

An update on CCTV in Burnham Parish

The Parish Council has agreed to consider the installation of CCTV in the Parish provided agreement can be reached on a number of issues. The Parish Council needs to know the expected commitment to the Council for future years. We work to a 10 year plan for budgeting and have asked that the District Council answer a number of questions so that Parish Council members can fully discuss the proposals.

- The Parish Council requests that the District Council produce a business case outlining the need for the scheme, the location of the cameras, the projected timescale of the project, who will pay for what and when the charge is due.
- The Parish Council needs to know the rental costs for the current year and the forthcoming years. We note the comment that the system is being upgraded and would like to know when this will take place. Will the CCTV be installed on the existing system and have to be transferred at a later date? If so, would there be a cost for the transfer and who would cover that cost?
- The Parish Council needs to know the monitoring charges for the current year and the forthcoming years.
- The Parish Council requests that an assurance is given, in writing, that as the cameras and posts form the capital expenditure paid by the District Council, they continue to be responsible for these items by covering the cost of any insurance and/or repairs to any vandalism or damage.

Despite a number of calls requesting this information, by the 15 March this year the District Council informed the Parish Council that they were

“waiting on further information from the Police Analyst so that I have everything that you requested in your letter. As soon as I have this I will be able to compile a full response for you addressing all of the points that were made. “

The Parish Council will not commit the community to a CCTV scheme without clear information as to the costs which will be incurred each year.