# BURTON UPON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021 For the villages of Burton upon Stather, Normanby and Thealby





When the Friendly Robin Post Box appears in Normanby, we know that Christmas is on its way. In 2020 this cheer was particularly needed and welcomed. As the days went by, more and more lights appeared in our 3 villages, brightening up our journeys and warming our hearts at the end of what had been a very strange and difficult year.

All three of our villages came together to put on a display of lights better than ever before.

The High Street and Paddock Burton



Thealby



Normanby





And not to be outdone - but brilliant:



Even the bus shelter in Normanby entered into the spirit!!

Let's find other ways we can work together and share our input into our wonderful parish's life. Perhaps you could write a contribution for the next magazine about something that goes on in your part of the parish.

## **POPPY APPEAL 2020**

The 2020 Poppy Appeal was different to say the least; no house to house or street collections and only a limited number of places allowed for Poppies to be sold. On this basis Poppies were only available in the Village Shop and the School (and briefly at Normanby Hall). Thanks to this support we raised £949.89 for which we are very grateful.

On the Residents' Facebook page someone suggested we should have large Poppies on lampposts as seen at Barton



so Burton in Bloom purchased the Poppies on which the names of the Fallen were written and then put up by the BUS Heritage Group. We also set up a JustGiving page which raised £340 +£48.25 added by Gift Aid donations.

Our apologies to our dedicated house to house collectors for not contacting you all personally but hope most of you are willing to help Sarah this year if things are back to normal.

Thank you to everyone who supported us, especially Joy and Clive Mason who have worked so hard for the village during these difficult times. Wendy Faulks (retiring) and Sarah Hall (new) Poppy Appeal Organisers

## **CHAIR REPORT FOR 2020**

What a strange year 2020 was, in January and February plans were being finalised for the Parish commemoration and celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE day. The planning for the holiday weekend involved all community groups, Parish Council (the Council), the School, Burton in Bloom, Poppy Appeal, the Churches, Village Hall Committee, Heritage Group, Allotments Association and Burton Bowls with all groups involved one way or another. We now know that the Corona Virus put paid to those plans and many others. We had started exploratory talks with the Primary School Council, with the Head Teachers blessing, about what the Council was all about and how perhaps they could contribute and work with the Parish Council. Alas that became another casualty of the Virus. But will be pursued as soon as possible.

2020 is a year many of us would like to forget and our heartfelt condolences go to those who have lost loved ones and friends during these very strange times.

The playing field has received much needed attention in 2020. Funded from the £500k grant from North Lincolnshire Council, an internal perimeter accessible track was installed – a major success allowing safe access around the playing field for those with mobility issues. The perimeter Lincolnshire Fencing replaced and repaired, and the self-set undergrowth was removed from the bottom right-hand corner, revealing the commemorative Oaks planted by the Parish Council in the anniversary year of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day. Both of these projects funded from a grant from Grange Windfarm. The memorial clearance is our contribution to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

The efforts of the Make Burton accessible project were rewarded with a number of dropped curbs being installed around the village. These have made a massive difference to those with mobility issues, particularly the ones by the entrances to the Paddock. We are still pressing for dropped curbs at the top of Stather Road and for the slope to be more graduated. If anyone has any further suggestions for dropped curbs, please get in touch with us and we will continue to work with NLC Highways.

We had three resignations from the Council and four new co-opted councillors joined us, including two younger members of the Parish. We also lost one of our Councillors who passed away in June, a tribute to her was in the last Parish Council News Letter.

