

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday, 7 January 2008

Present Chairman: Cllr S Tilbey
Cllrs: Mrs C Binns, M Bird, J Capel, M Cole, Mrs S Collins, Mrs H Evans,
Mrs J Foster, Ms L Hazell, Mrs J Horwood, D Pepler, Mrs P Plant,
B Slater. M Taylor and P Wallis.

Also Present: Two members of the public.

Officers: Mrs Janet Holmes and Mrs Jacqui Mansford.

ACTION

319 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors PJ Adams, P Davies,
Mrs M Hammon and M Hewitt and County Councillor Peter Smith

320 Declarations of interest

Members were asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of
that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration
at this meeting.

321 Public Forum

Mr Paul Sherriff requested that the Parish Council support the High St
Association in objecting to the proposed increases in Burnham Car Park
charges.

The Chairman informed Mr Sherriff that the Recreation & Amenities
Committee had discussed the District Council's proposals and sent
suggestions as part of the consultation process. A copy of the committee
minutes were given to Mr Sherriff

Mr Sherriff asked that the Parish Council make provision for the display
of Parish memorabilia when the building was rebuilt

The Chairman stated that display areas would be discussed

Mrs Edwina Glover asked the Parish Council

1. To investigate why the dogbins in Burnham Park were over flowing
but the normal waste bins had been emptied

Clerk to contact South Bucks District Council

2. For an assurance that the parish precept would not be increased.

The Chairman informed Mrs Glover that the precept would be
discussed as a later agenda item. Information regarding the precept
would be available from the Parish Office.

322 Minutes of the Full Council

The minutes of the meetings held on 12 November 2007 and 10
December 2007 were signed as a true record by the Chairman, Cllr
Tilbey.

323 Matters Arising from the Minutes [not included on the agenda]

None

324 Chairman's Communications

The Chairman reported that there had been a good response to the

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Christmas Walk on 27 December. The different route starting from The Jolly Woodman PH. proved to be very successful

The Chairman reminded councillors that his annual reception would be held on Monday January 21 2008 and requested they inform the Clerk if they would be attending.

325. District Council Report

The Parish Council requested that its District Councillors support the recommendations of the Recreation and Amenities committee with regard to car parking charges. District Councillors were asked to request a recorded vote on the matter

**Cllrs
Tilbey/
Evans/
Hazell and
Adams**

326. County Council Report

Councillor Hazell reported that there would be another meeting of GC2C to discuss working together within the three areas- Beeches [Burnham], Taplow and Dorney . It was hoped that GC2C could provide support to the f Market Healthcheck project.

All parish councillors had been invited to attend the Chiltern & South Bucks Transportation Symposium 2008 at Beaconsfield on 20 February. Cllr Slater and the Parish Clerk would be attending.

The Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting at County Hall to discuss the County’s proposals to use computerised methods for ongoing consultations

327. To receive the minutes of the Parish Council’s committees

a) Cllr Slater presented the minutes of the Market Health Check Sub Committee

19 November 2007 Minutes 259 – 265 Page 80

RESOLVED that the report be adopted

b) Cllr Mrs Evans presented the minutes of the Planning Committees

12 November 2007 Minutes 237-244 Pages 74-75
3 December 2007 Minutes 276 –282 Pages 83 -85

RESOLVED that the report be adopted

c) Cllr Pepler presented the minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee

3 December 2007 Minutes 283 –300 Pages 86 -92

RESOLVED that the report be adopted

Re minute 287 Tennis Club Lease

Cllr Cole updated members on his discussions with South Bucks District Council regarding the head lease for the land at Stomp Rd. Until this lease has been agreed, it is not possible to agree a sub lease with the Tennis Club. Cllr Cole reported that he was still waiting for the answers to some of his questions on the revised lease and was unhappy with the service given by the District Council.

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Discussion took place

- a. Regarding the Parish Council's liabilities without a lease – it was agreed that until a new lease was signed the parish was covered under the terms of the previous lease
- b. whether the Parish wish to continue as a lessee of the land
- c. What action should be taken

AGREED that

Cllr Cole to request a reply to his previous communications
Cllr Tilbey [as Chairman of the Parish Council] to write to the Chief Executive of South Bucks District Council requesting a settlement of the lease

Cllr Cole
Cllr Tilbey

The matter to be discussed at the next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities committee and also be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Full Council

Parish Clerk

Re Minute 292 Christmas Fayre, Lantern Parade and firework display
The event had been very successful

d] Cllr Capel presented the minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee

17 December 2007 Minutes 305 – 311

Pages 93-94

RESOLVED that the report be adopted

328. Finance Report

To receive a list of payments from 13 November 2007 to 21 December 2007 See Appendix A
Information Received and Noted

329. To agree the budget and precept for the financial year 2008/9

The Finance and General Purpose Committee recommend that there be no change to the precept for the next financial year.
Budget Explanation papers form Appendix B and Appendix C

Proposed by Cllr Pepler

Seconded by Cllr Mrs Horwood

Unanimously AGREED that the precept for the year 2008/9 be £472,000.00

330. To resolve that the Parish Council apply to the secretary of State for the Department for Communities and Local government [DCLG] for approval to borrow funds from the Public Works Loans Board

It is necessary to obtain approval before applying for the loan. It is possible that the original amount requested might be greater than the borrowing need i.e. should grant applications be successful

Proposed by Cllr Slater

Seconded by Cllr Bird

Unanimously AGREED that the Parish council apply for approval to borrow £1,500,000.00

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**331. Reports from Outside Bodies
Burnham Youth Centre**

Cllr Pepler reported that the youth centre was actively trying to increase their lettings to recoup some of the income which dropped with the demise of the nursery. It was hoped that They might be able to accommodate some of Burnham Park hall hirers
The fence around the youth centre had recently been damaged and it was anticipated that this would be repaired before the end of January.

BCA

Cllr Slater reported that the advice centre had been unable to open recently because of staff illness. A community lunch meeting would be held at the youth centre on 15 January.

Highways matters

Cllr Cole reported that he had met with Mr Kenneally the area highways Engineer to discuss the condition of various roads. The County Council was short of funds and only had money for grade 1 repairs

Cllr Mrs Evans expressed her concern with the condition of the roads in the Lent Rise Area. She was also concerned that the County Council's interpretation of good road conditions differed from her personal observation

Cllr Cole reported that he had requested a breakdown of the expenditure on roads with South bucks district over the last 5 years but had not yet received a reply.

332. Information items

A request was made that the Parish Council consider entering into the Best Kept Village competition in future years

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm