

BURBAGE PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of a meeting held on 14th April 2008.

Those present

J Powell T Parmenter J Acheson F Jeffrey C Wheeler M Hamer N Venters B Wheeler S Gray M Bird P Burt G Terry

Apologies

K Amiss

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2008 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

Bus shelter at Seymour Pond. The old shelter has now been taken down and we are now awaiting the erection of a board fence. Meeting with representative of Queensbury Shelters was held and the new area marked out. Costs for repainting to moss green were too prohibitive. A full return at one end was feasible and will be done at a cost of £270.

The enquiry into footpath 6 is ongoing. A meeting was held on site with representatives of Wiltshire who will now contact residents who gave evidence long ago.

As yet the laying of scalpins along footpath by Seymour Pond has not yet been done.

The Village Litter Pick Up was very successful. 34 people turned out and a good job was done by all. The Parish Council would like to thank all those people who turned out.

The Parish Council confirmed their earlier decision to ask the bus company to remove the bus stop opposite the post office and use the one further to the north where there is a shelter.

Recreation Ground.

Seymour pond work was now completed.

The chairman reported of a meeting held with two mothers involved in the Toddler Group, J Acheson and the Parish Clerk. They said government grants were available for projects like play areas. They asked if the Council if they would support their application. It was agreed that they would select items they would like in the play area and we would get the quotations which would enable them to fill in the application forms.

Village Hall

Our representatives stated that options to buy extra land had incurred legal costs of £2500.

The committee had met several architects to discuss plans. M Hamer expressed his concern over the small number of Trustees and that some members had a declared interest. It was further reported that the Chair and Treasurer of the Village Hall were saying the District Councillor S Wheeler was not correct in his information about what Kennet would require with regard to consultation and voting. After a discussion The Parish Council agreed a letter should be written to Kennet to clarify the situation. The Parish Council had received details of The Village Hall AGM on Monday 28th April. As many people as possible had been urged to attend.

Planning Matters

The Parish Council accepted the report of the planning sub committee as attached.

The council had no objections to the following

K/58473/LBC All Saints Church Retrospective approval for the lowering of a chest tomb.

Concerning application K/58350F 55 High St. Demolition of existing workshop and replacement with new antique furniture workshop.

The chairman invited Mr B Hartt to speak on behalf of Mr Collins and others not present. Mr Hartt gave objections to the plans stating much noise would be created and that the building was too high. Also resident said windows would overlook her garden Mr S Cook, the applicant, replied to these comments and gave a brief resume of the history of the site. And stated a workshop had always been on the site. A general discussion took place where questions were asked and answered. It was decided to agree to a proposal from Mr C Wheeler that a site meeting should take place. This would be Thursday 17th April for Council Members only and the applicant.

Finance Matters

It was proposed by G Terry and seconded by C Wheeler that the following cheques be paid

900186	D V Sawyer	Clerks salary	£200.00
900187	D V Sawyer	Stationary & postage.	£20.80
900188	Kennet District Council	Ground Maintenance Jan/Feb/Mar	£833.36
900189	Last Landscaping.	Work at Seymour Pond.	£315.00
To agree estimates for the following.			
Morgan & Denny	Footpath maintenance.		£1200.00+VAT
Last Landscaping.	Work to demolish bus shelter etc.		£570
Kennet D.C.	Ground Maintenance.		£3191.00+VAT

To receive renewal quotations for our annual insurance policy of £629.95. Our new bus shelters will be added to the policy for an additional premium to be advised.

A finance meeting was arranged but subsequently altered to Friday 2nd May at 17 Martingale Rd.

Correspondence

Kennet District Council has replied to our letter requesting more or larger litterbins to be in the village. They stated that any litterbin that was causing a problem by over filling could possibly be removed. No new or larger litterbins will be supplied.

Wiltshire C.C. advised date of meeting of Annual Highways Maintenance. Mr J Powell will attend.

Letters from Wessex Downs and Wiltshire Wayfarer were received and were available to interested councillors.

The Council had received three complaints about bon fires (one anonymous) being lit on sunny days. The school had to keep children in class one day because of the smoke. An item is to be placed in the village newsletter reminding people to be considerate in this respect.

Public Forum

There were six members of the public present who were interested in the planning application and who left after that item

Any Other Business

A working party at Seymour Pond was arranged for 6pm on 24th April.

M Hamer asked if the council would be consulted about the Kennet Plan. He was informed we would. P Burt said he had been asked to say how polite and helpful the connect bus drivers were.

The next meeting will be on Monday 12th May 2008 and is the AGM.