

BURBAGE PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of a meeting held on 12th January 2009.

Those present

J Powell T Parmenter F Jeffrey M Hamer C Wheeler
G Terry M Bird B Wheeler District Councillor S Wheeler

Apologies

C.C. R Hall P Burt, N Venters, S Gray

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2008 were signed and approved.

Matters Arising

There is still a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. M Hamer reported that Mr K Copp had shown some interest and Mr D Butler. The council said that potential candidates should be told to write in putting their name forward.

Recreation Ground

Nothing to report

At this point the chairman invited our policeman Constable M Bayliss to give his report. There had been an attempt at fraud recently in the village, also several thefts. He has had no joy in apprehending the bike riders who drive over the roundabout. It was reported to him about boys riding on scooters without lights and also about Hare Coursing gangs who were trespassing on land.

Village Hall

The committee would like to thank Mrs G Terry for donating the Christmas tree. The committee had met with the new chairman of the sports club. It is hoped an agreement can be reached for the way ahead. Applications are in for two possible grants, for double glazing and the floor. There will be a Sunday Picnic in the Village hall on the 1st February 2009.

Planning Matters

The Parish Council accepted the planning sub committees report as attached.

Finance Matters

To approve the following cheques

900224.	D V Sawyer	Clerks salary.	£200.00
900225	D V Sawyer	Stationary.	£1.40
900226	Kennet District Council	Ground Maintenance	
		Oct/Nov/Dec	£917.41
VAT returned £1197.11			
900227	Queensbury Shelters	Bus shelter repair.	£289.35

Due to vandalism damage done to one of the bus shelters on New Years Eve the Parish Council has incurred costs of £246.26 ex Vat to have the two pains of glass replaced.

The Parish Council would point out that this cost has to come out of our precept, i.e. your council tax. If anyone sees incidents like this would they please report it to the police immediately.

Correspondence

The letter received from Wiltshire C.C. regarding area boards was discussed. M Hamer reported he had written a letter to Wiltshire requesting that Burbage /Bedwyn area should be aligned with Pewsey rather than Marlborough. This was the case for Burbage many years ago. S Wheeler reported that he supported this idea and also that County Councillor R Hall fully backed the proposal. However the other Parishes in our group would all have to agree. M Hamer is to write to Wiltshire again and contact the other Parishes for their views.

Public Forum

None

Any Other Business

None

The next meeting will be on Monday 9th February 2009.