

**Minutes of the meeting of Burghill Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009  
7.30pm in the Simpson Hall**

**Chair:** Mary Reynolds

**Present:** D Price, D Bishop, A Powell, M Howells, P Groves  
R Lloyd, R Davies, C Lloyd, A Stokes, I Watkins, G Davies

**In attendance:** CSO Wall, Clerk Melanie Preedy, 1 parishioner

**1. Appointment of Chairman** – two nominees were proposed. Close paper ballot.

**Resolved:** Mary Reynolds elected as Chairman. Declaration of Office duly signed.

**2. The following representatives were appointed:**

a) **Vice-Chair** – Ian Watkins

b) **Representatives to the Commons working group** – R Davies, D Bishop, P Groves, A Stokes and G Davies

c) **Tree Warden**- R Davies

d) **Simpson Hall representative** – D Price

e) **Copse Leisure Trust representatives** – I Watkins and S Lunn

f) **HALC representative** – whom ever is available

**3. To accept apologies for absence** – S Lunn, B Green, E O’Grady, Ward Councillor Sally Robertson

**4. To receive declarations of interest** –

**Resolved:** several declarations of interest were made

**5. To receive verbal report from D Wall** – only one incident of note was reported which was a theft from a garden shed in Tillington. A query was raised regarding the parking in Copse Lane and poor visibility when exiting the lane. The Parish Council asked D Wall to speak to the residents. The Police were thanked for reducing the amount of anti-social behaviour in the parish. Annual crime statistics for the area and information on Smartwater was given out.

**6. Public participation session** –nothing raised

**7. Minutes of previous meeting** – 11/3/2009, accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

*The next item was brought forward by the Chairman*

**12. Planning**

a) **Resolved: the following comments were made:**

i) Livestock Market, Roman Road - *The current plans for landscaping are significantly reduced compared with the plans that were on exhibition at Stretton Sugwas School. It is hoped that residents will be consulted on landscaping, as is stated in the plans. Increased traffic along Roman Road; the addition of an 'Access only' sign at the bottom of Towtree Lane at the Roman Road entrance may help reduce potential traffic flowing along this narrow lane. Also the Parish Council queried why the Police could not enforce the speed limits along Roman Road. There were no proposals made for the lighting of the market and the Parish Council would like to request that any lighting is kept to a minimum. A query was also raised regarding the discharge of excess water from the market.*

ii) Lion Farm, Portway - *The Parish Council support this application, though have questions over the access. The Parish Council would like to make the following suggestions; the old access be closed and the hedge from the new access to the cross roads be pulled back to improve visibility.*

iii) Somerville, Burghill – *The Parish Council support this application given that the neighbours have no objections. The drive is quite steep and could be improved.*

- b) **Resolved:** planning sheet noted  
 c) **Resolved:** working group 2 Roger Davies appointed

**8. Resolved:** Councillors were reminded to renew their Register of Interests, if applicable.

**9. Resolved:** the following Highway defects were reported to the clerk;

- Directional sign at the Bell Inn

## 10. Finance

a) **Resolved:** the following payments were approved;

Payee	Particulars	Amount	Power
HALC	Membership	£311.50	
Allianz Insurance	2009/10	£958.30	
Simpson Hall	Hire of hall	£28.00	
M. Preedy	Expenses	£94.77	
Simpson Hall	Donation	£50	
Playgroup	Donation	£755	
Scouts/Guides	Donation	£75	Local Government Act 1972, s.137
Parish churchyard	Donation	£225	
Parish magazine	Donation	£200	
CAPS	Donation	£125 s.137	Local Government Act 1972, s.137
nPower	Electricity – The Copse	£54.69	
Upper Bridge Enterprises	Website	£34.50	

- b) **Resolved:** request internet banking  
 c) **Resolved:** accept Allianz insurance quote  
 d) **Resolved:** Annual accounts approved and signed by the Chairman  
 e) **Resolved:** Pete Rhodes appointed as Internal Auditor for year 2009/2010  
 f) *I Watkins and M Reynolds left the room for the next item*  
**Resolved:** Paintpots playgroup given donation of £680 towards the cost of the planning application for their move to Burghill Primary School.  
 g) **Resolved:** donation request from St. Mary's Residents Association declined

## 11. Parish Plan

- a) **Resolved:** to be discussed at next meeting  
 b) **Resolved:** to be discussed at next meeting

## 13. Commons

- a) **Resolved:** legal advice from NALC concerning Tillington Common noted. Letter clarifying position to be sent to Downes family.  
 b) **Resolved:** memorial plaque at Bird Pool soon to be erected  
 c) **Resolved:** no tenders for the haycrop at Tillington Common and Whitmoor Pool received. *Discussed under next item.*  
 d) **Resolved:** the following recommendations from Commons annual inspection were approved:
- Place an advert in the Parish magazine advertising a free haycrop from the Commons.

- Leave the brambles around the trees on Tillington Common until after the mowing has been done and then assess the situation.
- Clerk to send letter to Highways requesting that a bigger roadside mirror be placed on Tillington Road opposite the access road, as was promised last year.
- Clerk to also request that the hedge be cut around the roadside mirror.
- Clerk to report the blocked culvert and ditch alongside Tillington Road
- To leave the horse chestnut trees along Tillington Road until a later date.
- P Groves would visit the two properties which have hedges encroaching onto the ditch on the Common and request that they be cut back. A follow-up letter would be sent at a later date if required.

**14. Resolved:** appoint emergency co-ordinator for the parish, to be discussed next meeting

**15. Correspondence**

- a) **Resolved:** clerks update/correspondence sheet noted
- b) **Resolved:** M Reynolds and D price would attend ESG Flood alleviation meeting
- c) **Resolved:** reply from Herefordshire Council re. Quality of sandbags noted

**16. Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009

*Meeting closed at 9.40pm.*

Signed:

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Chairman

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Date