

# BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES AND PRESTWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009**

Minutes of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.30pm

## **Present**

Cllr D Edmonds (Chair)  
Cllr R Shields (Vice Chair)  
Cllr M Pickford  
Cllr R Saunders  
Cllr A Carr  
Cllr D Irving

Mrs S Best (Parish Clerk)

## **In attendance**

Cllr R Shepherd (19:50), Cllr J Bokor and 1 elector

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr D McDermott

### **2. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

Cllr D Edmonds	Personal interest in the Village Hall as VHMIC Chair.
Cllr R Shields	None
Cllr M Pickford	Personal interest in the Plantation as Chair.
Cllr A Carr	Personal interest in the Plantation as PC representative.
Cllr R Saunders	Personal interest in Prestwold Estate matters as secretary of PERS and in the PFA as PC representative.
Cllr D Irving	None

### **3. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

None

### **4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair. Proposed by Cllr Carr and seconded by Cllr Pickford.

### **5. MATTERS ARISING**

The Orchards – Swings to remain as are. If PC want them changing, we will need to consult with CBC. It was requested that the clerk write to Sally Eden at CBC to ask for them to be changed to cradle seats. Cllr Carr also to liaise with his contact.

Cllr Carr approached a landscape designer to redesign the Millennium Garden. He was unable to offer his services.

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The roof on the bus shelter on Melton Road was kindly fixed by Mike Gunn. A letter of thanks to be sent by clerk. It was also requested that a quote to re-roof the bus shelter be obtained by the clerk.

Cllr Irving reported that the Vehicle Activated Sign and dragons teeth are in at Cotes. The Clerk advised that the set up will be completed by the end of the week, and that the sign is set at 35mph. Figures will be advised after 1 month, 6 months and 12 months.

A request for a two year extension to the agreed time to build the bund has been received by development control at Charnwood. This is due to less building materials being available in the present financial climate. The time limit is presently 15 months from start of construction. It was proposed by Cllr Shields and seconded by Cllr Saunders to not object to this request. A vote was taken with 4 for and 2 against.

The Premises License for Prestwold Farms has been agreed with conditions. This is reviewed regularly and can be revoked if conditions are not met.

## 6. POLICING

No Police present at the meeting.

## 7. PLANNING

*P/09/0250/2 12 Seals Close, Burton on the Wolds, LE12 5TZ  
Permission Granted*

*P/09/0399/2 Severn Trent Water Pumping Station, Seymour Rd.  
Permission Granted*

East Midlands Regional Plan: Partial Review. Links have been emailed to all Parish Councillors for review.

*Access Gate at Loughborough Road, BOTW. Complaint satisfied with no further action from property owner.*

*Italics denote notifications of planning decisions or additional information*

It was requested that the clerk forward a copy of the village design statement to the owner of 79 Melton Road as it is thought that the cut down hedge between the property mentioned and the allotments is unsightly.

Cllr R Shepherd arrived (19:50)

## 8. TRAFFIC / HIGHWAYS

### Arriva "99" service – terminating in July

Arriva buses have confirmed that they are pulling out of this service, with a proposed end date of 12<sup>th</sup> July.

Nottinghamshire County Council who financially support this service are in talks with Trent Barton who own Kinch buses, to ensure a service on this route. It may differ from the existing service.

Leicestershire County Councils policy is for 95% of residents to have access to an hourly or better service. The no 8 bus run by Veolia runs hourly on this route, thus

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LCC would not consider financial assistance for this route.

Notts CC will keep us informed of any new proposals.

It was requested that the clerk write to NCC and LCC, stating that this is a valued community service.

## Bus Shelter / Stop at Cotes

It was agreed to push for a permanent bus stop at the end of Back Lane in Cotes, and to request that LCC fund a new bus shelter as it was deemed dangerous to use the old stop position. Purchase of a new bus shelter to be placed on hold until an answer from LCC has been received. Email to J Whaling, S Clarke and Cllr R Shepherd.

## Salt Bin locations

It was agreed to order one salt bin to be placed at the bottom of Hubbard Close. This to be in place prior to October.

## LCC Signage to school

Cllr Shields requested that the new directional sign to School from Springfield Close is removed as it is deemed surplus. Clerk to consult with the School prior to this request.

## Dog Waste Bin

Cllr Shields requested a dog waste bin between the jitty on Springfield Close and the plantation entrance. Cllr Bokor to arrange.

## HGV Route

It was requested that the clerk write requesting better signage from Loughborough to the Western Bypass. This has been requested before.

## **9. ENVIRONMENT**

### Millennium Garden Fence

A request was received from the gardening club, to install a gate where the gap in the fence is. Cllr Pickford advised that the original plan had stepping stones leading from this gap. It was agreed to write and suggest planting to block this gap as fence is particularly difficult design. Cllr Shields to speak about re-landscaping of the garden.

### Artwork at The Orchards – Update

Cllr Edmonds advised that Cllr McDermott was dealing with this project. She will liaise with him and report back.

