

BURBAGE PARISH COUNCIL

Before the meeting started the Chairman announced that the Council wanted to present Councillor John Powell with a gift for all his services and work as Chairman of the Council over the past 25 years. He asked Councillor Frank Jeffrey to make the presentation. Councillor Jeffrey said that it had been a privilege to work with John over many years and Burbage had been very lucky to have had John as a Councillor and Chairman. He gave many instances of John's work and many humorous incidents which had occurred in the past. The Councillors warmly applauded Frank's remarks. John replied saying it was a complete surprise and thanked everyone for the thought.

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 14TH SEPTEMBER 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 C Wheeler, M Bird.

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor P Burt, Councillor S Wheeler. PC Derrick Foord

2.0 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2009, were approved and signed as a true record.

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM

None

5.0 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Interactive Signs: The signs were considered a success, but were not left up long enough. We are to write and ask if these signs can be put in the village on a regular rotational basis. The signs did reduce some speeding

5.2 A new seat in Suthmere Drive has been purchased, to replace the one vandalised recently. The cost of the seat is £542 inc VAT. The Parish will receive a donation of £100 from a resident and M Hines has very kindly agreed to pay half of the difference. The Parish Council would like to thank both these benefactors for their generous donations.

- 5.3 The Chairman congratulated the organisers of the official opening of the new recreation ground equipment.
- 5.4 The Chairman reported he had spoken to the Master of Hounds concerning the walking of the hounds through the village and the possible dog litter left. The Master reported that they all carried dog bags to deal with any mess and will ask his staff who accompanied the dogs to be extra vigilant.
- 5.5 Work on footpath No5 has not started yet. Still awaiting go ahead from Footpath Warden. Work on footpath No2 was near completion and was looking good.
- 5.6 Wicksteed did the inspection on our playground equipment and although we have not had an official report, a preliminary report has been received which shows work needed to be done in some areas - but nothing higher than a "Medium" "requirement was needed.

6. RECREATION GROUND

- 6.1 A complaint has been received from a resident in Henry's Garth about tree branches from trees of Parish Land overhanging her garden. The resident was prepared to deal with the problem at their cost but wanted permission to work from our side of the trees. The Parish Council would like to thank the resident for their offer and gave permission for them to work from our land - on the understanding that they disposed of the cuttings.

7.0 VILLAGE HALL

- 7.1 There was no official report as there has not been a Village Hall meeting.
- 7.2 The Chairman initiated a discussion on his paper outlining a suggested plan for raising funds to support the Hall's Long Term Maintenance (LTM) plan. The suggestion was that the Parish Council could increase its precept by a relatively modest amount and this would enable it to provide £2,000 towards a sinking fund which would be utilised to assist in replacing the flooring and, in some years time, the roof - both identified in the Hall's LTM - and ensure its long term future as a valuable and tangible asset for the village and its community. This would result in a rise in the precept of £2.59 per household and an overall increase on the Council Tax bill of 0.18% - under 5p per week for each household. A full and animated discussion followed with all Councillors giving their views. A proposal was put before the Council that ***"The Parish Council supports the Village Hall by increasing the precept by £2.59"*** this was seconded and put to the vote.

THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED BY EIGHT VOTES TO THREE.

8.0 PEWSEY AREA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP/AREA BOARDS

- 8.1 Councillor Sue Gray gave a very detailed and informative report of the meeting she attended of the Pewsey Area Community Partnership. Topics covered included:-

The 30mph stickers for wheelie bins have been approved. They will cost 58p each and we have ordered 150.

A community youth worker will be assigned to Burbage in the near future.

A skate board park is being considered and a site is being sought. Await a report.

An information centre has opened in Pewsey.

Any applications for grants must be in before November

The NHS are planning to hold a public meeting in Marlborough Town for people to air their views.

- 8.2 An initial meeting of the Pewsey Area Board had been held in July and been positively received. A variety of topics had been discussed and a range of concerns/suggestions raised. The next Area Board meeting was scheduled for 7.00 pm, 21st September in Great Bedwyn Village Hall (All are welcome to attend) and amongst other items to be discussed; traffic issues and refuse collection were priority issues on the Agenda.

9.0 PLANNING

- 9.1 The Planning sub committee reports were agreed. In addition, E/09/1133/FUL 3 Webbs Way: - First floor extension over existing footprint with front porch and garage extension. The Parish Council had no objection.

10.0 FINANCE MATTERS

- 10.1 The following Cheques have been approved and paid:-

900249	Burbage Village Hall.	£100	Share of Fete Raffle
900250	Burbage School	£100	Share of Fete Raffle
900251	Doctors Surgery	£100	Share of fete raffle
900252	Wicksteed	£71	Play Equipment Survey
900253	J Powell	Reimbursement- gift	£58
900254	G Pratt	Pond weed killer.	£213.50
900255	Falco UK Ltd	Roda Bench Seat	£542.80

- 10.2 It was proposed by Councillor A Parmenter and seconded by Councillor C Wheeler that the following cheques be paid:-

900256	D V Sawyer	Clerks salary	£208.00
900257	D V Sawyer	Postage/Stationary	£ 9.97
900258	Morgan & Denny	Footpath cutting	£483.00

- 10.3 The Parish Council has received a cleansing grant from Wiltshire Council of £400. It was suggested that this might be used to provide an enhanced notice board opposite Seymour Court.

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE.

11.1 Letter from Community First advising of AGM on 7th October.

12.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Councillor J Powell said he was looking for volunteers to help with daffodil planting on the verges at the northern end of the by-pass. The daffodils will be bought from donations received. There was a good response to this request and a date will be organised.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 12th October 2009, 7.00 pm at the Church Hall.

Councillors were asked to note that, due to a clash of dates over the Area Board meeting in November, the Parish Council meeting for that month will be on Tuesday, 10th November.

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