

BURBAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on 13^h July 2009.

PRESENT

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

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from P Burt, C Wheeler M Bird.

2.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2009, were approved and signed as a true record.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

Summer Fete: The Chairman thanked all those who donated gifts for the raffle and thanked F Jeffrey and Felix who ran the raffle with great help from B Wheeler, M Bird. A sum of £291 was raised. A special thanks to Gavin who set up the display boards. We had a letter from the School thanking us for our support.

Interactive Signs: The results of the survey showed that although the traffic flow did not warrant permanent signs we did qualify for Interactive signs for a temporary period. But this will not happen until September.

.As there were two members of the public present, the Chairman, took the Public Forum item next.

Mr Marshall and Mr Wray both of Sadlers Way expressed concern about the proposed BMX track. They were concerned that a large permanent track would be erected in the village and the Council incurring a lot of expense. The chairman invited vice-chairman J Powell to answer. Mr Powell explained that what was proposed was a small temporary place for the local children to build their own dirt track. He advised that the crown estates were looking for a suitable site for this. Both members of the public were happy with this and left the meeting.

4.0 RECREATION GROUND

The official opening of the new play area will take place on Sunday the 4th August between 2.30pm and 4pm. Everyone is welcome, there will be refreshments and the ITV cameras will be there.

5.0 VILLAGE HALL

G Terry reported the electrical work was now completed. It is hoped that the kitchen will be finished next week. A reminder was given of the darts tournament this Sunday. The potential buyer for Barn Meadow seems to have gone away.

6.0 FOOTPATH

A copy of a letter from Wiltshire Council sent to the resident of Dolly Mixture Cottage has been received stating that work to improve the public footpath will be starting within the next few weeks.

7.0 PEWSEY AREA PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman reported that the first meeting of the Pewsey Area Board will be on 16th July. S Gray will represent the Parish Council on the Community Partnership. Councilor S Wheeler has been elected Vice-Chairman. Also a cabinet minister responsible for sport and leisure. As many residents as possible are urged to attend this meeting.

8.0 PLANNING

The Council accepted the planning sub committees report as attached.
E/09/0798/FUL 22 Eastcourt. Demolition of garage and erection of new garage and workshop with basement storage. The Council had no objections.
There had been an enquiry whether planning permission was needed for the erection of a barn. This it would seem is on G Weathfords property. J Powell to investigate..

9.0 FINANCE MATTERS

To consider three quotations received for the upgrading of footpath No2.

Gibbs Surfacing.	£6140
Brennans of Wiltshire.	£5709.
Chris Wheeler Construction.	£4315.83

All quotes excluding VAT.

The finance committee recommended acceptance of the Chris Wheeler Construction quote with the proviso that the work is completed by 14th September 2009.

The following cheques were approved:-

900245	D V Sawyer	Clerk's salary (2 months)	£416.00
900246	D V Sawyer	Printing, postage and ink cartridges.	£18.58
900247	Morgan & Denny	Footpath cutting.	£383.00
900248	Chris Wheeler Const.	Round up.	£79.06

It was proposed that the money raised at the Fete on the raffle should be split three ways. £100 each to The School, Village Hall and the Doctors Surgery. This was agreed.

It was suggested that in future the annual precept set by the Council should be published in full. All agreed.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter has been received from Brew Commercial enclosing a copy of letter from Seawards concerning our playground payment.

Wicksteed Playscopes have reminded us that our playground inspection is due. It was decided to have an accompanied inspection at a cost of £71.

A letter had been received from Mr R Lovell expressing concern at the car parking in the

High St. He has discussed the matter with the police who although sympathetic did not consider it dangerous but helped to slow traffic down. The Council debated this matter and concluded that as the police were not too concerned there was nothing the Council could do. The Council considered the matter for Wiltshire Highways to attend to.

11.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

F Jeffrey reported of receiving a complaint from a resident at the fete complaining of dog fouling by the hounds of the village hunt. It was felt as this was an emotive subject and as private dog owners are being urged to clean up, a letter should be written to the master of the hunt. The Chairman will write.

The seat in Suthmere drive donated by a resident has been vandalized. J Powell will speak to the resident concerned about what she would like done. The Council want the bench replaced and will consider contributing to the cost.

G Terry reported that a resident asked if a map of the footpaths could be displayed on the notice board so people can see where about footpaths are being improved.

A Parmenter enquired about the result of the Best Kept Village Competition. The Clerk announced he had just received a letter advising that we Burbage had come third. The letter did not say who came first or second.

J Powell announced that he had obtained agreement from Seymour Court that he could empty the recreation ground bin in their bins.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 14th September 2009.