We understand that some parishioners in Thealby and Normanby feel they are not perhaps regarded as members of Burton upon Stather Parish and are forgotten hamlets. However and to recap, over the last few years we have upgraded the play equipment in Thealby Playing Area with an accessible roundabout, picnic benches and a tarmacked area in front of the basketball nets, also installing a Parish Council noticeboard at the bus stop in Thealby Lane and repairing the bench opposite the green triangle (the pinfold). In Normanby we have replaced the Parish Council Notice Board (the old one was falling to bits and impossible to read notices posted), repaired the seat adjacent to the notice board together with a complete overhaul of the bench near the post box. What we desperately need is for representatives of both areas to join the Parish Council. Anyone interested please contact a councillor or the clerk to talk about our work as a Council and how they can contribute. We continue to press North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) for the reinstatement of the footpath between Burton and Thealby along Darby Road, and also suggesting a footpath to link Thealby to Normanby which would then provide a circular walk around the three villages.

In late February we were notified of NLC's intention, via their emerging Local Plan consultation, to allocate land off Darby Road for residential development. The Council called a village meeting which was well attended and resulted in objections to the allocation from the Council and many parishioners. The Corona Virus crisis seems to have halted the Local Plan process for the time being, but we will remain vigilant as to the Plan progression. The Council was also consulted on the Governments White Paper on planning reforms. Parishioners may have seen reference to this in the newspapers and strong opposition as it seemed to allocate housing using one of the now infamous algorithms which it was suggested would result in "concreting over the Shires" Following debate at Council a letter of objection was submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, with a copy to NLC.

In late October early November we were made aware of a company called North Lincolnshire Green Energy Park Limited and its intention to make application to the Secretary of State for a Development Order allowing the construction of a Waste Incinerator, to be called an energy from waste plant plus ancillary bolt-on facilities, at Flixborough Wharf. To comply with the application, the applicant must demonstrate adequate opportunity for public consultation. With the current Covid-19 restrictions in place the applicant proposed that leaflet circulation to affected areas, adverts in the local paper and Zoom consultation would be adequate. We disagree, there can be no open exhibition or consultation events where the applicant can be questioned as to their plans and objections raised, the Parish Council is not able to call a public meeting and thus we argued that at the very least the application should be delayed until such time as full and adequate consultation could take place. The Council objected strongly, to both the applicant and the Secretary of State on the basis of totally unacceptable means of consultation under the current Covid-19 restrictions. As part of the process the applicant is also required to submit an Environment Impact assessment on the surrounding area. It is the applicant's intention to not include Burton upon Stather including Normanby and Thealby in its impact assessment despite the Parish being just 2.5km down wind and some 70 metres elevated above the site, just at waste chimney height!! Needless to say we have strongly objected to that exclusion as well as our continuing strong object to the proposals in any event.

On a brighter note bringing the grass verge cutting under the control of the Council has been a great success. This agreement with NLC is for an initial term of 3 years, 2021/2022 will be the second year, we await what follows after 2022/2023. We have secured funding from the allocated £500k grant to purchase grounds maintenance equipment to enable cutting of the other Parish grass areas such as the Playing Field, Thealby Play Area, the Paddock, Burial Ground and allotments etc. using our own operator instead of employing contractors. We will shortly be advertising the permanent part-time position for a grounds maintenance operator for grass cutting and other Parish maintenance requirements. This will be funded from the savings of not employing contractors.

Finally I am hoping that it may be possible to hold some sort of summer/autumn festival and would welcome ideas suggestions and perhaps the re-forming, in some Covid-19 secure way, of the community groups mentioned at the start of this report. It should be remembered that the advantage of co-ordinating through the Council is that the events, on Parish Council land, can normally come under the Councils Public Liability Insurance saving individual community groups both the cost and trouble of obtaining their own.

Finally, finally the Council wish you all a safe 2021 with a fervent wish for a swift end to the current crisis

Alan Craddock Chair

# NORMANBY VILLAGE 2021

After living in Normanby for over 20 years I have seen a few changes to the landscape of the village in particular the loss of several flowering trees. In 2015 some Whitebeam and Red Hawthorn trees were planted in the village. Two were planted on the small village green near the flower trough and two near the trough near the park gate. It is hoped that these trees will have an abundance of blossom this year to brighten our spring days along with the additional tulips that were planted in the troughs in the autumn. Let's hope that the path to Normanby Hall is a welcome sight this Spring as well as feeding the hungry insects and bees hidden amongst the brightly coloured petals of early spring flowers.

