

BURBAGE PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of a meeting held on 11th February 2008

Those present

J Powell, T Parmenter, J Acheson, F Jeffrey, C Wheeler, M Hamer, N Venters, G Terry, B Wheeler, S Gray, M Bird, K Amis

Apologies

County Councillor R Hall, District Councillor S Wheeler, P Burt

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2008 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

Bus shelter at Seymour Pond: The Parish. Council has received a letter from Kennet D.C. stating that no planning permission is necessary for the demolition of the bus shelter. It was proposed by J Acheson and seconded by C Wheeler that the shelter is demolished and a board fence be put up at the back of the space left. This was agreed unanimously.

Recreation Ground

Seymour pond: The grant offered by Kennet D.C. is still available for the first part of the work being undertaken. We hope this work will start as soon as possible.

Village Hall

Our representatives had nothing to report

Planning Matters

The Parish Council had no objections to the following applications.

K/58073/TR2

Site at Burrows Drove

Reduction of one large Holly Tree

K/58051/F

Springfield Cottage

The erection of an extension and alterations to existing dwelling

K/58077/TR2

Pike Cottage

A 40% reduction to two unspecified trees

K/58064/LBC

218 High St, Burbage

Alterations including new staircase, damp proofing and other internal works

K/58071/F

217 High St, Burbage

Formation of new vehicular access

Kennet D.C. give full planning permission for replacement of existing single storey rear extension with new two storeys and single storey extension at 33 East Sands

Finance Matters

It was proposed by B Wheeler and seconded by S Gray that the following cheques be paid

900178 - D V Sawyer (Clerks salary) £193.75

900179 - D V Sawyer (Postage) £2.88

900180 - Church Centre (Hire of hall by Parish Council) £99.00

900181 - Chris Wheeler Construction (Supply signs for play area) £47.00

Cheque already drawn and paid:

900177 – K.D.C. (Ground maintenance) £833.36

Correspondence

Letter received from Wiltshire C.C. regarding “Love food hate waste” leaflet distributed.

Letter received from Wiltshire C.C. giving dates of various meetings in the county regarding “One County for Wiltshire”. Councillors J Powell M Hamer and S Gray hope to attend the meeting in Marlborough.

Application received from K.D.C. concerning a cleansing grant. This has been completed and we hope we will be granted a sum towards the Seymour Pond project and the Village Litter pick up. Entry form received for Best Kept Village competition. We will try once again.

Public Forum

There were two members of the public present.

N Barker who spoke on village hall matters. The Parish Council informed her that village hall reports should come from our two representatives.

Mr Gavin Kitchen brought up the subject of the traffic lights at Burbage Wharf bridges. He thought the system was much safer and asked if the council would consider it a permanent arrangement. Mr J Powell thought the system was excellent and working well. However after a full and frank discussion the majority of Councillors were against the idea. Worries about traffic back up during the summer months being the main reason.

Mr Kitchen then spoke about a Burbage Webb site. He was aware that one already existed but said it was not updated. He is prepared to set up a Webb Site and be prepared to run and manage it free of cost. After discussion all Councillors thought it a good idea. The chairman will arrange for Mr Kitchen and Colin Younger to get together. Mr G Kitchen is the partner of Councillor Sue Gray.

Any Other Business

It was agreed that the Village “Litter Pick Up” day would be Saturday March 15th. Meet at Village Hall at 10.00 am.

The footpath warden has been to inspect the footpath by the side of Seymour Pond. She suggests that clean limestone should be laid. The District Council would pay for the materials if the Parish Council would pay for labour. The Council will accept this proposal

Sue Gray gave a report on the Swindon and Marlborough NHS Trust and its application to become a Foundation Trust:

The consultation period ended on 30th September 2007. A new name has been chosen for the hospital when it achieves Foundation status – Swindon Great Western NHS Foundation Trust. Currently 2000 people are registered as members but the target is to get 3000 members. Anyone who lives in the catchment area can apply to become a member. A Council of Governors will need to be elected from membership before Foundation Trust is approved. As a rural community it is important that we have as many members as possible to represent our local needs. Is there someone within our community who would be prepared to put their name forward as a possible governor?

The next meeting will be on Monday 9th March 2008