

Minutes of the meeting of Burghill Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th March 2008, at 7.00pm in the Simpson Hall

7.00pm The plans for the proposed livestock market were viewed by all.

7.30pm Public participation session – local residents expressed their concerns regarding the proposed livestock market.

7.50pm Parish Council Meeting

Chair: Miss M Reynolds

Present: D Bishop Mrs R Lloyd W Griffiths B Green Mrs L O'Grady Mr A Powell Mrs P Groves G Davies Miss C Lloyd R Davies I Watkins A Stokes County Cllr Robertson and the Clerk

- 1 **Apologies:** D Goodfellow Mrs D Price PC Epton & L Hull (Community Support Officer)
- 2 **Declarations of Interest** - Councillors were reminded to sign the book if appropriate.
- 3 **Report from PC Epton/L Hull** – PC Epton and L Hull were unable to attend, however Cllr Robertson informed the Council that warnings had been issued to youths causing problems in the area.
- 4 **Agreement of minutes of meeting of 16thth January 2008** - having been circulated were agreed and signed.
- 5 **Community Website** - It was agreed to arrange a training session on a Tuesday in April at the Simpson Hall if possible. There will be a charge for the hire of the hall.
There has been no news on the Parish Talk grant applied for as yet.
- 6 **Highways – ongoing matters**
Traffic mirror at Tillington Common – The traffic mirror has been put up but not on the BT pole as agreed. It was resolved to write and request a larger mirror to be put up.

New litterbin at bus stop – The new bin is now in place.

Brambles at Pyefinch field – The January visit by the Herefordshire Council work crews did not occur due to emergency work that took preference. Councillor Sally Robertson informed the Council that she has arranged to visit the Burghill & Tillington area with Michael Hainge, the Director of Environment, after Easter to highlight the outstanding issues that were on the list for the January visit and need attending to. Next visit due mid April.

Parking at Haymeadow Lane – Cllr Robertson reported that PC Epton and Laurence Hull had been to the area and put warning notices on the vehicles causing the problem. She also pointed out that the condition of the whole area is currently being looked at.

Bin and possible sign in the lay-by at Portway – Having been recently checked it was reported that the area is in a satisfactory condition. It was resolved that Cllr Reynolds and County Cllr Robertson would visit the site and consult with local residents to find out who is emptying the bin and if there are any particular problems there.

7 Highways – new matters

Parking at lay-by in Lower Burlton area – It was resolved to make enquiries with L Hull (CSO) what, if any, action could be taken to resolve the issue of parked cars causing poor visibility in the area.

8 Commons

Chestnut trees rubbing against the telephone cables at the side of the road by Tillington Common – It was resolved to make enquiries regarding the Parish Councils liability in respect of the Chestnut trees.

Estimate of costs for ditch clearing etc – despite two further quotes being sought; the Council had received no other quote. It was resolved to go ahead with the quote previously received from Richard Mills.

Bird Pool – A copy of the map of Bird Pool showing the boundaries had been located. It was agreed to check on the registration of the pool and register it if necessary. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Mr Bitmead and it was also agreed to ask him if the Parish Council could view a copy of his deeds as he has stated that the whole pool is registered to his property.

Whitmore Pool Common – The school had raised concern regarding nests being made by adders in the area. It was reported that this would be highly unlikely and the headmaster had been reassured. The next phase was considered and it was agreed that it should go ahead.

There was concern expressed regarding water safety around both pools. It was resolved to make enquires about the liability of the Parish Council and to find out what kind of warning signs and safety measures may be required.

9 Finance

Clerks contract and salary – It was agreed that the clerk's hours could be raised from 5 ½ to 6 hrs per week. The clerk's contract was duly signed.

It is a requirement that the Parish Council has an internal auditor. Enquiries are being made to seek a suitable person to undertake the task.

The following payments were agreed

Item	Amount
Simpson Hall – Room hire	£15.00
Ratification required for the following payments made.	
Welsh Water	£65.98
N Power	£41.87

10 Planning

New applications and recent decisions had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

Powers were delegated to Planning Group 1 () to consider and comment on any applications received until the next Parish Council Meeting in May.

The Birches – A letter of objection has been sent to Central Planning.

Recycling Unit – The green waste-recycling unit meeting was found to be very enlightening with an excellent presentation. Cllr Robinson has asked when the public consultation will be and would like to hear from anybody interested in visiting the Pershore site.

Livestock Market – It was resolved to send a letter to Central Planning requesting access only signs at each end of Tow Tree Lane, a speed limit of 40mph along the whole of Roman Road, a central red tarmac area to prevent overtaking and also to include all concerns raised by local residents.

11 Copse Committee

Bill Griffiths was elected onto the Copse Committee.

County Cllr Robertson is making enquiries as to whether the Parish Council will be able to use Herefordshire Council's solicitor regarding the Copse.

12 Training – £150 bursary grant has been received and banked for the clerks training. It was agreed to use £70 of the grant to pay for CILCA registration.

13 Correspondence – A list of correspondence received had been circulated to councillors.

A telephone call had been received by Cllr Reynolds regarding problems at Leasown. It was resolved that this was not a matter for the Parish Council but for the Housing Association.

14 Date of next meeting – Wednesday 14th May 2008

This will be the Annual Parish Council meeting.

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