

BURBAGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2010 AT 7.30PM AT THE CHURCH HALL, BURBAGE.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors Miss Gray (Chairman), Mrs Terry, Mr. Acheson, Parmenter, Amiss, Venters, Hamer, Copp, Powell and Ketchen.

Councillor S Wheeler (Wiltshire County), Mr D Francis (Acting Clerk).

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE

Councillors B Wheeler (Illness), C Brown (Holiday) and C Wheeler (Work).

35. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 8TH MARCH 2010.

These having been circulated, were amended in two minor matters. Proposed by Councillor Ketchen and seconded by Councillor Parmenter that they be signed as a true record. All agreed. Signed by the chairman.

Councillor Hamer referred to his request at the March meeting for an amended copy of the February minutes. The chairman stated that this would be supplied as soon as it was possible for her to do so.

36. MATTERS ARISING-NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA.

27.1 Speeding on the by-pass. Councillor Copp circulated a police report indicating their survey findings did not meet the criteria for a speed camera.

27.3 Speed Watch. The chairman stated that there had only been three volunteers and eleven were required. She is renewing her appeal for volunteers.

30. Footpath to farm shops. The chairman stated that she had written to the area board re this and had included it in the area plan.

31.1 Manhole cover in Eastsands. A letter had been received from a resident stating that the cover had not yet been repaired. The chairman to write to Wiltshire Highways.

37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

38 REPORTS

1. Financial Matters
 - a. RFO. Councillor Amiss circulated and spoke to a report on the council's financial position at the 31st March 2010. He pointed out that on that date there was £2500 in the accounts and this may be subject to adjustment. He pointed out however that the 1st half of the new precept will be paid in shortly.
 - b. Financial Standing Orders-ongoing.
 - c. Balance in the bank. See a.
 - d. Payments for approval. None.
 - e. Payments received. None
2. Recreation Ground. Councillor Powell gave an update and stated that he had acquired some safety matting for use when the minor repairs were approved.
3. Village Hall. Councillor Mrs Terry stated that the village hall committee had agreed to the locating of a clothing bank for the air ambulance. The air ambulance charity would deal direct with the village hall. Councillor Mrs Terry stated that she would be standing down from the village hall committee at their forthcoming AGM.
4. Clerk to The Parish Council vacancy-update. The chairman reported that she had sent out two information packs, but that neither has yet been returned. She is conducting extensive advertising in a variety of locations.
5. Planning
 - a. Planning applications received.

E/10/0394/FUL. 1st Floor extension at 37 Aylesbury Way

E/10/0345/Ful. Works at Southgrove Farm.

NO OBJECTION TO EITHER PLAN

B Planning decisions received/10/0072/ful-103 High Street.-Consent

39 PCAP/PAB

Councillor S Wheeler reported that no issues relating to Burbage had been discussed at the recent meetings but he gave an update on those matters that had been on the agenda. He urged councillors to make applications for grants as there was money available. In reply to Councillor Hamer he said that no decisions had been made re gypsy sites.

40 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter re concerns about speeding in Eastcourt Road. Councillor Copp to deal.
2. Letter re `speeding` stickers on wheelie bins. Councillor Powell has these for distribution.
3. Letter from Wiltshire Council re English wood scheme at Postern Hill.
4. Poster for distribution re NCT sale at Marlborough-For notice board.
5. Letter from Wiltshire Council re flooding-Councillor Powell to respond.
6. Email asking when the skips dates are and what has to be separated. Councillor S Wheeler dealing.

Councillor Hamer stated that permission for the skip was needed from the village hall committee.

Councillor Powell asked about litter bins and especially the one missing from outside the village hall. The chairman stated that extra litter bins would cost between £150 and £200 each. Dogs mess bins were hazardous waste and were very expensive as Wiltshire Council would not empty them.

Councillors asked where the litter bin that had been outside the village hall had gone to and if it could be reinstated or moved elsewhere.

The chairman stated that if the litter bin was reinstated in its original position, then Wiltshire Council could move it to a new location. Councillor Hamer stated that the litter bin was inside the village hall car park. It would not be re-instated where it had been and if Wiltshire Council wanted it back then they could come and collect it. The chairman said she would inform Wiltshire Council

7. Question was raised on the out of date bus timetable on the stop in the High Street. Cllr Terry to follow up with Wilts & Dorset Bus Company.

41 PUBLIC FORUM UNDER ADJOURNMENT

Community Policing.Pc Foord not present.

42 PARISH MATTERS

1. Burbage News-Councillor Acheson explained that in 2008 he together with Councillor Ketchen had taken over the running of the Burbage News. The parish council are important contributors to the news but do not run it. Councillor Acheson explained how it is produced, why there are no adverts and why the minutes cannot be produced in full.

2. Best Kept Village Competition-Councillor Ketchen on behalf of the team explained what they were doing, what they hoped to achieve and what help they needed.
3. Seymour Pond-Councillor Acheson asked for permission to purchase chemicals to keep the pond clear of algae. The cost is £216 and two lots may be needed. It was agreed to purchase the first lot and apply for a grant for the second lot. Councillor S Wheeler advised that any application for a grant should be in general terms.
4. Youth Worker-Councillor Hamer proposed that a youth worker be employed to run a youth club at a cost of £1500 per annum. This idea was supported but deferred as it had not been budgeted for.
5. Village Questionnaire-Councillor Hamer proposed a village questionnaire to ascertain what the village wanted money spent on. This was supported in principal but was agreed that more work needed doing on the format of the questions.
6. Defibrillator-Councillor Hamer proposed the provision of a defibrillator in the village at a potential cost of £2000. It was agreed to put this in the village questionnaire and defer decisions to the finance committee.

NOTE: At this point Cllr Hamer walked out of the meeting.

7. The chairman introduced the new standing orders which are circulated for comment by the 1st May and for adoption at the A.G.M.
8. The chairman stated that the next meeting is the Annual General Meeting with little time available for ordinary business.

CLOSURE.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 10TH MAY 2010.