

BURBAGE PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of a meeting held on 9th March 2009.

Those present

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

Apologies

County Councillor R Hall

Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2009 were signed and approved.

Our community policeman was in attendance and on invitation from the Chairman gave a report. He stated that the police were reorganising and that he would no longer be our policeman after April 1st. It is most likely we will be attached to Pewsey However he was asked to check on illegal parking in East Sands and youngsters on motorbikes congregating at Seymour Pond.

The Chairman then invited District Councillor S Wheeler to report as he had another meeting later on. Stuart reported that this would be his last meeting as District Councillor. Because of unity there would be no Kennet Councillors. He said he had checked up that the caravan on the S bend had been inspected and was not being used for living accommodation. Area Boards: It was likely that our request to be aligned to Pewsey would be granted but Shalbourne were objecting and needed to agree to make this certain. All other parish councils in our group were in favour.

The Chairman thanked S Wheeler for all his work and help during his time as a District Councillor.

Matters Arising

Regarding the BMX cycle track. We have heard nothing further from Carter Jonas.

We have received a copy of a letter written by Brew Commercial to Seawards concerning our £6000 owed and the handing over the Martingale Estate to Kennet. A reply has been received from Seawards stating they will be in touch with Kennet to arrange handover and regarding our £6000 they will be checking their records. We wait further.

Letter received from Wiltshire C.C. in answer to our letter concerning new systems for planning. They concede that it may not be possible to have every contact "on line" but they would encourage councils to move over to electronic systems.

Recreation Ground

The Burbage Baby & Toddler Group reported that the new play equipment being purchased from the grant from the Millennium Millions would be installed from 30th March. This will take approximately three weeks. It is the intention of the group to "gift" the equipment to the Parish Council but this cannot take place until after 30th September. Meanwhile the Parish Council has agreed to ask our insurers to add The Group to our policy in respect of this new equipment until September when we will take it over.

Village Hall

At the February meeting a new chairman for the Sports Club was introduced. Agreement has now been reached for Sports Club rent. Hall bookings are up on last year.

A grant has been received for kitchen refurbishment, which has started. Also a grant for double-glazing has been granted.

Planning Matters

It was reported that the planning application for an extension at 22 Eastcourt had gone to regulatory committee and had been approved subject to conditions.
55 High Street Kennet approved.

Finance Matters

To approve the following cheques

900230	J Acheson	Burbage newsletter expenses	£42.00
The above cheque already approved.			
900231.	D V Sawyer	Clerks salary.	£200.00
900232	D V Sawyer	Postage/ telephone.	£14.32

Correspondence

A letter from Wiltshire C.C. has been received in answer to our letter concerning the road clearance during the recent bad weather. This letter gave a long resume' of the county councils work during this time and the difficulties encountered. However the Highway Engineer for winter maintenance has discussed the High St, Sprays in Burbage with the area officer requesting that they inspect and treat it when conditions are poor and resources available.

A letter has been received from Wiltshire Police stating that Inspector Noble has driven forward a reorganisation Police sergeant B D Braine is supervising the Neighbourhood Police Team. He can be contacted on Ben.braine@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Public Forum

None

Any Other Business

The footpath warden is meeting with C Brennan to discuss arrangements to improve the footpath by Seymour pond.

C Wheeler was thanked for arranging the hedges to be cut along the footpath by Seymour Pond. A letter to be written to County Highways about rain water from the road running into the pond, K Copp raised the point about dirt and leaf build up alongside the High St. This is the responsibility of Highways.

Several councillors raised the problem of the condition of the section of the A338 by the S bends. Repairs had taken place but only lasted a week or two. The Chairman said that the A338 was in the current budget for a complete repair.

The question of why the trees in Webbs Way had been cut down. We to write to ask

A question was raised about tree work at Manor House in the High ST. Concern was raised that trees were being cut down or back without planning permission. However it was reported that the work done was necessary due to disease. The work was being carefully done and it is hoped will cure the problem.

The next meeting will be on TUESDAY 14th April 2009.