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Mr Furness then answered questions from Parish Council members He informed members that South Bucks DC was working with their neighbours Slough Borough Council and Windsor and Maidenhead Borough Council, to ensure that the Olympics has a positive not negative impact on the area.

It was noted that Slough and Maidenhead had been nominated as the main rail stations with Taplow as the secondary. Whilst members were disappointed by this, it was acknowledged that South Bucks, and in particular Taplow, will not attract tourists and so cannot compete with Windsor and Maidenhead. Taplow has no shops adjacent to the station and the station is in need of refurbishment.

The Chairman thanked Mr Furness for his interesting presentation and invited him to stay for the next part of the meeting.

496 Public Forum

Ten members of the public were present. All persons wanted to discuss the anti social problems in the High St which they felt could be addressed by the introduction of CCTV. It was therefore agreed that item 18 be taken next

497 To discuss the progress of installing CCTV in the High St - Cllr M Bird addressed the Council

Cllr Bird requested that the Parish Council revisit the matter of installing CCTV in the High St. he stated that the residents, particularly around the High St, believe that it would curtail the current level of anti social behaviour that occurs during the evenings in Burnham High St.

Cllr Tilbey informed the members that this matter was within his remit as a District Councillor and he updated all present on the current situation. The District Council have a 5 year plan to introduce CCTV throughout the District. Denham, Beaconsfield and Gerrards Cross have cameras which are currently monitored from High Wycombe. It is expected that a new monitoring suite would be set up based at Aylesbury police station thus having close links with Thames Valley Police. A CCTV users group will be set up by the District Council. The District Council were waiting for further information which they expect to receive in mid May when they will review the project.

It was noted that there had been few instances where court action has led to a prosecution using CCTV evidence. There were concerns over the cost effectiveness of installing CCTV

Mr J Dixon – landlord of The George PH questioned if the 5 year plan started 3 years ago why South Bucks District Council made no progress to date. He expressed his concern over the lack of policing in Burnham. His business was being affected as people were intimidated by groups in the High St and would not visit in the evenings. He had installed CCTV to protect his premises and other publicans were considering doing the same.

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Rachel Giles Requested that CCTV cameras be placed all down the High_St

Cllr Tilbey informed the meeting that limited information was being made available to councillors regarding Thames Valley police statistics

Andrew Strathdee – chairman of Neighbourhood Action Group reported that Thames Valley police forwarded a large amount of information which was sent via the ringmaster scheme. Police often know who the offenders are but do not have sufficient evidence to use in court. Mr Strathdee expressed his concern that, in many cases, the Crown Prosecution service was deciding against court action.

Summary

- CCTV would give confidence to “the man in the street” to give evidence
- Cameras were easy to install but the monitoring role and maintenance costs need to be settled before any decisions were made
- PCSO’s and police could now use “head cams” which are helping to identify individuals
- We need to offer other projects and venues for young people = lighting in Burnham Park should assist with this
- The Parish Council to investigate obtaining access to the information disseminated via ringmaster
- To be discussed as an agenda item by the full council on 16 June 2008

*9 pm Cllr Hewitt left the meeting
Mr C Furness left the meeting*

498 To note councillor’s attendances for the last council cycle
A chart was circulated and the information was duly noted Appendix B

499 To appoint members to serve on the following Committees
The terms of reference state that there should be a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 members on each committee.

a. Finance and General Purpose [8]
Peter Adams, Michael Cole, John Capel, Perry Davies, Lin Hazell, Marcus Hewitt, Mark Taylor and Paul Wallis

b. Halls [6]
Peter Adams, Matt Bird, Michael Cole, Perry Davies, Bob Slater and Mark Taylor

c. Recreation and Amenities [8]
Michael Cole, Shelly Collins, Hilary Evans, Judith Foster, Marie Hammon, Lin Hazell, David Pepler and Bob Slater

d. Planning [7]
Matt Bird, Hilary Evans, Marie Hammon, Marcus Hewitt, Jean Horwood, Penny Plant and Bob Slater

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500 Minutes of the Full Council

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2008 was signed as a true record by the Chairman, Cllr Tilbey.

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

Items 331 & 403 Highway Matters. refers

Cllrs Cole and Slater reported that the drains had still not been cleared
Cllr Hazell assured the meeting that she would follow up these matters and asked that if any councillor was aware of drainage problems in other areas.

Item 351 a/1 Running Track refers

An update of this item will be discussed at the next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities committee

Item 351 b/i Remedial work to the Stomping Ground refers

Cllr Hazell reported that she was working with Cllr Taylor and South Bucks District Council regarding the lease and the remedial work. They will shortly be arranging a meeting with the tennis club.

