

BURBAGE PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of a meeting held on 11.th May 2009.

Those present

M Hamer J Powell T Parmenter F Jeffrey C Wheeler K Copp J Acheson
G Terry B Wheeler S Gray M Bird N Venters P Burt
Apologies: None

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2009 were signed and approved as a true record.

The councillors, led by J Acheson, paid tribute to John Powell retiring chairman of the council after 25 years. All councillors collectively and individually thanked him for his work, interest and energy. The council was glad that he would continue as vice-chairman.

Matters Arising

M Hamer and S Gray attended a meeting of the Pewsey Area Board chaired by Mr P Deck. They said the meeting was very useful and were made most welcome. It would seem we would benefit by being with the Pewsey Board rather than Marlborough.

Regarding the BMX cycle track. The vice-chairman reported that a meeting was held on 23rd April with AL Hannagan Crown estates representative and three members of the crown estate office and a rep. from Carter Jonas. They inspected several sites around the village, which might be suitable for such a venture. In principal they agreed with the idea. They will let us know in due time their decision.

Concerning the barrier at the footpath at Henrys Garth we have received a letter informing us that this will be done within the next 6 to 8 weeks.

Letter received from Wiltshire Council answering our letter concerning water running off the road into Seymour Court. Investigations in the area of the lower High Street have taken place and it is confirmed that there is only one gully which directly outfalls into the pond, which already has a " sump " to collect silt. All other gullies are linked back in to the main storm water carrier running down the centre of the High Street. Therefore minimal highway pollutants should be carried into the pond.

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

Recreation Ground

There had been a problem with vandalism of the new equipment. The incident was reported to the police but they were not very helpful and it was difficult to get any response. The council will write to Inspector Noble and the Police Authority.

There was also a problem with the ground safety equipment. Does not seem to be up to standard?

Village Hall

The AGM had been a successful meeting. Bookings were up and the next meeting is the 20th May. There has been an offer to buy 4 acres of Barn Meadow with a covenant not to build.

Planning Matters

Application for Dragonwell 114 High Street has been referred to committee.

103 High Street. Plans have been withdrawn.

Old Vicarage. Single storey extension and new garage. The council delayed a decision, as they believed the plans were incomplete. The Chairman to contact the council to clarify.

Finance Matters

The council considered the finance committees report as attached.

The following cheques have already been approved.

900237 The Burbage Toddler Group. For insurance of new play equipment.

The following cheques were approved.

900238	D V Sawyer	Clerks salary.	£208.00
900239	D V Sawyer	Telephone.	£ 9.25
900240	Morgan & Denny	Footpath grass cutting	£483.00
900241	Allianz Ins. Plc	Annual Insurance policy	£826.58
900242	Community First	Annual Fee.	£ 36.00

The annual accounts were then presented and Mr K Amiss, internal auditor gave an explanation. The chairman requested that councillors study the accounts, which will be put before the next meeting for approval. A vote of thanks was given to J Acheson and K Amiss for their work.

Public Forum

Mr S Wheeler was in attendance and spoke on planning matters. He informed us that 114 High Street had gone to committee and the plans had been approved. In future only the Council representative can take cases to committee. Parish Councils must notify the relevant Councillor of this within 21 days.

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 wanted a 1.5 metre width. She has now gone on holiday. The Parish Council will still try to negotiate a 1.2 metre width with the resident. We are to give it another month.

The results of the definitive map for footpath No6 have been received and the council agreed with its findings.

J Powell reported he had received a £10 donation towards the daffodil-planting scheme. Also a request from a resident for allotment ground. The clerk reported he also had received a similar request. An item would be posted in the newsletter and the website asking for any ground that could be used as allotments. If we get the go ahead for school directional signs, we will ask if the village hall could be signed as well.

J Acheson asked if the possible sponsoring of the roundabout could be put on next month's agenda.

Once again all councillors in their any other business comments expressed their thanks to John Powell for all his past years work.

The next meeting will be on Monday 8th June 2009.