### The Owl – Update.

Cllr Carr reported that he had reviewed two sculptors work, both are fully booked. It was unanimously agreed to commission an owl with similar outspread wings.

### Conservation Area in Burton

It was agreed that Cllrs Edmonds, Saunders, Pickford and Carr would meet with the conservation officer. Clerk to arrange meeting.

### Noise disturbance – Contacts poster

It was agreed that the proposed noise disturbance contacts poster be displayed on the noticeboards and in the Link.

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## Wymeswold Airfield Liaison Meeting

A report from the last Liaison meeting was given by the attendees, Cllr Carr, Cllr Pickford and Cllr Saunders. It was felt that the meeting was constructive. Matters raised were the Caravan Club rally, the bund and the request for an extension, the proposed hospitality suit, the relocation of the rally school and future proposals which include a Farmers market, Motorbike training courses and Sphering. The minutes from the meeting are not yet available.

## **10. PLANTATION**

Cllr Pickford advised that the last volunteer Sunday was well attended. The Plantation AGM is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr Bokor left (20:55)

## **11. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Edmonds reported that the VHMC AGM will be held in May, that improvements had been made to the reading room and that a recent performance from the London Mozart Players had been successful.

Cllr Shepherd left (20:57)

## **12. BURIAL GROUND / ALLOTMENTS**

### Ground Maintenance and improvements.

Quotes for increases in cutting schedules and cut and collect services were discussed along with a quotation for levelling of sunken graves. It was proposed by Cllr Shields and seconded by Cllr Saunders, with all in favour to arrange for the levelling of graves and leave the grass cutting schedule as is. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Cllrs Shields and Saunders and Roma to discuss the levelling.

### Fencing to front of Burial Ground

The option of a metal fence to the front of the Burial Ground was discussed. Clerk to obtain a quote. It was agreed that a request for the PCC to contribute towards the cost of the fence and for a new entrance sign to the burial ground.

## **13. PLAYING FIELD**

Cllr Saunders reported that the Fun Day would be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, with the opening of the Pavilion to be on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **14. FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

None

## **15. FUTURE ACTIVITIES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllr Carr asked that the Parish Council consider a confirmation/definition of its role and adopting a more proactive role. It was agreed that the Parish Council need to engage the community in all that it does, with the suggestion of a village walkabout to ascertain future projects and the wants and needs of the local community. It was requested that the clerk write in the Link asking for any proposals and to advertise the walkabout which will be scheduled in June or July.

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## 16. FINANCE

Available funds as at 31/03/09 C £1000.00, R £2466.27, BS £6274.08  
(Plantation funds £1995.14 included)

Clerks amendment of salary letter to bank was signed by Cllrs Edmonds and Shields, as previously agreed.

## 17. AUTHORISATION OF CHEQUES

It was proposed by Cllr Shields, seconded by Cllr Pickford and carried that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

To sign this meeting

SR Best	Clerks Expenses	£56.02
Roma Landscapes	Ground Maintenance	£289.80
Leics & Rutland PFA	Subscription	£12.00
Outwoods Tree Services	Plantation Work	£120.00
Hunterelm	Plantation Work	£300.00
EON	Village Hall Gas	£1010.30
Staples	Stationary	£11.40
Wold Property Improvements	Plantation Seat	£220.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£2019.52</b>

It was requested that the Village Hall gas bill be queried.

## 18. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

### Handbells

A letter from Mrs Jarvis had been received asking the following questions. It was agreed to answer in the following way:

1. Who owns the bells?
  - A. The Parish Council own the bells on behalf of the village of Burton on the Wolds. The Parish Council also owns the Playing Field, the Plantation, the Village Hall and the Pavilion amongst other assets attributed to the Parish Council on behalf of the village.
2. Is it possible for the Parish Council to sell the bells?
  - A. Technically yes, although we have not considered selling them.
3. If so, under what circumstances would this be considered?
  - A. If they became a greater liability than they are worth.
4. If it is considered that the Parish Council is able to sell the bells, may I have an assurance that should this occur, any funds donated for their refurbishment will be returned to the donor organisations?
  - A. Not possible.

It was also stressed that the Parish Council are delighted that the School uses the bells and recognises and values Mrs Jarvis' interest in them.

### Parish Meetings

It was agreed that the Parish Meeting, AGM and PC meeting will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May. It was agreed for only urgent items to be put on the agenda for the monthly meeting to enable for all 3 meetings to be conducted in the same evening.

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## Neighbourhood Watch AGM

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 – 7.30pm. Forward details to Cllr Irving. Clerk to liaise with Angela Fielding to ascertain the NW co-ordinator position.

## Emergency Centres

Details passed to Cllr Edmonds to review and answer on behalf of the VHMC.

## **19. PRESS RELEASE**

Parish meetings, Walkabout, Salt Bins, Noise Poster, Swings, VAS sign at Cotes, Bund extension, Dog waste bin, Conservation area meeting, The Owl, Wymeswold Airfield Liaison meeting and levelling of graves.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10PM**