office's future will be held on Thursday 12 January at 6.00pm at the Village Hall.

87.16 Communications

The Clerk reported that it is possible to run a “closed” Facebook page as an information-only portal, which Councillors felt should be done for a six month trial period to determine its effectiveness. The Clerk was also asked to take further advice from ERNLLCA on the legal position as to who may properly run and/or contribute to such an activity.

Cllrs Ogg and Marper then left the meeting.

88.16 Blue Energy/Grange Wind Farm Community Benefit Panel

The membership invitation received was discussed and the Clerk was asked to seek some further clarification of detail from Blue Energy. Cllr Johnston moved the appointment of Councillor Cllr Bell, seconded by Councillor Peace. Carried unanimously.

89.16 Finance

Resolved that Payment of Accounts and Receipt of Payments 15 November to 12 December, was approved. Moved Cllr Bell, Seconded Cllr Allison.

DD	EE & T-mobile	Clerks phone	11.10
1086	CPRE	Membership 2017	36.00
1087	Burton Brownies	Grant 2016	100.00
1088	Burton Rainbows	Grant 2016	100.00
1089	SLCC	Clerks' December workshop	10.00

90.16 The Schedule of meetings 2017 was noted as follows:

January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, April 24 (Annual Parish Meeting) May 8 (Annual Council Meeting) May 15 (Election of Committee Chairs), June 12, July 10, September 11, October 9, November 13, November 27 (Annual Finance Meeting) December 11

Cllr Allison closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Signed as a true record

Date