

Minutes of the Main Meeting of Bilbrook Parish Council held on Monday 4th January 2010 in the Village Hall, Joeys Lane, Bilbrook.

Present	Mrs V Chapman - Chairman	P Barnett
	S Oatley	D Barnett
	R Marshall	T Davies
	M Raeburn	A Pearson
	Mrs P Embrey	Mr S Turvey
	Mrs B Turvey	

Also present. Miss C McCarthy – Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a happy new year; Father D Baker attended for prayers.

Public Open Forum

No request from the public was made. Cllr R Marshall reported the matter raised at the previous meeting from a member of the public re: Footpath in Joeys Lane, is being dealt with.

1.0 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr K Mackie & Mrs D Mackie

RESOLVED apologies accepted.

2.0 Declarations of Interest

None Received

3.0 Police Report

3.1 None Received

4.0 Minutes

4.1 To confirm & Sign

The minutes of a meeting held on Monday 7th December 2009 were received **RESOLVED** they are confirmed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

4.2 **To confirm & Sign**

The minutes of a confidential meeting held on Monday 7th December 2009 were received

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5.0 Bilbrook Skate Park

5.1 RESOLVED Clerk reported there had been no further reports of vandalism. Cllr R Marshall added the majority of the money **£900.00** for the Picnic table and Benches for the Skate Park and Twentyman playing fields had now been secured. Cllr V Chapman proposed the parish council fund the remaining **£280.00** required, Cllr T Davies seconded. Members were all in favour.

6.0 War Memorial

6.1 **RESOLVED** clerk reported there had been no reports of vandalism and had received a lot of good feedback.

6.2 **RESOLVED** date to be arranged when the weather conditions are warmer. Cllr V Chapman advised members she would be looking to include the upkeep of the memorial into the caretaker's duties and a focus group is to be set up towards the end of January for members of the public to express ideas to improve the village and the green further.

7.0 Christmas Carol Evening on Village Green – 17th December 2009

7.1 **RESOLVED** Cllr V Chapman reported the turnout was fantastic even though it was so cold, it will be arranged again for Christmas 2010 inside at the village hall. Cllr S Oatley suggested planting an Xmas tree on the playing field for prosperity. Cllr Chapman advised planning for the event would start immediately & members agreed date for the event would be 10th December 2010. Cllr Oatley thanked the Chairman and the clerk and everyone involved for all their hard work.

8.0 Best Dressed Window Competition

8.1 **RESOLVED** Cllr V Chapman advised Victoria Beauty Salon won the trophy and informed the council Victoria is interested in standing at the next election for Councillor. A certificate will be sent out to all the shops that took part.

9.0 Society of Local Council Clerks Membership 2010

9.1 **RESOLVED** membership for clerk to be renewed at a cost of £95.00.

10.0 Precept

10.1 **RESOLVED** Budget & Figures prepared by clerk for 2010/11 were scrutinised by members. Cllr A Pearson proposed an increase of 1.85% to precept to support the cost of extra facilities. Cllr P Barnett proposed the precept request remained the same. Members cast a majority vote of 7 to 5 to increase the precept to £55000.00. Cllr S Oatley suggested that the village Hall Extension project be re-assessed for costing.

11.0 Staffordshire Playing Fields Association

11.1 **RECEIVED** annual reports & accounts for 2009/09

11.2 **RESOLVED** subscription for the year would be renewed at a cost of £15.00

12.0 Twentyman Playing Fields Association.

12.1 **RECEIVED** the minutes for the last 3 meetings of the Twentyman Committee.

13.0 Reports

13.1 **RECEIVED** report from County Cllr R Marshall

13.2 **RECEIVED** report from District Cllr's

13.3 Clerk Correspondence

1. S Staffs Local Development Framework Newsletter November 2009
2. Codsall Arts Festival – Sponsors Package
3. Shropshire Union Canal Society – Newsletter

All the above correspondence was received.

14.1 Accounts for payment

1. Wages & Expenses Month 10	£2
2. Mrs V Chapman – Handyman Gazebos	£10.00
3. Mrs V Chapman – Food items for Carol Evening	£8.99
4. Staffordshire Playing Fields Assoc Subscription	£15.00

RESOLVED the above accounts are to be paid.

Meeting Closed at 8.05pm