

BURBAGE PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of a meeting held on 14th April 2009.

Those present

J Powell T Parmenter F Jeffrey M Hamer C Wheeler K Copp J Acheson
G Terry B Wheeler S Gray County Councillor R Hall

Apologies

M Bird N Venters P Burt.

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

Matters Arising

Regarding the BMX cycle track. The chairman reported that a meeting is to be held on 23rd April with AL Hannagan Crown estates representative and a rep. from Carter Jonas.

A letter received from Wiltshire Council in answer to our letter asking for a barrier to be put up at the Henrys Garth end of footpath from the recreation ground. This matter has been referred to Mr Peter Binley of Highways Network Maintenance for attention

We have received a letter from Wiltshire Council regarding our request for Directional Signs to Burbage School. This will be added to the list for consideration during this financial year although no specific time was given.

Letter received from Wiltshire Council answering our letter concerning water running off the road into Seymour Court. This has been passed to the Marlborough Office to respond.

Letter received from Wiltshire Council reminding us that permission for tree work at Manor House Farm has been given in 2007

Councillors were reminded of the Summer Fair to be run by the school in June. It was suggested that the Parish Council run a stall and display a board detailing the business of Parish Council.

Recreation Ground

The new equipment has been installed and was in use from Sunday 12th April. It seems to be widely appreciated and used. The Burbage & Baby Toddler Group had to arrange material damage insurance from 10th April until 30th September at a cost of £66. As it was hoped that the Parish Councils insurance would cover this period, but in the end did not, the Parish Council agreed to pay the £66. Signs will have to be put in place with details of who to contact if equipment is broken or an injury occurs. Also signs stating no dogs or glass to be allowed in the fenced off area.

Village Hall

It was reported that agreement has been reached with the sports club over rent. Bookings were up.

There will be a lunchtime jazz concert in October and the Brass Band will play at Christmas. £5000 grant has been received towards double-glazing and application for a grant towards a new floor has been sent in.

Planning Matters

The Parish Council had no objections to the following.

E/09/0369/FUL The Beeches 101 High St. Proposed extension and associated works.

E/09/0363/LBC 103 High St. Alterations and partial reconstruction of existing two storey rear extension and demolition etc.
E/09/0215/TCA The Beeches 101 High St. permission given to work on trees.
E/09/0395/CLE Brimslade Farm Wootton Rivers. Certificate of Lawfulness. Existing use.
E/09/0352/FUL Dragonwell 114 High St. Proposed pitch roof extension with first floor gallery linked to existing cottage by single storey flat roofed parapet extension.
E/09/0351/LBC

The Parish Council considers that the roof of this extension should be thatched. This is a listed building in a conservation area and is one of the oldest properties in the village. In reaching this decision the Parish Council have taken note of the comments made in the Design & Access statement and document No 2.

Finance Matters

To approve the following cheques.

900233.	D V Sawyer	Clerks salary.	£208.00
900234	D V Sawyer	Postage/ Ink cartridges.	£21.27
900235	G Pratt.	Cost of weed killer for Seymour Pond.	£213.50
900236	Kennet D.C.	Ground Maintenance	£917.41

Date of Finance Committee meeting fixed for Monday 20th April at 7.30pm at 17 Martingale.

Correspondence

An acknowledgement has been received for our entry into The Best Kept Village competition. Letter from Wiltshire Council re Wiltshire Local Transport Plan.

Letter from Wiltshire Council re Area Boards-Boundaries and Associated Matters. This confirms that Burbage and the Bedwyns electoral division now aligned with Pewsey

Public Forum

Mr S Wheeler was in attendance and spoke on planning matters. The existing District planning committee is continuing until elections in June.

Any Other Business

The question of footpath No5 was raised as it was hoped that this would have been approved by now. However the footpath warden is insisting it should be two meters wide. This does not meet with the approval of resident bordering the footpath or The Parish Council who says 1.2 metres is suitable. Country Councillor R Hall will take this up with County in the next day or two.

The parish Council would like to thank all those who turned out for the "litter" pick up. Also the Village Hall committee who served coffee and cake and made the morning a social occasion.

It was proposed we should ask highways if they would put up interactive signs in the High St, which showed what speed was being done.

It was agreed that Mr J Powell purchase stock of Round-Up.

M Hamer reminded councillors of the Village Hall AGM the next night. Also of a meeting will be held in Pewsey chaired by Mr Peter Deck, chairman of the Pewsey Area Board to introduce and explain the new system.

Mr A Parmenter asked if we could try again to get permanent skips for cardboard and plastic in the village. We will write.

Councillor Brig R Hall announced that this would be his last meeting with us. In the June elections he is standing in a different area. The chairman thanked him on behalf of all the council for all the time and support he has given us over the past four years.

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th May 2009.