Burton upon Stather Parish Council
Annual Parish Meeting
Held on Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 6pm in the Village Hall

Present:			
	Cllr Pringle (Chair)	Cllr Harber	Cllr Nicholson
		Cllr Raeburn	Cllr Webber

Also present: the Clerk and 33 members of the public/community groups.

1. Welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced herself and went through the housekeeping rules. She explained the format of the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

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 6th May 2025

Members had received the draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 6th May 2025 prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Webber, seconded by Cllr Raeburn and **RESOLVED** that they were a true and accurate record. The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Pringle.

It was agreed to let the community police officers speak, since they had to leave the meeting early

10. Presentations from local groups

PC 'Vinny' Moor & PCSO Chloe Sharp introduced themselves. They mentioned that they had now prioritised Burton & Winterton, due to concerns from residents and were aware of some youths from Scunthorpe that regularly visited the area on a green quad bike. Cllr Nicholson asked about an electric motorbike that was regularly seen on Stather Road. One resident thanked them for all that they do.

5. Parish Council Chair's Report

Cllr Pringle gave a verbal report on the work carried out by the Parish Council during the last year. (see attached report)

6. Responsible Financial Officer's Report

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

7. Report from Village Hall Management Committee

Julia Patterson (Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee) gave a verbal report on the work done at the village hall. She thanked the committee members for their support during the last year. When she took over as Chair, the hall looked tired, so they have cleaned the walls and floors and put up photographs taken by residents. Repairs have been made to the toilets, trees cut back to the boundaries and the roof in the Wedgewood room repaired. She thanked the parish council for its help with paying for some of these tasks. The building had a five-star score for food hygiene and more casual bookings were now being made due to increased publicity on social media and in the noticeboards. Over the summer months they hoped to sort out the heating temperatures, before the next repair is required.

8. Presentation from Casper River & Canal Transportation

Steve Abbott introduced himself and explained that the Casper River & Canal Transportation was mindful of the history of Kingsferry Wharf. Their aim is to transport most products by water but due to a barge recently being written off, some products were currently being transported by HGV. A few residents asked questions, expressing that their main concerns in the past had been the dust produced.

It is hoped that this should not occur again, since Casper were currently transporting bricks and bagged cement. Steve was open to receive any concerns regarding the wharf, since they wanted to work with the community and offered to be available after the meeting for any discussions.

9. Presentation from Dementia Direct North Lincs

Rosita Torraca introduced herself as Chair of the North Lincs Dementia Action Alliance. The group aims to make communities dementia friendly places and offer free training to become a dementia friend. She is also involved with Dementia Direct which supports people with dementia and tries to make all places accessible for everyone. She offered to provide further information after the meeting for anyone who was interested.

10. Presentations from local groups

Presentations were made from the following community groups: Burton in Bloom, the Allotments Association and Burton Bowls Club. They updated those present on the work they had done over the previous year, and all would welcome new members.

Burton School Council informed every one of the work they had been doing during the last year.

11. Questions from members of the public

There were no questions from the public. Ward Cllr Marper thanked the members of the parish council for all that they do in the community.

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

Cllr Pringle read out the nominations for the awards (see separate report). The Geoff Robinson Award was won by John Jarvis, who was unfortunately absent. It would be presented to him at a later date. The Peter Hearn Award was presented by Cllr Pringle to the Burton School Council.

13. Date of next meeting

A proposed date of Thursday 13th May 2027 was set for the next Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business, Cllr Pringle closed the meeting at 7.15pm

Chair's signature……

Date……

Chair's Report

At the end of another busy year, it is good to stop to take stock of what the last 12 months has dealt us. The highlight of the year has to be the fact that thanks largely to the work of our clerk, the Council was awarded the Silver Award under the Local Council Award Scheme in October. At the time we were only the second council in Lincolnshire to achieve this.

We have lost two councillors: Cllr. Mitchell and Cllr O'Roarty. As I said last year, we are a team who have the one aim of serving each and every resident of the parish, be they from Burton, Normanby or Thealby, and for that reason it is good that teams evolve. However, we can only serve what you consider to be your needs, if you tell us. There is time allocated at the start of each normal council meeting for residents to speak to us, but we are also all approachable and our contact details are on the website.

We are all volunteers with all work undertaken in our own time. This includes turning up in all weathers to attend meetings, then listening and working together to make decisions about our parish. Some of us attend other meetings and working groups, such as those for the Roxby Landfill meetings, Neighbourhood Action Team, Town and Parish Council Liaison Stop 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 Anne our grounds person, who despite still coping with ongoing issues with the equipment does a lot to try and make our village look beautiful.