It was noted that South Bucks District Council have applied for planning permission to undertake the remedial work

502 Chairmans, Report

Cllr Tilbey reported that

1. He had received an invitation to attend the next meeting of the Burnham Health Promotion Trust Steering Group on 3 June 2008.
2. The Parish Council had received a letter of thanks from Padstones for their £500 grant.

503. District Council Report

Cllr Ms Hazell reported that licensing officers from South Bucks District Council were visiting shops to make test purchases. Action was being taken where appropriate re selling alcohol to those underage.

504. County Council Report

No report

505. To receive the minutes of the Parish Council's committees

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

10 March 2008	Minutes 415 - 424	Pages 126- 127
7 April 2008	Minutes 450 –456	Pages 136 - 138
23 April 2008	Minutes 470 – 475	Pages 143

RESOLVED that the reports be adopted

Cllr Mrs Evans thanked all members of last year's committee for their commitment to the council's planning committee

b) Cllr Pepler presented the minutes of the Staffing Sub Committee

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RESOLVED that the report be adopted

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

19 March 2008 Minutes 431 –440 Pages 129 -132

RESOLVED that the report be adopted

Cllr Pepler reported that both Dorney and Taplow Parish council's had written that they no longer wished to be trustees on the Hitcham Hag hill Trust. The charity commission had been advised accordingly and the Parish Council were awaiting their advice as to how to proceed

Cllr Cole presented the minutes of the Halls Committee

2 April 2008 Minutes 441 – 449 Pages 133-135

RESOLVED that the reports be adopted

d] In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the committee, Cllr Mrs Foster presented the minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee.

7 April 2008 Minutes 457 – 469 Pages 139-142

RESOLVED that the report be adopted

506. Finance Report

a. To receive a list of payments from 1 April 2008 to 30 April 2008
Information noted

b. To note the Council's balances upto and including 31 March 2008.

c.

Balances as at 31 March 2008

Co-operative Bank	200523
Newbury Building Society 1 }	494500
Newbury Building Society 2 }	0
Nat West	58660
Consolidated Loan Stock	418
Petty Cash	100
Lloyds TSB	9

Total	754210

c] To note that UHY Hacker Young has now agreed the audit for the financial year up to 31 March 2007
Information noted

d] To agree the appointment of Haines Watts as the Internal Auditor for Burnham Parish Council for the year 2008/9
Agreed that Haines Watts be appointed for the current financial year and that the Parish Council invites tenders for the next financial year

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507. To consider and respond to the consultation document from Buckinghamshire County Council entitled “Buckinghamshire Locality Strategy” : a consultation on a partnership approach
Councillors considered the document from the County Council and the accompanying papers.
Agreed that no further response be made

508. The following representatives were appointed on other bodies

a. Burnham Community Association [2]

Cllrs Mrs Hilary Evans and Bob Slater

b. Burnham Youth Centre Management committee [1]

Cllr David Pepler

d. Hitcham Poors Land Charity [3]

Cllrs Mrs Hilary Evans, Mrs Jean Horwood and Mrs Judith Foster

d. Burnham Consolidated Charities /Elizabeth Cox Clothing Charity [1]

Cllr David Pepler

e. South Bucks Joint Local Committee [1 plus deputy]

Cllr Bob Slater

f. South Bucks Association of Local Councils [upto 5]

Cllrs Peter Adams, Mrs Penny Plant, Bob Slater and Shorne Tilbey

g. CPRE (Penn Branch)

Cllr Michael Cole

h. Hitcham Hag Hill Trust [2]

Cllrs David Pepler and Bob Slater

i. Think Burnham

Cllr Bob Slater

509. To consider reinstating the Vice Chairman’s Summer Walk

Cllr Cole agreed to lead a walk on either a Friday evening or Sunday afternoon during the summer months

510. To agree the adoption of new headed notepaper

After viewing the options, councillors were divided on which of the two examples should be adopted. Councillors were asked to decide which design to adopt

No decision was made and it was agreed that the two samples should be emailed to all councillors to consider for the next meeting of the Full Council.

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

Cllr Pepler reported that there had been little response to the adverts for a youth leader. The repairs had now been undertaken to the fence around the play area

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CPRE (Penn Branch)

Cllr Cole reported that the organisation would be going for a legal challenge to the proposal for a third runway at Heathrow Airport on the basis that the information gathered by the government was either incorrect or withheld

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.05 pm