



THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD IN BURNHAM UPPER SCHOOL AT
7.30 PM ON MONDAY 26TH APRIL 2010

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2009/10

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report of Burnham Parish Council for the municipal year 2009/10.

The project that has featured in most of the Parish Council's discussions this year is the rebuilding of Burnham Park.



The Council moved its administration to 111 High St and demolition of the old building began in September. Behind the hoardings the project is well underway whilst the frontage saw the arrival of large drilling equipment.

Following the Council's remit to be environmentally friendly, it was agreed that a ground source heating system should be considered. Test bore holes were drilled in the grounds – these proved satisfactory and more bore holes were drilled.

At just one metre below the surface, the earth provides a constant year round heat source. Using a complex system of heat pumps and pipes, heat is drawn up to provide an environmentally friendly heating and cooling system. During the bad weather in December and January the area resembled a mud bath. However the drilling has now finished and when the ground has settled the grass will be made good.

The snowy weather caused problems to residents and shopkeepers alike. The County Council were inundated with requests to clear and grit roads. Major traffic routes were first priority to the County Council for snow clearances. Pressure from both the Parish Council and Burnham High St Association resulted in the High St being gritted on two occasions. Grit was then made available for the Parish Council ground staff to spread on the footpaths. Thanks are given to our excellent groundsmen for going out of their way to assist the community. We have asked the County Council to supply some grit bins for use by local residents and the parish council in future years.

Renovations to The Stomping Ground was another major project the Council was involved in during the year. Firstly the old play equipment was removed, then the District Council stepped in with a programme to remove the contaminated soil and cap the ground with new soil. Two dead trees were removed and six new trees added and a new fence was erected around the ground.

The Parish Council was successful in obtaining lottery money, via South Bucks District Council, to install new play equipment. Additional funds were provided by the Burnham Health Promotion Trust and in September the new play area was opened.



The Recreation and Amenities committee has held several meetings where, amongst other matters, the use of the Council's parks and play areas has been discussed.

During the past year the members of the Planning committee considered 203 planning applications and made comments on their suitability to South Bucks District Council. These meetings are open to members of the public and any written comments received on applications are always taken into account when the Parish Council makes its recommendation to the District Council. Planning applications are available for residents to inspect at 111 High St during office hours.

We are very proud of the excellent condition our groundsmen keep, not only our parks and sports fields, but the closed graveyard at St Peters and nature park at the Cherry Orchard.

During the last year the Parish Council received a great number of calls to repair street lights – much of the damage being the result of wanton vandalism. The Parish Council has changed its maintenance contractor and a number of outstanding problems have now been resolved.

Funding was given to The Well to purchase gardening equipment to enable a joint project of residents, churches, Thames Valley Police and friends to undertake the clearance of the overgrown shrubs in Coulson Way.

During the year grants were also given to support a number of local charities including the Lighthouse summer play scheme, the High St Traders Association's Christmas Lights and St Peter's PTA.

In recent months council staff, as part of a Neighbourhood Action project, have cleared the overgrown pathway in Stomp Road to enable school children to walk to Burnham Upper School in safety. The Council continues to work with other councils and community groups and we look forward to working together on projects in the future.

During the year three councillors have left the Parish Council and we have welcomed new councillors Paul Kelly, Jean Richardson and Alan Samson. All councillors give their time and energy freely to support the community of Burnham. They receive no financial remuneration for attending meetings and carrying out the role of parish councillor. We look forward to the opening of the new building during the late summer.

The Parish Council funds the services it delivers to the Parish of Burnham through the precept which is raised on the residents of Burnham only and from the letting of Council premises and investment income. No contributions at all are received from local business through the business rate or central government for the services it delivers. The Parish Council has not increased the precept this year and held the rate for a fourth year at £ 472 K.

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