Nearly every council meeting still has complaints aired about inconsiderate or dangerous parking, as well as frequent complaints about dog owners allowing their dogs to run loose on the playing field

despite signage saying ‘No Dogs’ and ‘Dogs must be on leads’ with owners who often fail to see it is their responsibility to clear up their dog’s mess. In their own ways both of these scenarios are potentially dangerous to the well-being of other village residents, and despite the efforts of many the situation doesn’t improve – indeed some dog owners are known as they are abusive to other residents.

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

- Planning applications
- Potholes – everywhere and seeming to get worse
- Road surfaces that need replacing – but since last year the other part of Thealby has been resurfaced.
- Speeding motorists and the like: We now have 6 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 been other issues that we have helped flag up and get dealt with during the year. In no particular order, these include:

- On-going development of the relationship with the footballers and the role of the playing field – a field that is there for everyone, including the installation of the storage container down there.
- The use of the Pavilion as a school for a few secondary age children which seems to be very successful
- Investigation of traffic awareness lights outside the school – which will get done soon.
- The purchasing and installation of various community improvements for which grants have been needed, such as work at the Village Hall, repairs to the play equipment on both the playing field and Thealby play area, various repairs to items of equipment and equipment maintenance. This has meant a lot of extra work for Candace – she is an expert at grant applications!!
- Still monitoring the North Lincs Green Energy Park development to make sure they don’t deviate from the plans.
- A key issue that continues to affect everyone – The Wharf’s operations and the many problems this has caused, though since Kaspar have been managing the site, the problems seem to be less, and at least they will now communicate with us!!
- And the main problem this year, which started in June last year, that is causing severe headaches and misery to our Thealby residents, the development of Overhalls on Carr Lane, that hasn’t had any planning permission, which they are hoping to sneak through despite EVERYONE’S objections, with a change of focus to the original application that is getting lost in the passing of time.

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

I personally would like to thank Jim and latterly Cathy – my vice-chairs this last year, who have 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.

Penny Pringle (Chair)

Responsible Financial Officers Report

You should all have a copy of the balance sheet for the last financial year, with the sheets that you have on your seats.

This year the income and expenditure decreased from the previous year, since there were less projects carried out by the parish council. However, this does not mean that the councillors were sitting around doing nothing within the community. The grant of £12,000 from Fern Community Fund, which is due to having the windfarm so close to the parish, was given again, and so far it has been

spent on upgrading the electrics for the Christmas tree lights, replacement posts for the Normanby village signs, (which had begun to rot) and replacement wet pour at Thealby Play Area. There is still some funding left for this year, so if any community groups require funding, please do contact the council. If it is not spent, then it may not be given in the future, so it is essential that the parish continues to benefit from this additional funding.

A grant was also received from NLC for the cutting of the grass verges, and this summer, the parish council will also be responsible for the cutting of the public rights of way and weed spraying the road edges and footpaths. So, if you are walking these areas and they seem to be a little overgrown, please let us know.

A regular hirer at the pavilion has continued throughout 2025/26 and this has helped to cover the costs of inspections and maintenance. For 2026/27, some of this income has been included in the budget which has helped to keep the precept down and reduces any increase in the parish council's portion of the council tax.

To keep the public money safe, there are four councillors who overlook the accounts every three months, checking that the invoices have been paid correctly and reported to council as well as checking that all income expected has been received. Once a year the accounts are thoroughly examined by the independent internal auditor and then sent off to the external auditor. In 2024/25 there were no concerns with the accounts from the auditors, and the 2025/26 accounts have already been received back from the internal auditor. They will be forwarded to the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn later this month, once they have been signed off by the parish council.

At the end of the financial year on 31st March, the council was in a good financial position. The Fern Community Fund still had £11,469 left (although some of that has now been spent) and the grant from NLC for the grass verges was underspent by £4,239. Both have been allocated into earmark reserves for this financial year and in particular, the grass verge grant will be used if any extra cuts are required on the public rights of way. Other funding has also been placed in earmark reserves for expenditure this year, in case it is required, leaving £46,000 in general reserves as set out in the Financial Reserves policy.

The parish council is currently in a safe financial position and all going well should continue in this way.