The village has poor broadband connection so with the help of the Parish Council we are hoping to work towards that being improved. As many more of us are working or studying from home this will indeed improve lives and no doubt please the avid users of the internet namely the younger population.

Mechelle Sheriff, Normanby Resident

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

What a turbulent year 2020 was! Into lockdown, out of lockdown, into lockdown again, then into Tier 3, and now back into lockdown yet again. The Hall closed at the beginning of November as we entered lockdown and remained closed before Christmas as we were placed into Tier 3. The Committee members felt it was appropriate to keep the Hall closed before Christmas, as although the Hall has procedures in place to keep Covid-19 secure, the most anyone can do is minimise the risk. We therefore felt it best to eliminate risk completely by keeping the Hall closed.

We had hoped, however, that the Hall could possibly re-open for some groups towards the end of January. However, the announcement on January 4<sup>th</sup> put paid to that, and so we remain closed for hire throughout this current lockdown.

At the time of writing, the Hall has been offered as a venue for Covid-19 vaccinations to be carried out. We are waiting to hear back if we are needed.

Despite the difficulties, the Hall did welcome back some hirers over the summer months and the procedures in place made everyone feel safe and welcome. Freespirit Dance School resumed in the autumn and on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October held a fancy-dress Danceathon to raise money for the Village Hall. Unfortunately, this was to be the last session before

we entered lockdown again, and so the sponsor money has not been able to be collected. Nevertheless, we are very grateful to them for their efforts, and to all the children who took part and those who sponsored them.

The work to replaster and paint the entrance hall and Wedgwood Room was completed in September and has made a massive difference to the appearance of both rooms. This was funded by a grant from Grange Wind Farm.

A grant application has been submitted to FCC (formerly WREN) to fund the installation of a new fire alarm system in the Hall. Although we had been told a decision would be made in early March as to whether the application has been successful, it is uncertain how this will be affected by the Covid-19 lockdown situation.

Our very hard-working Treasurer and Vice-Treasurer, Mr and Mrs Craddock decided the time had come to tender their resignations, effective from 31 December 2020. Mr Craddock has worked extremely hard over the years in securing grants for work such as the refurbishment of the kitchen and backstage area, the roof, and the installation of the cleaner's cupboard. He has also been instrumental in the day-to-day running of the Hall, ensuring the Hall is well kept and safe for all hirers. Mrs Craddock has worked hard developing an efficient book-keeping system, ensuring the accounts are all in order and accurate. We extend our heartfelt thanks to both of them for all their hard work and contribution to the running of the Hall over the past few years.

Miss Bethany Burt kindly volunteered to take over the role of Treasurer and we are all looking forward to working with her very much.

Lastly, thanks must be extended to someone who has worked extremely hard to keep the Hall clean and Covid-19 safe for all the hirers. Mrs Crowston, our cleaner, has turned out day after day after day, sometimes two or three times a day, cleaning after every session to ensure the Hall is safe for the next session. Her hard work is very much appreciated by both the Committee and the hirers.

We very much hope that by the time of the next newsletter we are out of lockdown and the Hall is once more being used daily by the community.

Cathy Harber – Chair, Village Hall Management Committee.

## **BURTON IN BLOOM**

This will only be a short item on this occasion as, like many charitable organisations, much of our fund raising and community activities have been hit by the pandemic. However, now that 2020 has gone and the vaccine is being rolled out, we're starting to think about events for 2021.

Burton in Bloom finished 2020 with 1 old and 3 new community activities - an appeal for people to put on Halloween displays for the children as they couldn't do Trick or Treat, a lovely display of poppies for Remembrance Day (achieved with the help of the Heritage group), an appeal for everyone to try hard with their Christmas lights to bring a little joy during a difficult time and the Christmas trees on the High St as usual. There were certainly some excellent displays for Halloween and Christmas around the village and I, like many others, enjoyed walking round and seeing them all. Many thanks to everyone for all that effort.

