

BURBAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BURBIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8TH MARCH 2010 AT BURBAGE CHURCH HALL, FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors Gray (Chairman), Acheson, Powell, Copp, Parmenter, Hamer, C Wheeler, Mrs Terry, Venters, Brown, Amiss and Ketchen.

Councillor S Wheeler (Wiltshire Council) and Mr D Francis (Acting Clerk).

24. APOLOGIES

Councillor B Wheeler-illness.

25. WELCOME TO THE NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

The chairman introduced and welcomed Councillors Brown, Amiss and Ketchen to their first meeting.

26. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 8TH FEBRUARY 2010.

It was proposed by Councillor C Wheeler and seconded by Councillor Powell, that the minutes be signed. Agreed and signed by chairman.

Councillor Hamer asked that he be supplied with a copy of the minutes showing the amendments he had tabled.

27. MATTERS ARISING

1. Speeding on Bypass. Councillor Copp has spoken to the Police and radar traps will be operated.

2. Youth Council. Matter ongoing.

3. Speed watch. The response to a request for volunteers had produced 2 names so far and 9 more were needed. On going.

4. Job Description and contract for new clerk. The chairman explained how the process was going and asked all councillors to consider the documents she had circulated and comment soonest. The chairman had received two expressions of interest so far. It was agreed to set a closing date for application as the 30th April 2010 and to continue to advertise through whichever media was appropriate.

28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

29. REPORTS

a) Financial Matters

1. RFO. Councillor Amiss agreed to take on this role and was formally appointed.

2. Financial Standing Orders. The chairman stated that with the assistance of WALC, she will be circulating proposals for approval at the AGM.

3. Balance in the Bank. C/acc £1,100.95. D/Acc 4285.57.

4. Payments for Approval. PCC £99. Wilts Council £1840(E).
Temp Clerk £71.

Proposed By Councillor Acheson and seconded by Councillor Terry that these accounts be paid. Agreed.

5. Payments received. None.

6. The Chairman circulated proposed Financial Standing Orders for comment by council Members. This is in preparation for the AGM in May.

b. Recreation Ground. Councillors Acheson and Powell presented a written report on work that needed doing in 2010. Money is allocated for this work and it was agreed to obtain quotations.

c. Village Hall. Councillor Terry gave a verbal report.

d. Planning

1. New Plans. E/10/0214/FUL. Erection of a stable block at 114 High Street, Burbage. No objection.

E/10/0223/FUL. Change of use at the old telephone exchange, to habitable Accommodation. No obj.

2. Planning decisions received. E/10/0220/FUL. Alterations at Highfield, High St-approved.

30. PCAP/PAB

Councillor S Wheeler explained to members how these committees worked. Councillor Powell asked a question about a footpath from the main road to the farm shop. It was suggested that this be raised through the PAB/PCAP

31. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Letter from Wiltshire Council who will repair the manhole (see mins Feb 10) but will not be responsible for its future maintenance.

2. Letter from school dog fouling. In newsletter.

3. Wiltshire Council. Felling Licence for work at Leigh Hill.

4. Footpath No 6. Request to stop up. No Objection.

5. Victim Support requesting donation. Declined.
6. Wiltshire Council re grit bins. Noted.
7. CPRE re Best Kept village competition. Councillors Brown, Amiss and Ketchen to deal.
8. Newsletter from North Wessex Downs group. Noted.
9. Neighbourhood Policing team questionnaire. Councillor C Wheeler to deal.

32. PUBLIC FORUM UNDER ADJOURNMENT

a) Community Police Co-ordinator-Not present.

b) Wiltshire Councillor S Wheeler, who gave details of funds available for communities and how to apply for them.

A member of the public spoke on the sadness he felt at seeing the in fighting in the council.

33. PARISH MATTERS

1. The chairman asked the council to approve the quote of £3216 + VAT from Wiltshire Council for grass cutting. Proposed by Councillor Powell and seconded by Councillor Acheson that this be accepted. Agreed with one abstention.

It was proposed by Councillor Acheson and seconded by Councillor that Richard Derry is asked to cut the footpaths for £1300 (3 cuts) or £1500 (4 cuts).Agreed with one abstention.

Councillor Hamer stated that there should have been three quotes in sealed envelopes. The Chairman outlined the steps she had taken to achieve this explaining that the Council would need to compile an approved list of providers.

2. Councillor Terry reported that the street-lights were being sorted out.

3. Councillor Amiss stated that the school would like a parish councillor as a governor. He will volunteer to do this.

4. Councillor Copp asked that the Burbage News to put on as an agenda item at the next meeting. The Chairman asked that any requests for agenda items must be put in writing to her.

5. Councillor Powell reminded members of the litter picking day and asked members to bring picking tools with them.

CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10pm.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2010. 7.30PM.CHURCH HALL.