	2024/25	**2025/26**
Opening Balance	**£104,505**	**£120,184**
Income		
Precept	£84,933	£90,788
Newsletter	£270	£25
Grants	£28,902	£794
Allotments	£590	£675
Burial Ground	£5,880	£3,260
Burton Playing Field	£3,083	£7,364
NLC Grass verge cutting grant	£20,212	£20,212
Grange Windfarm grant	£12,000	£12,000
Other Income	£600	£194
VAT reclaimed	£14,470	£6,973
Bank Interest	£948	£3,864
Total Income	**£171,888**	**£146,149**

Expenses		
Staff Costs	£49,467	£55,353
Administration	£44,101	£23,999
Grounds Maintenance	£29,268	£24,292
Allotments	£200	£226
Burial Ground	£527	£714
Events	£79	£620
Burton Playing Field	£17,197	£14,023
Village Hall	£578	£2,160
Thealby Play Area	£0	£356
VAT paid	£14,792	£8,135
Total Expenditure	**£156,209**	**£129,878**
Closing Balance	**£120,184**	**£136,455**

In 2025/2026 the following grants were received:

NLC	Support	£551
	In Bloom	£243
Grange Windfarm	Community Grant	£12,000

Community Awards Report

Nominations for the Geoff Robinson Award

1. **Denise Foster**

I would like to nominate Mrs Denise Forster for the Geoff Robinson Award. Denise is a lovely, kind person who quietly helps and supports her neighbours and friends, some of whom are quite elderly and frail. She cooks them dinners, ensures they have the right medication and that they can get to doctors' appointments and brings them shopping. Her support has been invaluable in ensuring that one of her neighbours has been able to stay in her own home during her recovery from life threatening sepsis. Denise is one of those people whose quiet thoughtfulness forms the backbone of our community. I believe she fully deserves this award in recognition of her contributions to her neighbourhood as it is people like Denise who help to make our parish such a beautiful place in which to live.

2. **John Jarvis**

I wish to nominate John Jarvis for this award. John is one of those people who is always ready and prepared to help others but doesn't make a fuss about what he does and doesn't seek any reward. He is a great help to many of our elderly residents, including taking them to appointments (both inside and outside the village) and enabling them to attend social events in the village, including coffee at Westlands club, cards and dominoes at the bowls club and informal coffee at the church on Post Office day. Without John to help, a number of our elderly residents would be severely restricted in what they could do. He supports much of what is going on in the village and is always positive in outlook. I think he is a great supporter of what village organisations are doing (a contrast to some

people who only seem to appear when they wish to moan or complain). I think he would be a worthy recipient of this award.

3. **Malcolm & Glenys Plaskitt**

We would like to like to nominate Malcolm & Glenys Plaskitt. In Covid, they cooked meals for the elderly in the village and delivered the meals. This has carried on, since they raise money for charity and host a variety of functions at their home. No one is left on their own. Malcolm is a keen gardener and delivers fresh produce to us and lots of neighbours. Malcolm has just reached the young age of 80 but they both love helping everyone and we think they deserve an award.

Nominations for the Peter Hearn Award

1. **Burton Primary School Council**

We are delighted to nominate our School Council for a Parish Council Award in recognition of their outstanding contributions to our school, charity organisations and the wider community.
Our council is made up of 2 children from each year group from Year 1 through to Year 6. At the beginning of the year, they together set the aims of the council; To raise money for charity, organise school events, and help our community. They have done a fantastic job so far and have so many more ideas they would like to accomplish.
The School Council has consistently demonstrated dedication, initiative, and a strong sense of responsibility. They have played a key role in raising money for charitable causes, raising over £500 this school year for different charities! This includes holding a pyjama day for Children in Need and a "Wear Red" day for Comic Relief.
Their fundraising efforts have also directly benefited the school, supporting projects and improvements that enhance the experience of all pupils. For World Book Day, they held various book stalls to raise funds which were used to replenish the library with new and exciting books. They have also recently organised an Easter raffle which raised £198 for the school, this funded Easter craft afternoons for each of our classes throughout the school which were very well attended by families. This great community spirit really makes our school council stand out.
Beyond the school, the Council are currently organising an upcoming school fair, "B Fest," which promises to be a wonderful celebration for families and community members alike. Furthermore, they are excited to support the community by attending the upcoming Burton in Bloom event. They are full of enthusiasm with their ideas for their stall.
The School Council serves as an inspiring example of young people making a meaningful difference. Their hard work and community spirit make them truly deserving of this recognition.
We wholeheartedly recommend them for this award.