

Burton upon Stather Parish Council  
**Annual Parish Meeting**  
Held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 6pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Pringle (Chair)	Cllr Bell	Cllr Bull	Cllr Harber
Cllr Mitchell	Cllr Nicholson	Cllr Tuplin	Cllr Webber

Also present: the Clerk, Ward Cllrs Marper, Ogg and 19 members of the public/community groups.

**1. Welcome by the Chair**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, she introduced herself and informed those present of the housekeeping rules. She explained the format of the meeting.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Ward Cllr Rowson

**3. 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.**

None declared

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

None

**4. To approve minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023**

Members had received the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Mitchell, seconded by Cllr Webber and **RESOLVED** that they were a true and accurate record. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Pringle.

6.10pm Cllr Tuplin arrived at the meeting

6.11pm Cllrs Bull & Nicholson arrived at the meeting

**5. Presentation of the Peter Hearn Award for Young People and the Geoff Robinson Award**

Cllr Pringle introduced those nominated for the awards (see separate report). The Geoff Robinson Award was presented to Annie Mumby & Rachel Webber by the previous year's winner, Trevor Rowbotham. The Peter Hearn Award was presented to Joe Porteous by Erin Taylor, the previous year's winner.

**6. Parish Council Chair's Report**

Cllr Pringle gave a verbal report on the last years work of the Council. (See attached report).

**7. Responsible Financial Officer's Report**

The Clerk gave a report on the Council's finances. (See attached report).

**8. Report from Village Hall Management Committee**

Cllr Harber read out a report from the Chair of the Village Hall Committee. (See attached report)

**9. Presentations from local groups**

Presentations were made from the following community groups: the bowls club, the Women's Institute, the Allotments Association, Burton in Bloom and Stop the Wharf. They updated those present with the work they had been doing over the last twelve months.

**10. Questions from members of the public**

One resident asked if there were going to be any events to commemorate 50 years since the Flixborough Disaster and was informed there would be a service outside Flixborough Church on 1<sup>st</sup> June at 4.30pm. Ward Cllr Marper thanked the parish council for all the work it does in the community.

**11. Date of next meeting**

A proposed date of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 was set for the next Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business, Cllr Pringle closed the meeting at 6.55pm

Chair’s signature.....

Date.....

**Community Awards Report**

As you know, last year we inaugurated 2 Community awards – The Geoff Robinson Award for adults and the Peter Hearn award for young people. These are for people who have either done something special or **are** someone special in the eyes of other residents, for community based reasons.

**Nominations for Geoff Robinson Award**

This year the parish council is delighted that four people have been nominated for the Geoff Robinson Award which acknowledges those who have made a difference to the community. This year the nominations – in alphabetical order – are as follows:

**1. Graham Judkin**

Come hail, rain or shine, Graham puts out most of the bins for the residents of Huntingdon Crescent and part of Norfolk Ave ready for collection on a Wednesday. He then puts them all away after collection. It is very much appreciated as most of the residents are elderly. A very random act of kindness. He deserves recognition for his thoughtfulness

**2. Annie Mumby**

Annie Mumby is a true servant to the village of Burton Stather. When the person who nominated her moved to the village in late 2011, they soon learnt from many residents that, if they wanted to know anything about Burton, Annie was the person to ask. How true that was (and still is). She is village born and bred.

At present, she is involved in WI, Burton Outdoor Bowls Club and Burton Short Mat Bowls Club. She has previously been a representative on the Village Hall committee though her involvement doesn’t stop with these organisations – she is always involved in what is happening.

She always has a smiling, welcoming face and nothing seems to be too much trouble for her. Annie is a friend to everyone and would be a worthy recipient.

**3. John Nundy**

John Nundy has lived in the village for nearly 48 years and in that time he has enjoyed helping other people. Every year he salts Somerset Drive and Norfolk Ave from the salt boxes and shovelled areas in deep snow (including the doctors car park). He has litter picked quite a large area, even down into Flixborough and to Thealby. He has cleared the drains leading into Normanby when the rain couldn’t escape, due to leaves and dirt. He cuts the grass at the end of his cul de sac and keeps it looking cared for. He has helped on a stall at the summer fayre, putting the stall up and ferrying books back and forth in his wheelbarrow. John is kindly natured and tries to help whenever he can.

**4. Rachel Webber**

Rachel Webber is nominated for this Award as she has served the community in many ways - serving on the PFA, as part of the Heritage Group, Burton in Bloom and of course the Parish Council. Rachel has given so much of her time freely over the years to the parish. She single handedly takes care of the Burton in Bloom bicycles in the village, getting up extremely early in the morning to ensure the flowers are all watered before she heads to work, to keep the village looking nice. Rachel undertakes litter picks in her local area most days and regularly reports any issues she sees, such as fly tipping or potholes, in an effort to keep the area

clean, safe and tidy. Rachel is a wonderful asset to the village and her nominator believes that she works in the spirit of the late Mr Robinson to take care of, and serve, her local community.

