

## BURBAGE PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a meeting held on 12th OCTOBER 2009.**

#### **PRESENT**

M. Hamer (Chairman), J Powell (Vice- Chairman), J. Acheson, K. Copp, S Gray, F. Jeffrey, A Parmenter, B. Wheeler, N Venters C Wheeler, M Bird. Councillor S Wheeler. PC D Foord.

#### **1.0 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from G Terry. The chairman announced we had received a letter of resignation from Mr. P Burt.

#### **2.0 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009, were put before the meeting for approval but Councillors requested an amendment to item 7.2- to more fully reflect the context of the discussion.

In line four it was felt that an increase in the precept of £2,000 could not be described “ as a relatively modest amount “ It was agreed to delete these words. Also the vote on the resolution was defeated by nine votes to three, not eight to three. It was requested that a new paragraph 7.3 be inserted giving the suggestions made by Parish Councillors of other methods of raising money. A gift day was one suggestion, one Councillor volunteering to deliver leaflets round the village. A ‘New Floor ’ appeal was another suggestion. It was agreed to accept this amendment.

So with these amendments the minutes were approved and signed.

#### **3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None

#### **4.0 PUBLIC FORUM**

#### **5.0**

None

PC Derrick Foord was in attendance and the Chairman invited him to address the meeting. He apologized for not visiting us sooner. He started he was stationed at Pewsey Police Station and his assistant was PC C Nash. He gave details of his e-mail address and said this was the best way to contact him. The interactive speed signs would now be operated in villages on a rota basis. The letter received from residents of Ailesbury Way was given to him for action.

#### **6.0 MATTERS ARISING**

- 6.1 Interactive Signs: Covered by above.
- 6.2 A new seat in Suthmere Drive has arrived and is now ready to be sited in Suthmere Drive. The cost of the seat is £542 Inc VAT. The Parish will receive a donation of £100 from a resident and Mr M Hines has very kindly donated half of the difference. The Parish Council would like to thank both these benefactors for their generous donations.
- 6.3 Work on footpath No5 is expected to start next week.
- 6.4 Wicksteed did the inspection on our playground equipment and their report has been received. It was suggested that the recreation ground sub committee meet and decide on what can be done.

## **7.0. RECREATION GROUND**

No report

## **8.0 VILLAGE HALL**

It was reported that the Jazz Picnic Lunch event was poorly supported

## **9.0 PEWSEY AREA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP/AREA BOARDS**

There has been no meeting of the Community Partnership since our last meeting. The minutes of the Area Board Meeting have been circulated to all members. Particular note should be made of the exhibition on The Wiltshire Core Strategy in The Bouverie Hall in Pewsey on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009.

## **10.0 PLANNING**

Wiltshire Council has approved the following applications.

- E/09/0989/FUL The Old Vicarage. Single storey extension/swimming pool.
  - E/09/1009/FUL 81B Eastcourt, Single storey side extension.
  - E/09/1005/TCA 1 Meadow View. Work to trees
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  - E/09/1037/FUL Kinardstone Farm. New access.
  - E/09/1183/TCA Conifer Cottage. Fell 6 conifers.
- The Parish Council had no objection to the following.
- E/09/1266/TCA 39A Eastcourt Road. The felling of a leaning eucalyptus tree.

The chairman suggested that we introduce a Leading Councilor scheme. The Councilor (Vice Chairman, John Powell, had agreed to undertake this role) would look at the planning application with the Parish Clerk and decide whether a planning sub committee was needed to be called. This would only apply to very small and incidental applications. The Council decided to give it a trial run for a year.

## **11.0 FINANCE MATTERS**

10.1 The following Cheques were approved for payment: -

900259	D V Sawyer	Clerks salary	£208.00
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900260	D V Sawyer	Postage	£4.68
900261	Wiltshire Council	Ground maintenance 6 months	£1,840
900262	Wicksteed.	VAT payment.	£10.65
900263	Burbage PCC	Hire of Church Centre	£99.00
900264	Mazars	External Audit Fee.	£155.25

## 12.0 CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter received from Wiltshire Council granting directional signs to Burbage Primary School to be placed in the village. They will be placed directing people along Suthmere Drive and then into Ailesbury Way and Blackmans Lane. The cost of these signs including putting them up will be £328.37. The Parish Council agreed to have the signs put up.

## 13.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

J Powell reported that he had been speaking to M Rowlands about the proposed BMX cycle track. Mr. Rowlands said he would contact the Crown Agents on our behalf. The Clerk will write a letter asking him to do so. Concern was shown about the state of the weeds on the roadsides. S Wheeler promised to take this up with highways. Also reported the lack of attention given to reported mal functional of several streetlights. S Wheeler will also take this up with the proper department.

The next meeting will be held on TUESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 7.00 pm at the Church Hall.