

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday, 25 February 2008

Present Chairman: Cllr S Tilbey
Cllrs: PJ Adams, J Capel, M Cole, Mrs S Collins, Mrs H Evans,
Mrs J Foster, Ms L Hazell, Mrs M Hammon, D Pepler, Mrs P Plant,
B Slater and. M Taylor

Also Present: One members of the public.

Officers: Mrs Janet Holmes and Mrs Jacqui Mansford.

All present stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Mr Ken Dolan who had been a councillor and past chairman of this council

ACTION

399 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Mrs C Binns, M Bird, P Davies, M Hewitt and P Wallis.

400 Declarations of interest

Cllrs Slater and Mrs Hammon declared an interest in Minute 327c by virtue of being members of the Bowls Club and Tennis Club.

401 Public Forum

There was one member of the public present and no matters were raised

402 Minutes of the Full Council

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2008 was signed as a true record by the Chairman, Cllr Tilbey.

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

Item 331 Highway Matters.

Cllr Cole reported that

1. He was concerned that broken tiles were not being replaced in the High Street but that asphalt was being laid.
2. He had reported many blocked drains to the County Council but had been told that the Bucks County Council gulley cleaner had been broken for several months.

Cllr Slater also reported that he had told the County Council about a number of blocked drains which still had not been cleared.

As a County Councillor, Cllr Hazell agreed to investigate the matter.

It was noted that projects within Wycombe District and Aylesbury area were undertaken by match funding with the District and County Councils.

Cllr Cole also reported that he had requested a financial breakdown of expenditure on roads from South Bucks District Council, but that they had been unable to provide the information.

404 Chairman's Communications

The Chairman reported that since the last meeting he had attended Mr Ken Dolan's funeral in Devon. A letter had been received from Mrs Jenny Dolan thanking him for attending the service and the Council for their concern.

Thanks were given to Cllr Mrs Evans and her husband Keith and to Cllr Mark Taylor for offering their assistance during the current caretaking problems.

The Chairman had attended a meeting with residents and representatives from the County and District Councils at Littleworth Common. Littleworth Common is a Special Site, one of only three in the UK. It is ancient heathland and is designated as an area of Special Scientific Interest [SSI] The project is now into the seventh of a ten year plan to take the woodland back to original heathland. Residents had expressed concern at the lack of information available regarding the project. It was noted that consultation procedures now are more extensive than those undertaken in the 1990s.

The meeting proved successful and resulted in local residents agreeing to work with the District Council to improve the area.

405. District Council Report

Cllr Lynn Hazell reported that the car park charges across the District area had been agreed. The Summers Road car park remains with no charge for the first 30 minutes and the Jennery Lane car park remains with a 30p charge of the first 30 minutes. There will also be a £1 flat rate charge on a Sunday in all areas of the District Council.

406. County Council Report

Council Tax

The County Council had agreed the council tax for 2008/9 with a 4.5% increase. Government funding had been made for the next three years. It was noted that, Bucks County Council were one of only six "floor" authorities with a settlement for the first year being 2%, second year 1.755 and third year 1.50% . The county would be one of only 6 councils that would remain a floor authority over the 3 year period

It was further noted that a higher percentage of income was being allocated to the northern counties than to the south east counties. The county council had therefore had to allocate funds from reserves for the revenue budget.

Burnham Library

Bucks County Council have secured funds from the lottery for library services across the county. It is intended that the building works at Burnham library will incorporate an adult learning area. A consultation document, in the form of a questionnaire regarding the use of Burnham library, is available in local shops and the library itself. Councillors were encouraged to complete and return a questionnaire.

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- 407. To receive the minutes of the Parish Council's committees**
a) Cllr Mrs Evans presented the minutes of the Planning Committees
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| 7 January 2008 | Minutes 312-318 | Pages 95-96 |
| 28 January 2008 | Minutes 338 –345 | Pages 103 104 |
| 18 February 2008 | Minutes 390 – 398 | Pages 117-119 |

RESOLVED that the reports be adopted

Re minute 398

Cllr Mrs Evans informed the meeting that a request had been received for names for the new development at Lent Rise Rd. She suggested that a name be chosen from the following which all have connections with the area.

Lent Acre, Lent Field Close, Winter's Acre or Winter's Close

Councillors agreed that **Winter's Acre** and **Lent Field Close** be suggested to the District Council.

It was agreed that the Council would compile a bank of suitable names to be offered to the District Council for future use.

Re minute 342

Cllr Tilbey expressed his dismay that the planning application 07/02401/ful for change of use at 125 Stomp Rd, had not been successful. The main reasons stated for refusal were the lack of disabled access and insufficient parking. He hoped that a future application on the site would be successful.

b) Cllr Cole presented the minutes of the Halls Committees

24 January 2008	Minutes 333 – 337	Pages 101-102
8 February 2008	Minutes 368 - 373	Pages 111-113

RESOLVED that the reports be adopted

Item 373. In response to a question Cllr Cole, reported that the architects had written to South Bucks District Council with an outline plan and were now awaiting a reply so that a meeting could be arranged with planners. Once this date was known, the next meeting of the halls committee would be arranged. South Bucks District Council follow a strict procedure; architects must submit details in writing to make arrangements for a meeting with the Planning Officer. A reply must be sent to the architect within 14 days from that letter being submitted [a reply should therefore be available by the 3rd March]

Councillor Taylor expressed his concern that the timescale for the project was slipping behind.