It has been difficult to choose between these four people since they all go about their daily lives so quietly ensuring that the villages and villagers are cared for, so this year the parish council has decided to award it to two of the nominees.

With out further ado, I would like to ask last year's winner, Trevor Rowbotham to come and present the Geoff Robinson Award to Annie Mumby and Rachel Webber

### **Nominations for the Peter Hearn Award**

The following young person received two nominations for this award.

They were a member of the Youth Council and remains willing to be involved should more interest be gained. They are always willing to help the community - which includes taking part in litter picks, painting the bus shelter at Normanby, helping out at the Christmas Fayre and regularly delivering the Parish newsletters. They are an asset to the community and a shining example to all young people in the area.

They were a member of the Youth Council for the whole time it was in existence and always participated in the events they organised with great enthusiasm – especially the painting of the bus shelter in Normanby!!!

Since then, they have helped with the delivery of the quarterly Parish Council magazine and also helped out some of the elderly residents with some of the jobs they can no longer easily do, such as gardening.

So without much further ado, I would like to ask Erin Taylor, last year's winner of the Peter Hearn Award, to present it to this year's winner – Joe Porteous

### **Chair's Report**

The New Council, elected just before last year's AGM has settled down and become a team – and remember there is no 'I' in team. A couple of months ago our team expanded with the co-option of Cllrs Tuplin and O'Roarty. As a team we have the one aim of serving each and every resident of the parish, be they from Burton, Normanby or Thealby. To that end there is time allocated at the start of each normal council meeting for residents to speak to us, though we are all also approachable and our contact details are on the website.

All our Parish Councillors are volunteers and any work they undertake is in their own time. So, a big thank to each and every one of them for all their hard work and support over the past year. They turn up in all weathers to attend meetings, to listen and work together to make decisions about our parish. Some attend other meetings and working groups, such as those for the Green Energy Park, the Roxby Landfill meetings, Neighbourhood Action Team, Save the Wharf meetings and so on, thus representing our parish and making sure your voice is heard beyond the immediate villages. To this end, thanks must also be extended to our ward Councillors: Marper, Ogg and Rowson, who often take our concerns on to the relevant departments at North Lincs Council – we work together.

Thanks must also be extended to Michael, who was our groundsman, who did so much to make our village look beautiful trying to tame the grass on the Paddock, in the Burial Ground, in the churchyard and on the Playing Field, cutting the hedges and removing the litter that invariably gets dropped as well as scattered from bins in windy weather. Michael ceased working for us in October, with his role since last month taken on by Anne Deak. who is gradually getting to know the geography, her job and us. We hope she will enjoy her time with us and find it fulfilling.

The Council has met every month other than August in the last year. Our Youth Council has sadly come to an end for the present, teenagers grow up, their interests change and currently there have been no new members. Nearly every council meeting has complaints aired about inconsiderate or dangerous parking, hence the copy of the leaflet included in the last magazine that went to every house. Another frequent complaint is about inconsiderate dog owners allowing their dogs to run loose

on the playing field despite signage saying no dogs. In their own ways both of these are potentially dangerous to the well-being of other residents.

Every month we look at many other re-current issues including:

- Planning applications
- Pot holes – everywhere
- Road surfaces that need replacing – such as the road inside the 30 mph speed limit signs in both parts of Thealby
- Speeding motorists and the like: We offered the possibility to residents of getting involved in a speed watch group, but no interest was forthcoming. We now have 5 Speed indication devices – or SIDs, which seem to have some effect on slowing most drivers down, though inevitably there are still some who even if dragging concrete boulders would still manage to drive at an excessive speed.

There have also been other issues that we have helped flag up and get dealt with during the year. In no particular order, these include:

- Anglian Water’s penchant for denying us the pleasure of water on Sunday mornings during the extensive period of time that they claimed to be repairing the water tower.
- The building up of better relationships with groups like the footballers at the playing field
- The purchasing and installation of various community improvements for which grants have been needed, such as the Speed Indication Devices, the new burial ground bench, the Thealby defibrillator, repairs to the bus shelter on Normanby Road, and on the playing field, the pull-up bars, table tennis table and new trim trail. (All of these were made possible by grants – much hard work for Candace!)
- The North Lincs Green Energy Park planning application, which we have continued to monitor. This is now with the Secretary of State, who this time last year had begun to examine the plan and to consider the arguments against it. We had expected the decision last August, which was extended till November, then to March and now till May. Do we dare to hope that no news is good news? Friday of this week could be the day!
- And the key issue this year – The Wharf’s re-opening and the many problems this has and is causing, ongoing HGV routes, weight limits, permits, lighting, dust. There are no quick fix answers, but many are working with the relevant agencies: port authorities, environment agency, DVLA, North Lincs Council Highways, Natural England and the like, to try to find lawful ways to solve the problems, without putting anyone at risk of arrest.