In 2021 we will not be able to hold our usual spring lecture because of the Covid restrictions but we are planning (at the present time) to hold the fete on the green and the open gardens in June. We're also looking at siting some floral pots/planters down Stather Rd, as suggested by residents in the village, and we will be co-ordinating some litter picking in the village as soon as the weather improves.

More information will follow about that on the Facebook page.

We have welcomed two new members to our committee recently, which is excellent, but would like some more diversification so any men or younger people (that means under 60 in this context) if you're interested in making our village more beautiful and fostering community spirit then please give me a ring.

Pat Webster Chair Burton in Bloom 721057

# **BURTON UPON STATHER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

On behalf of everyone at Burton upon Stather Primary School, may we take this opportunity to wish everyone in our Parish a very Happy New Year and let's hope that 2021 is a little kinder to us all. We are certainly looking forward to some



sunshine and (fingers crossed) welcoming ALL our pupils back to school before too long.

What a start 2021 it has been. Although we have some of our Critical Worker and Vulnerable pupils in school, we are missing the buzz of our 'normal' start to the year. The pandemic and the continued levels of restrictions in place across the UK, is a situation that continues to affect many of our lives. It will be hard to gauge the full impact that the situation is having on children and their wellbeing, until we (hopefully very soon) emerge from it.

Our pupils' experiences of lockdown have been very varied. Some, despite restrictions, will feel safe and mostly enjoy this time with their families. For others, it will be more challenging- and this is where we are here to help and support in any way we can. We are used to supporting pupils through challenges they face in life- but we know the current situation will amplify those situations many times over.

So though times are challenging and changing, our school community have supported us and reminded us that we are #inthistogether. We are ready for the first of our tomorrows at the very least, and have, what we hope, is a positive plan in place to continue the home learning journey of our students and staff. A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Holly who helped organise and donate laptops and devices to school. We have delivered a number of devices to families that didn't have them or didn't have enough devices to allow all children to access their learning online. Your thoughtfulness has enabled some of our pupils to access their learning safely from home- thank you ©

The Burton Support Group, that we set up back in March, is still going strong and our volunteers are all still ready and willing to help in any way we can. We have some wonderful success stories and friendships that have come out of this support group, to which we will be forever grateful; one of our volunteers recently took an elderly resident for his COVID-19 vaccine.

Please don't struggle to fetch medicines and shopping in this icy weather...if you need help we have volunteers who are happy to support you...please call our telephone number 07857123136 -

We are lucky to be surrounded by such kind and considerate people in our community.

Lastly, we have a governor vacancy on our board. Whatever your professional background, your skills could help transform our school, please contact school on admin@burtonstatherprimary. com if you would like to know a little more about the role.

May I leave you this quote form one of my favourite books (The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse, by Charlie Mackesy). Please



take care of yourself and your loved ones. Mrs Emily Eyre

Headteacher

## NORMANBY IN BLOSSOM TIME

Come let us sing a happy rhyme Of Normanby at blossom-time; Laburnum, lilac, blood-red may All breaking forth in glad array; The copper beeches with branches wide, And cherry trees dressed like a bride; While fluttering petals fall like snow In Normanby, when blossoms blow.

Here twittering birds old carols sing Afresh, with each returning Spring, While garden plot and shapely bed Blaze out in gold and white and red; Shy foxgloves, lupins, lilies sweet, Quaint columbine and marguerite. Oh! rare indeed the flower must be That's not at home in Normanby!.

The avenue's tall, shady trees Fling out their pennants on a breeze. That bears along the merry tune Of whistling waggoner-lads in June; And lovers there at eventide Go wandering homeward side by side, Wistful that wedding bells may chime When Normanby's at blossom time.