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

28 January 2008	Minutes 346 –356	Pages 105 -108
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RESOLVED that the report be adopted

Cllr Pepler informed members that the next meeting of the Recreation

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and Amenities Committee, to be held on the 17th March 2008 would be at the later time of 7:30 p.m.

Item 351 a/1 Running Track

Cllr Cole stated that in a recent conversation with the groundsman it had been suggested that the perimeter path be used with markers to one side, rather than cutting and marking the grass area. The Clerk informed members that she was working with the relevant sports departments of both schools, and Mr Joe Salmon, of South Bucks District Council, to ascertain if the suggested running track was feasible. She requested that these discussions be completed before any change was made to the proposal.

AGREED that the Clerk continue discussions as per minute 351

Cllrs Mrs Hammon and Slater declared an interest in the following items by reason of being members of the tennis club and bowls club respectively.

Item 351 b/i Remedial work to the Stomping Ground

South Bucks District Council is still requesting that the Parish Council “sign off” the repairs for the capping despite the Parish not been responsible for the contract, nor having the expertise to agree that the work has been done correctly. The District Council are concerned that once the work is done, the Parish will state it has not been done correctly. Whilst Parish Council does not have the funds to employ a quantity surveyor, it was agreed that they would be happy to accept an independent third party undertaking this work.

Item 351 b/ii Tennis Club Lease

South Bucks District Council have still not answered the parish council's objections to the amended lease. Cllr Cole recommended that the Recreation and Amenities Committee vote to refuse the lease with South Bucks District Council. Cllr Hazell was concerned that such a refusal would be a retrograde step. She suggested that now was the time for all the Burnham district councillors to meet together with the District Council.

It was noted that the lease was originally set up in this manner because South Bucks District Council would not lease directly to the users. However times have changed and it might be possible for three separate leases to be negotiated with the District Council i.e. The Parish Council for the play area, the tennis association for the courts and bowls club for the greens.

AGREED that Cllr Hazel and any other councillors who wish to join her, would arrange to meet with Mr Chris Marchant of South Bucks District Council to discuss the Stomping Ground.

A formal resolution for future action to is be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the Full Council.

Item 353 Hag Hill Hitcham Trust

In response to a question the Clerk informed the meeting that she was

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still awaiting a reply from Taplow Parish Council. If they withdrew their trustee nominations, the parish council could take sole responsibility for the play area. The next meeting of the Hag Hill Hitcham Trust will be held on Monday 3 March.

d] Cllr Slater presented the minutes of the Market Health Check Sub Committee

4 February 2008 Minutes 357 – 367 Page 109-110

RESOLVED that the report be adopted

Councillor Slater, informed members that this had been the last meeting of the subcommittee. An independent group had now been set up with 12 local people volunteering to form the four subcommittees. They will meet every three weeks under the chairmanship of Mr Nicholls. Cllr Slater expressed his willingness to continue to be the parish council representative on the new “ Think Burnham” committee.

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

11 February 2008 Minutes 374 – 382 Pages 114-115

RESOLVED that the report be adopted

f] Cllr Cole presented the minutes of the Staffing Sub Committee

11 February 2008 Minutes 338 – 389 Page 116

RESOLVED that the reports be adopted

408. Finance Report

a. To receive a list of payments up to 31 January 2008

Information noted

b. To note the Council’s balances upto and including 31 January 2008.

Balances as at 31 January 2008

Co-operative Bank	249147
Newbury Building Society 1	414058
Newbury Building Society 2	60823
Nat West	58243
Consolidated Loan Stock	405
Petty Cash	100
Lloyds TSB	9

Total	782785

409. To discuss members allowances for councillors on special duties

Cllr Adams asked that the parish council consider some form of members allowance to reimburse councillors for out of pocket expenses. The Clerk informed the meeting that travelling expenses were currently paid but that a formal resolution would need to be made to grant Members Allowances to all [it would be up to the individual councillor whether they wish to claim such an allowance or not]

AGREED that this item be referred to the Finance and

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General Purpose committee for further discussion

- 410. To agree the meeting dates for the next financial year**
The Clerk pointed out two changes to the circulated list of dates. The amended list was duly approved. The new list will be sent out with the next mailshot.
It is anticipated that the council will hold its committee meetings in whatever accommodation is hired during the rebuilding works. Arrangements have been made for meetings of the Full Council to be held in the Library Hall on a Monday evening.
- 411. To consider the arrangements for the Annual Assembly of Electors which will be held on 14 April 2008-**
This is the occasion when the Chairman and councillors report back to electors of the work the Parish Council has undertaken during the last year. The date was noted, no special arrangements would be made.
- 412. One day training conference to be held on 15 April 2008 at the Blue Mountain Golf Club, Binfield**
Cllrs Mrs Evans, Mrs Hammon, Mrs Plant and Slater expressed interest in attending the course.
- 413. Reports from Outside Bodies
Burnham Youth Centre**
Cllr Pepler reported that the youth leader would be leaving and an advert was now in place. A former youth worker had agreed to help out on Monday's and Wednesday's but no club would take place on Fridays. The Youth Centre was currently offering accommodation to some ex-Burnham Park Hall users. The Centre anticipates altering the room formerly used by the nursery by the end of August to make it more suitable for hiring. The fence around the Youth Centre had still not been repaired, but should be done in the near future.
- 414. Information items**
1. Councillors were circulated with report from the Burnham Neighbourhood Team and Inspector George Wrigley of Thames Valley police stopped
Inspector George Wrigley has expressed a willingness to address a future meeting of the parish council.
2. Available in the office, a copy of the Burnham Society newsletter.
- There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10 pm