

## **Burton Upon Stather Parish Council**

**Minutes 10 April 2017**

### **7.15 – 7.30 Public Participation Session**

**Present:** Cllrs Craig Allison (Chair), Peter Bell, Alan Craddock, David Faulks, Bill Johnston, Noel Thornes, Michael Peace, Penny Pringle

**In attendance:** Parish Clerk Kath Jones

**Ward Cllrs present:** Elaine Marper, Ralph Ogg

**Members of the Public present: 3**

Cllr Allison opened the Public Participation Session at 7.15

A member of the public raised a question about the progress of the School Safety Zone and was advised the matter now rested with North Lincs Council. A member of the public raised a question as to the grass cutting contract for Burton Playing Fields and asked how matters would be resolved should the cutting proved unsatisfactory. Cllr Allison responded that this would be addressed jointly with the PFA. A member of the public raised a question as to how any discrepancies between the Parish Council's accounts of PFA expenditure and the PFA's accounts would be reconciled and Cllr Allison responded that it was the Parish Council's intention this would be written off in the PFA's favour.

Jim Mitchell, representing Burton Heritage Group, expressed the Group's interest in rejuvenating the footpath and picnic area at the top of Stather Hill. The Group are aware that there have been historical issues around use and misuse of the area, but are of the view that these can be satisfactorily addressed and resolved. The Heritage Group were invited to come forward with more detailed proposals to May's Council meeting.

Ward Councillors reported that a presentation at Normanby Hall from "Go Ape" who wish to open a facility at the Hall, attended by Flixborough PC, Burton Upon Stather PC and some members of the public, had gone well, although there was some concerns about potential impact on bats. The issue will now go through North Linc's Council's public consultation processes.

Cllr Allison closed the Public Participation Session at 7.30

Two members of the public left the meeting.

**128.16 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Ann Croft and Cathy Harber.

**129.16 Declarations of Interest** as members of the Burial Grounds Committee Cllrs Allison and Faulks; as members of the Village Hall Committee Cllrs Craddock and Faulks; as members of the Thealby Play Area Committee Cllrs Allison, Craddock, and Peace; as members of the Burton Playing Fields Association Steering Group Cllrs Allison, Craddock and Johnston.

**130.16 Application for co-option:** An interested party had submitted an application from and been advised of the date of this evening's meeting, but was not in attendance. The individual concerned will be contacted again and invited to attend a Parish Council meeting at a later date.

**131.16 Minutes of meetings:** Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13 March, as amended, were signed as a true record.

**132.16 Reports were received from the following:**

- a. Burton Paving Fields Association. Cllr Allison read the Parish Council's response to previously circulated correspondence from the PFA that covered a number of issues which would hopefully now resolve matters. It was resolved to reconcile the Parish Council's accounts of PFA Parish Council Grant expenditure and the PFA's accounts of the same in the PFA's favour. Moved Cllr Allison, seconded Cllr Johnston
- b. Village Hall Committee. Cllr Craddock reported several faults had been identified with electrical equipment as a result of PAT inspection, which had now been cleared. Fire Safety Insurance checks had been completed, showing a defective ceiling fan. Bank mandates had now been completed and changed.
- c. Thealby Play Area. Nothing to report.

**133.16 PFA Grants:** Cllr Johnston reported that a final decision on the only grant application currently submitted was due from North Lincs Council on 18 April

**134.16 Highways: Repair and Other Issues:** Progress on outstanding repairs to Footpath, Burton Stather Hill is still pending North Lincs Council receiving reports from an archaeological survey, which Ward Cllr Ogg will pursue.

**135.16 Grounds Maintenance Contracts:** The Clerk reported that, on the award of contract notification, Green Fingers had withdrawn their tender. In light of the narrow price margin between them and the next closest applicant, having been

through a competitive process the contract could be awarded to John White.  
Moved Cllr Bell, seconded Cllr Johnston.

Cllr Peace assumed the Chair for the Planning item

**136.16 Planning applications:** Planning application PA/2017/361 will be taken up by Ward Cllr Marper. It was agreed to submit "No Comment" on Planning applications PA/2017/365, PA/2017/500 and PA/2017/449. The appeal letter circulated for application PA/2016/1777 was noted.

Cllr Allison resumed the Chair

**137.16 Parish Office:** Cllr Peace gave a brief update on the likely need to hand dig the adjacent manhole cover to the office to investigate the position in relation to provision of services.

**138.16 North Lincs Council Local Plan:** A report from Cllr Craddock had been circulated and Cllrs agreed that as the information was presented, it was an issue that required a complex response. It was agreed to depute Cllrs Allison, Craddock and Johnston to prepare and submit the Parish Council's response.

**139.16 Finance:**

- a. Payment of Accounts and Receipts for 14 March 2017 to 05 April, as circulated were approved. Moved Cllr Bell, seconded Cllr Craddock.
- b. A report of year to date budget performance, as circulated, was noted.

Cllr Allison Closed the meeting at 8.30