Edith Spellman Dudley, 1946

## **ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

Welcome to our new section where we look back in time to see what our Parish Council of yesteryear were doing. This issue brings us the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 1964, presumably the first of the year. Note that meetings were held in the school in those days.

## **BURTON ON STATHER PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of Meeting held in the County School on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 1964

# R.N.COULTHURST Esg. Presiding

<u>APOLOGIES</u> were received from Messrs. E.H. Dain and H.A.L. Thurston

#### PROPOSED BUS SHELTER.

It was resolved that the erection of the proposed bus shelter on Darby Road be postponed until information on the proposed development in the locality, particularly with regard to the new access off Darby Road, is obtained.

The Clerk was asked to request this information, and also to inform the R.D.C. that the Council considered the reply to their recent complaint about the withholding of planning information to be most unsatisfactory.

LITTER BASKETS.

Messrs. Kirmans have completed manufacture of one basket at the quoted price of 47/6d., but any further orders would be 67/6d. A. Drinkall & Son to be asked to fix the basket inside the High Street shelter.

## PLAYING FIELDS.

Information has been received from the Association of Parish Councils on the provision of Playing Fields, and it was resolved that this matter be put on the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Should sufficient support for the project be forthcoming from the Annual Meeting a Special Parish Meeting would then be convened.

#### PROPOSED CEMETERY.

A letter from the Parochial Church Council replying to the Parish Council's enquiry as to any further development in the matter simply states that the custodian trustees for the old School property are the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Finance.

#### DRAINAGE.

The R.D.C. Surveyor to be informed of leakage from the old drainage system sewer on the Hill Side near Bunkers Hill and also that the area is rat infested.

#### PARISH PROPERTY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE.

A. Drinkall & Son to be reminded of the Council's request for repairs to be undertaken to the gate on Gypsy Lane.

R. Readhead to be asked to clear the metal pipe which carries spring water under the footpath on the Hills.

## STREET LIGHTING.

The R.D.C. Surveyor to be informed that the light promised at the new Old Peoples bungalows on the Council Estate has not yet been installed, and also to be asked for information on the new lighting arrangements for the Parish, particularly with regard to the Council's recent requests for additional lights in the Avenue End, on Darby Road, and in Normanby Village.

#### PARISH SEAT.

Mr. Green to be again requested to replace the seat originally in front of his property, and removed by him.

#### YOUTH CLUB FOOTPATH.

Mr. Pugh to be informed that the footpath would receive attention if required, but the Council wished to register complaint that the Club members made a practice of going through the Churchyard and over the wall to the Club, instead of using the footpath. PRECEPT 1964/65.

It was resolved that the R.D.C. Treasurer be notified that the amount likely to be required for the coming financial year would be £200.

## ACCOUNTS PASSED FOR PAYMENT.

Scunthorpe Internal Drainage Board – 10/-.

# LITTER BIN ON HOLME DRIVE



Recently there have been a number of complaints about dog owners not picking up the mess left behind by their dogs. This seems to be more regular during the winter months, when people are walking their dogs in the dark mornings and evenings. To try to alleviate this, the Parish Council has had a request to install a bin in Holme Drive and as part of the process, has to

consult with its residents. The place where it would get most use would be near to number 12 or number 81 Holme Drive and a litter bin would be installed which could be used for litter and dog faeces. If you have any comments with regards to a bin being placed in this area, then please contact the Clerk on <u>clerk@buspc.org</u> or 07982265914.

# THEALBY PLAY AREA ASSOCIATION

Over the last few years a number of improvements have been made to the play area:

- the take-off and landing areas for the bank slide have been replaced with a safety surface.
- two new benches and tables installed for picnics and relaxing whilst watching the children play.
- A new accessible roundabout has been installed within its own safety surface, recently.
- A tarmac surface has been provided in the front of the basketball hoop to allow proper use of the facility.

