

Minutes of an Extra Ordinary Meeting of Bilbrook Parish Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in the Village Hall, Joeys Lane, Bilbrook.

Present	Mrs V Chapman - Chairman	K Mackie
	S Turvey	B Turvey
	T Davies	

Also present. Miss C McCarthy – Clerk.

### **Public Open Forum**

One member of the public attended to complain about the footpath in Bilbrook Rd that leads to Joeys Lane Playing Fields, it is inaccessible due to the amount of dog faeces and needs re-surfacing.

**RESOLVED** Cllr V Chapman said we would contact the County Councillor to log the complaint and see what could be done.

### **Formal Commencement of Meeting**

#### **1.0 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Pearson, Cllr P Embrey, Cllr P Barnett, Cllr M Raeburn, Cllr R Marshall, Cllr D Mackie, Cllr D Barnett, Cllr S Oatley

#### **2.0 Declarations of Interest**

**NONE RECEIVED**

#### **3.0 Plantscape UK Contract**

3.1 It was agreed the contract for 2010 would be considered at the main meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

3.2 To be discussed at main meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

#### **4.0 Haze Lighting**

4.1 **RESOLVED** Haze lighting agreed to hold last years price for Xmas lighting.

4.2 **RESOLVED** Clerk informed council quote for lights is under budget, Cllr Mackie supported Chairman's powers to use Haze Lighting again for 2009, Cllr T Davies seconded, all members approved.

Cllr's agreed lights to be switched on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009, between 4pm and 12pm until 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

## **5.0 Christmas Carol Evening 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

5.1 **RESOLVED** a sub-committee meeting would not be held, Cllr V Chapman & Clerk, along with Father David are to prepare order of service, carol sheets and organise evening. Copies will be sent to Schools, Cllr's and residents involved.

5.2 **RESOLVED** Cllr V Chapman has purchased the Trophy for £89.00 as agreed, first year inscription is free.

## **6.0 Finance**

6.1 **RESOLVED** accounts for payment to be considered at main meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009 due to no cheque signatories in attendance.

### **A further discussion took place following the completion of agenda items:-**

1. Cllr K Mackie proposed the style on Pendeford Mill Lane which gives access to the skate park be changed for a gate, to make access easier for bike, boards and disabled and for a path to be put in leading to the skate park.

**RESOLVED** Cllr V Chapman to speak to County Cllr in regards to funding.

2. It was brought to the attention of members that the time of the judging for the best dressed window competition would have to be changed as some of the shop owners have roller shutters.

3. Cllr K Mackie said that in the last 50 years there have been no problems whatsoever between Twentyman Committee and Bilbrook Parish Council until now. Cllr. Mackie thought there was a rift due to some ill feeling between certain members of the Twentymans Committee and Bilbrook Parish Council, due in the main to the 'Skate Park Project'. After some further discussion between Cllrs Chapman and Mackie, the Chairman felt Cllr. Mackie's remarks were directed at her and said any decision taken on the Skate Park was by Bilbrook Parish Council as a whole and not just her. Cllr Chapman asked for an apology from Cllr. Mackie and after discussion an apology was given.

The Chairman pointed out that the 75 strong deputation and signed petition at the Annual Parish Meeting could well be part of that rift between Twentyman Committee and the Parish Council and that she and her new parish clerk should have been given notice before the meeting of the deputation.

The deputation and petition consisted of:

- 55 from Joey’s Lane,
- 10 from Manor House Park,
- 5 from Bilbrook Road,
- 1 from Wesley Rd, Bilbrook
- 1 from Withers Rd, Bilbrook
- 1 from Fordham Road, Pendeford,
- 1 from Renton Road, Fordhouses,
- 1 from Pendeford Mill Lane

Total: 75 petition signatures

The Chairman was disappointed and felt she had received no back-up at the Annual Parish Meeting. Insp. A. Chapman has complained strongly to the Chairman about the treatment PCSO Clifton had received at the Annual Parish Meeting from members of the deputation and PCSO’s subsequent visits to houses in Joeys Lane. The Chairman said the Parish Council are here to represent the community of Bilbrook as a whole.

Meeting Closed at 7.30pm

Chairman.....Date.....