

## BURBAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

### PRESENT

M. Hamer (Chairman), J. Acheson, M. Bird, K. Copp, F. Jeffrey, A Parmenter, J Powell (Vice-Chairman), G. Terry, B. Wheeler, also in attendance, Wiltshire Councillor S. Wheeler.

### 1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from P Burt, S Gray and N Venters.

### 2.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2009, were approved and signed as a true record.

### 3.0 MATTERS ARISING

Roundabout sponsorship: The Chairman is looking into this with Wiltshire Council although, at present, WC does not have a policy in place. S Wheeler agreed to raise this issue with them at an appropriate time.

Interactive Signs: The Police are taking this matter up.

Grit Bin for School: Martin Cook of Wiltshire Council has looked at the site and is of the opinion that a further bin is unnecessary as there are two other bins in close proximity. Councillor S. Wheeler will take this matter up with Wiltshire Council.

Summer Fete: The Chairman reported that arrangements had been made for the stall, but raffle prizes were needed and members were asked to make a donation.

Police Matters: A letter had been received from new area officer, Pc Derrick Foord from the Pewsey office. It was agreed to invite Pc Foord to a future meeting of the Council.

### 4.0 RECREATION GROUND

J Powell reported on a meeting held at the new play area, and more ground work has been carried out following this. More grass seed had been sown, a self closing gate had been ordered and the construction of a path for wheelchairs around the play area was in hand. He also reported on a meeting with Sarah Giddings and Pc Foord at the play area, and more police presence has been seen.

### 5.0 VILLAGE HALL

G Terry reported that Mr Hunt did not attend the last meeting of the committee. Tenders were out for electrical work. A darts tournament will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> July to raise funds. The Chairman said the lottery grant application which had been made did not materialize as monies were needed to fund the Olympic Games. After some discussion on the utility associated with the hall, Councillors were unanimous in agreeing that the Village Hall was a valuable community asset and provided a tangible benefit for the village.

## 6.0 FOOTPATH 6

There was some discussion with regard to the definitive width, following a vote it was agreed to raise no objections to WC's plans for a stopping off order.

## 7.0 PEWSEY AREA PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported that the first meeting of the Pewsey Area Board will be on 16<sup>th</sup> July. S Gray will represent the Parish Council on the Community Partnership. Councillor S Wheeler stated that the Area Board Agendas will be sent to all Parish Councils in the area.

## 8.0 PLANNING

Application for Dragonswell, High Street - approved.  
Application for The Beeches, 101 High Street - approved.

Application for full planning for single storey extension to existing garage forming a swimming pool and associated amenities, and erection of one additional garage at the Old Vicarage, Eastcourt - no objection.

Construction of replacement dwelling and covering parking barn at Firgreen Nursery - no objection.

Work to trees in conservation area, the complete removal of a large hedge situated between 145 and 151 High Street - no objection.

## 9.0 FINANCE MATTERS

The Finance report was agreed.

The following cheques were approved:-

900243	D V Sawyer	Clerk's salary
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J Acheson asked for permission to purchase a bucket of crystals to treat the weed in Seymour Pond. This was agreed. It was also agreed to slightly modify the presentation of the Council's financial figures.

## 10.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman welcomed back Councillor Stuart Wheeler who is now formally our Wiltshire Councillor.

Councillor Wheeler reported on the new method for processing Planning applications. When a new application is received, the Council (should we wish the matter to be referred to WC) must notify Councillor S Wheeler within 21 days. Councillor Wheeler explained that he would take up all such referrals but he would not always concur with the Parish Council's view.

J Powell reported that the barrier had been constructed at the entrance to the recreation ground at Henry's Garth.

M. Bird gave his apologies for the next meeting. He passed around copies of the Grafton Newsletter and asked if Burbage would be interested in contributing articles to this. It was agreed to invite Peter Vallis to the next meeting to discuss this.

G Terry asked if the metal from the old street name on Grafton Road could be removed. Councillor S Wheeler would look into this.

The Parking of cars at the Blackmans Lane access to the school prevented to coaches from turning, and it was agreed that an item be put in the parish newsletter asking residents not to park there.

A Parmenter spoke of grain lorries using the track at Wolfhall bridges, and Councillor S Wheeler said both bridges were certified to take the weight of heavy lorries.

K. Copp requested that motorists be asked to slow down, and ask people to take their litter home with them. J. Acheson to insert these points in next newsletter.

J. Powell reported the dumping of rubbish in the recycling area. Councillor S Wheeler will inquire as to the possibility of having bins for plastic and cardboard in the area permanently.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July.

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