So interesting times, both for our parish and those that surround us.

I personally would like to thank Jim – my vice-chair this last year, who is very knowledgeable and has been very supportive. And last, and most importantly, I would like to thank Candace, our wonderful clerk. Candace is simply worth her weight in gold. Her knowledge and experience serves to keep us on track, on budget and under control. She works so incredibly hard for everyone, and the Parish Council would not be where it is today without her input – her passport to leave the area has definitely been cancelled.

## **Responsible Financial Officers Report**

You should all have sight of the balance sheet for last year, which is the back page of the sheets that you have on your seats.

As you can see, the income and expenditure increased quite considerably last year from the previous year, which is due to the parish council being very fortunate to receive numerous grants from NLC and Grange Windfarm together totalling over £20,000. These covered new equipment on the playing field, the interactive speed cameras along with reseeding of the playing field and bus shelter repairs. Without these grants, the parish council would not be able to make so many improvements.

A grant is also received annually from NLC for the cutting of the grass verges, which means that the parish council can keep an eye on them and get them cut as and when they are needed.

When the Grounds Maintenance Operative resigned in October it was agreed to not employ another one until April, which made a saving in staff costs.

By the year end, you can see there was an increase in the reserves from the previous year. The councillors have agreed to put £58,695 into earmarked reserves, leaving £45,809 in general reserves. Some of these earmark reserves will be spent in the next financial year on improvements to the area, whilst others will be kept in reserve for when the grounds maintenance equipment and other items need to be replaced. This year's budgeted expenditure is £108,316 and the financial reserves policy states that 6 months' worth of the precept should be kept in general reserves which would be £42,466, so with £45,809 kept there, the council is within this amount.

Are there any questions on the accounts?

### Balance Sheet

	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	£81,290	£93,399
<b>Income</b>		
Precept	£72,951	£77,502
Newsletter	£210	£140
Grants	£7,146	£22,816
Allotments	£640	£600
Burial Ground	£6,170	£2,750
Burton Playing Field	£1,520	£2,752
NLC Grass verge cutting grant	£19,625	£20,212
Other Income	£100	£52
VAT reclaimed	£7,545	£11,561
Bank Interest	£163	£721
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£116,070</b>	<b>£139,106</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Staff Costs	£40,090	£40,732
Administration	£20,885	£38,082
Grounds Maintenance	£26,260	£28,071
Allotments	£253	£200
Burial Ground	£869	£453
Events	£115	£0
Burton Playing Field	£6,564	£8,012
Village Hall	£989	£1,162
Thealby Play Area	£244	£196
VAT paid	£7,692	£11,092
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£103,961</b>	<b>£128,000</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>£93,399</b>	<b>£104,505</b>

In 2023/2024 the following grants were received:

NLC	Support	£1,422
	Interactive Speed Signs	£13,730
	Pull-up bars	£4,418
	Coronation bookmarks	£193
Grange Windfarm	Reseeding of playing field	£1,990.00
	Burial Ground bench	£882
	Installation of defibrillator	£78.00
	Bus shelter repairs	£3,420

## **Village Hall Report For 2024 Annual Meeting**

It has been a busy year!

The following projects have been completed:

- a new boiler system
- new timers in the kitchen
- a number of joists under the hall floor replaced
- surface cracks filled in
- some minor replastering to sections of wall and ceilings
- cracks under and behind the stage monitored with 'tell tales' and appropriate remedial work then done, including repointing and pinning with steel bars
- mirrors and new fittings in the two accessible toilet cubicles
- new external noticeboard
- front external wall repointed and filled with lime mortar
- new, raised air brick in boiler wall
- new centre panelling in boiler house door
- new, wider door between foyer and Wedgwood Room to allow comfortable accessibility for all
- soakaways and drains inspected
- six-monthly maintenance of drains and soakaways
- internal doors to main hall have been renovated, including some rehangng, replacement of some hinges and more efficient draughtproofing

Projects would not have been possible without grants (some of which have been substantial).

Thank you to North Lincs Council (boiler and timers), Grange Windfarm (floor, surface and more major cracks, external repointing, boiler house door, air brick, wider access door, internal doors) and Quickline (external noticeboard, mirrors and fittings in accessible toilet cubicles).

Thank you to Mr Therm for fitting a new boiler and timers and to AJG services for doing the other jobs (other than noticeboard and toilet fittings which Penny Pringle did).

As grants have usually been 90% of the total, the Village Hall has paid the other 10% from its funds so it has been an expensive year but necessary and should reduce future expense.

There will be future projects to undertake as this is an old building and suffers wear and tear but we are having a hiatus – partly to get our breath back and partly to build up our funds again.

The Christmas Fayre, held in December, was well attended and successful. The date for the 2024 Fayre will be Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please put the date in your dairy.

A big thank you to the Village Hall Committee for its support, to Penny for her advice and support. And finally, to Candace whose help has been invaluable, especially in filling in grant forms!