

# BURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held at Burnham Park Hall on Monday 10 February 2003 at 7.30 pm.

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**Members Present:** *Councillor B S Dhillon (Chairman)*  
*Councillor M Taylor (Vice-Chairman)*  
*Councillors: P C Adams, H Blair, J P Capel, S E Davies, L K Hazell*  
*J Somers, J M M Thomson and S L Tilbey*

### **PART1**

100. **Apologies**

There were no apologies

101. **Declaration of Interests**

Cllrs S E Davies, L K Hazell and S L Tilbey declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda item 5(c)

102. **Minutes of the Committee Meetings – 16 December 2002.**

Cllr B S Dhillon, Chairman of the Committee presented and moved the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2002.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the minutes be approved.

**Finance Report**

103. Members received and noted the financial report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee at 31 January 2003.

104. **Schedule of Payments for December 2002.**

The Executive Officer presented the schedule of payments totalling £14,103.57 for December 2002.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the report was received and noted.

105. **Schedule of Payments for January 2003.**

The Executive Officer presented the schedule of payments totalling £17,265.12 for January 2002.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the report was received and noted.

106. **Current Council Balances.**

The Executive Officer presented a report identifying the current balances at the bank at 31 January 2003.

<b>Location of Investment</b>	<b>Amount of Investment</b>
Newbury Building Society – term deposit	£442,821.57
Halifax Building Society – Instant Access Account	£ 6,854.84
Lloyds TSB- - Deposit Account	£ 1,147.84
Lloyds TSB – Current Account	£100,273.26
Petty Cash	£ 200.00
<b>Total bank &amp; cash balance at 31.01.03</b>	<b>£551,297.51</b>

**RESOLVED**

- ◆ The report was received and noted.

**Applications for grants**

107. **Burnham Historians**

Members received an application for a grant of £300 from the Burnham Historians to allow local residents access to the 1901 census.

Members questioned whether this service was already available through other sources including the Mormon Church and how many local people would be likely to use the service

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the matter be deferred and further information should be obtained from the Burnham Historians.

108. **NSPCC**

Members received an application for a grant from the NSPCC to support services in the Milton Keynes area and the 24 hour help line.

Members noted that the request for funding did not fulfil the requirements of the Council's grant policy.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That no grant should be issued.

Cllr S E Davies, KL K Hazell and S L Tilbey having declared a prejudicial interest left the meeting.

109. **Burnham Youth Centre**

Members received an application for a grant of £500 from the Burnham Youth Centre as a contribution towards a Sound Studio.

Members noted that similar schemes around the country had been very successful, and that the project would be of benefit to the community.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That a grant of £500 be made towards the Youth Sound Studio project under Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.31

Cllr S E Davies, KL K Hazell and S L Tilbey returned to the meeting.

110. **BALC Subscription**

Members received a notification from BALC of an increase in subscriptions for 2003/04 from £614.64 to 932.40 an increase of 52%. Members noted that no consultation had been made on the increase and that other Councils were still reviewing their membership,

Members considered other services available to the Parish Council and noted that information was also available through other organisations i.e. the Society of Local Council Clerks, the Local Council Advisory Service, and Croners. In addition the Executive Officer also had a network of links to other Town and Parish Clerks.

Members also considered whether continued membership of the South Bucks Association of Local Councils was of benefit to the Council.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the subscription to BALC would not be renewed.
- ◆ That the subscription to SBALC would not be renewed.

111. **Public Entertainment Licence Application**

Members considered an application for the renewal of the Public Entertainments licence for the Burnham Parish Council, Burnham Park Hall, Windsor Lane, Burnham, Bucks. SL1 7HR and Burnham Grammar School, Hogfair Lane, Burnham, Bucks SL1 7HG:

**Resolved:**

- ◆ The Council had no objections or comments.

112. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was Monday 14 April 2003 commencing at 7.30 pm.

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

113. **Resolved**

- ◆ That under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 Schedule 12A to the Act

Chairman .....

Date .....

Meeting Concluded 9.30 pm