It is sad that throughout the improvements we have been unable to recruit new members to the association, which stands at just one member. I have proposed to the Parish Council, who lease the area from Normanby Estate, that the Parish Council take full responsibility for the Play Area. The Council has agreed and so Thealby Play Area Association will be wound up. Little will change, and no difference will be seen. The area will continue to be managed and improved when opportunities are identified.

Whilst writing, can I please say again, that as Thealby is part of Burton upon Stather Parish, it would be great to see representation from the area on the Parish Council.

Alan Craddock Chair Burton upon Stather Parish Council

## **NEWSLETTER DATES AND HOW TO GET IN TOUCH**

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20 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	May 2021
Mid July	August 2021

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Quarter page £20 colour, £10 black and white - portrait

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## YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:

Cllr Alan Craddock – Chair Cllr Cathy Harber – Vice Chair Cllr Peter Bell Cllr David Faulks Cllr Penny Pringle Cllr Chloe Sharp Cllr Molly Taylor Cllr Rachel Webber Cllr Sarah Hall Cllr Bill Johnston

Clerk to the Council is Mrs Candace Brent

We can all be contacted via **The Parish Council Office High Street, Burton upon Stather, DN15 9DE email:** <u>clerk.buspc@hotmail.co.uk</u>

## **Grounds Maintenance Operative**

Burton upon Stather Parish Council is seeking to appoint a Grounds Maintenance Operative from April 2021 to work in the villages of Burton upon Stather, Normanby and Thealby.

The permanent post is part time for 20 hours per week with additional hours as or when required by the Parish Council. The hours are to be worked Monday to Friday, but flexible working hours can be discussed.

The salary is £8.91 per hour and will be paid monthly and the successful candidate will be entered into a pension scheme. The Parish Council is keen to help develop the skills of its staff and looks to provide appropriate training as necessary.

For further information or to receive an application pack, please contact the Parish Clerk on: <u>clerk@buspc.org</u> or phone 07982265914 Closing date for applications: 12 noon Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

# CALLING ALL RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH OF BURTON UPON STATHER AND IN PARTICULAR THOSE FROM THEALBY AND NORMANBY



Do you feel that the parish Council ignores where you live and seems to forget that your village is in the parish?

Currently none of the Parish Councillors live in Normanby and Thealby, so neither of these villages are represented at Council meetings. To make sure the whole of the parish is represented, people are required from all areas of the parish and all walks of life. To become a Parish Councillor you need to be:

- A British Citizen
- Eighteen years or over
- Be on the electoral role
  OR lived in parish or within 3 miles for the last 12 months
  OR have your main place of work within the parish

Council meets on the second Monday of each month, which are public meetings open to all residents of the parish. It is non-political and councillors give their time voluntarily.

The Council:

- Discusses and resolves issues raised by parishioners and represents their interests to North Lincolnshire Council, Government and other bodies.
- Raises an amount of money, the Parish Precept, through local taxation and makes decisions about its use specifically on parish amenities and groups.
- Plans, and prepares for the developing needs of the Parish.

• Is a statutory consultee of the local Planning Authority, North Lincolnshire Council, for all planning applications made within the Parish.

If this interests you, then why don't you attend a Council meeting to see what goes on or get in touch with the Clerk to find out more.

The Clerk, Candace Brent, can be contacted on 07982 265914 or via email on: <u>clerk@buspc.org</u> mobile: 07982 265914

## ST ANDREW'S AND BURTON METHODISTS SERVICES

Both Church and Chapel are beginning to get back to normal after our enforced closures due to Covid 19. Please see the notice boards outside our buildings for up to date service times.

**POST OFFICE FACILITIES** at St. Andrews continue – open through lockdowns. Just a reminder that this is an out-reach facility that operates inside the brown doored vestry at St. Andrews Church. It can deal with your mail, your parcels, cash withdrawals and many more things. About the only things we don't do are passports and car tax. Our opening hours are: Mon 9.30am – 12.30pm. Tues 10.00am – 1.00pm.Thurs 9.30am. – 11.30am





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