

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 6 July 2009 commencing at 8.00 pm at in the Dining Hall of Burnham Upper School.

Present Chairman: Cllr Ms L Hazell
Cllrs Mrs C Binns, J Capel, P Davies, Mrs H Evans, Mrs J Foster,
Mrs M Hammon, M Hewitt, Mrs J Horwood, P Kelly, Ms J Richardson,
Mrs P Plant, D Pepler, B Slater, M Taylor and P Wallis.

Officers: Mrs Janet Holmes and Mrs Mansford

Also present five members of the public

1061. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors P Adams, M Bird and Mrs Collins and County Councillor Dev Dhillon.

1062. Vacancies on the Parish Council.

There are two vacancies on the Parish Council which may be filled by co-option.

The following people had expressed an interest.

Mrs A Blackwell of 3 Grenville Close

Mr P Kelly of 49 Wyndham Crescent

Mrs N Milligan of The Gore Cottage, Hitcham Lane

Ms J Richardson of 42 Eastfield Rd

Mr A Samson of 6 Middle Walk

All the candidates had submitted a CV and had 5 minutes in which to expand their comments and to answer questions.

Candidates and members of the public left the room while voting took place. In accordance with the Council's standing orders 55j, a number of secret ballots took place. Each ballot eliminating the least successful candidate until the two successful candidates were left.

Mr Paul Kelly and Ms Jean Richardson were duly co-opted onto the Parish Council.

1063. To receive the Code of Conduct and sign the Declaration of Acceptance for the new councillors

The new councillor's Code of Conduct forms, having been held by the Parish Clerk, were received by the Parish Council. Copies would be sent to the monitoring officer at South Bucks District Council.

Ms Richardson and Mr Kelly duly signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took their seats on the Council.

8.50 pm Cllr Mrs Horwood left the meeting

1064. 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.

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1065. Public Forum

Mr J Stimpson of 112 Stomp Rd requested an update on the progress of the Burnham Park Hall rebuild; the remedial works at the Stomping Ground and asked that any new member of staff appointed to the Council be sufficiently computer literate to update the web pages.

The Chairman, Cllr Ms Hazell, the Clerk and Cllr Mr Taylor supplied answers to his points.

With regard to the rebuilding programme, Cllr Taylor informed members that many meetings had been held with the prospective contractor and the QS to ensure that items that had previously been entered as “provisional sums” were costed and included in the budgets. It was anticipated that the demolition work would commence at the end of August. A press release would be issued as soon as the relevant information was available.

Mr A Strathdee noted that members would be appointing a Parish Council representative for the Neighbourhood Action Group – NAG. The next meeting being held on 30 July 2009. He thanked the Parish Council for their support in the Coulson Way project. The first action to be undertaken will be a “clear up” day held in conjunction with the government’s “Community Big Lunch Day” on 19 July 2009.

The Chairman thanked Mr Strathdee for all the time and effort that he had put into making the Burnham NAG such a successful venture.

9.05 pm Cllr Hewitt left the meeting

1066. Minutes of the Full Council

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 11 May 2009
AGREED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11 May 2009 be signed as a true record by the Chairman Cllr Ms Hazell.

1067. To receive a report regarding how the activities of the District Council affect the Parish of Burnham.

Cllr Mrs Evans reported that

1. The District Council had financially assisted with The Lighthouse project.

Cllr Lin Hazell reported that

2. Pinewood Studios had submitted a planning application to build 1400 houses on their land which is within the green belt. Whilst the proposal will have no impact on Burnham Parish it will affect neighbouring parishes. It was noted that if the application is approved, this could fulfil the South Bucks District Council quota for the next 20 years.

There are fears that if this plan was approved, it would encourage further encroachment into the green belt through out the District.

1068. To receive a report regarding how the activities of the County Council affect the Parish of Burnham.

Cllr Hazell reported on the future GC2C meetings and their connections with LAF’s. She explained that there was a sum of money that needed to be spent within the delegated budget. A meeting would be held in August to agree expenditure on possible projects in 2010/11.

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Councillors were urged to forward ideas for possible community schemes to the Clerk

Cllr Hazell highlighted that she had access to a County Council "Community Leader's budget" in the region of £1,400 and a District Council "Councillor's budget" of £500 [along with other Burnham District Council members] These funds to be spent on projects of benefit to the community within the Parish.

1069. Matters Arising

984 Membership on committees

b Recreation and Amenities

Cllrs Mrs Collins and Slater WISH to remain on the Recreation and Amenities committee with Cllrs Hilary Evans, Judith Foster, Marie Hammon, Lin Hazell, David Pepler and Paul Wallis

c. Planning

Cllrs Bird, Slater and Mrs Plant WISH to remain on the Planning committee with Cllrs Hilary Evans, Marie Hammon, Marcus Hewitt, Jean Horwood and David Pepler.

991 Representatives on other bodies

a. Burnham Community Association Cllr Bob Slater agreed to continue with Cllr Mrs Hilary Evans.

c. Hitcham Poor's Land Charity [3]

A report from the charity was tabled. It was agreed that Mr Lindsop been invited to make a brief presentation to a future meeting of either the Annual Meeting or the Annual Assembly of the Parish Council

e. South Bucks Partnership [replaces the South Bucks Local Forum]

Cllr Bob Slater agreed to attend the meetings

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

Cllr Bob Slater agreed to join Cllr Peter Adams as a representative

AGREED that details of the meetings be sent to al councillors so that others may attend if they wish

g. Hitcham Hag Hill Trust [2]

Cllr Bob Slater agreed to join Cllr David Pepler as a representative

h. ThinkBurnham

Cllr Bob Slater agreed to attend the meetings.

CCTV update – Cllr Adams had ascertained that South Bucks District Council are now considering digital cameras but still do not have any costings available. The cameras purchased would need to be digital so that they are in line with the Wycombe digital upgrade as South Bucks District Council do not want to incur additional costs only a few months after cameras are installed.

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1070. To receive the minutes of the Parish Council’s committees

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

11 May 2009	Minutes 970 - 977	Pages 299 - 300
20 May 2009	Minutes 997 - 1005	Pages 309 - 310
8 June 2009	Minutes 1024 - 1030	Pages 318 - 319

RESOLVED that the reports be adopted

b] Cllr Mrs Binns presented the minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committees.

1 June 2009	Minutes 1006 - 1017	Pages 311 -314
1 June 2009 Part 2	Minutes 1018 – 1023	Pages 315 – 317
22 June 2009	Minutes 1031 - 1036	Pages 320 - 321

RESOLVED that the reports be adopted

Reference minute 1035 The office has a list of items to the value of £200 which will be purchased and donated to “The Well” for use by the Coulson Way project and other community projects.

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

22 June 2009	Minutes 1037 – 1053	Pages 322- 327
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RESOLVED that the report be adopted

Cllr Pepler highlighted minute 1050c . Walk around the Recreation Areas Which will take place on 20 July 2009 at 6.00 pm. All councillors are welcome and the walk will commence at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground.

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Recreation and Amenities committee has been brought forward one week to 21 September 2009.

1071. To consider amendments to the Council’s Standing Orders

a. To reinstate the following line under item 30_Rules of Debate.

“All members shall rise to speak unless permitted by the Chairman to sit on account of infirmity”

AGREED that the matter be deferred until the new Civic Hall is open.

b. To consider the proposal of the Finance and General Purpose committee to create a new Committee of the Parish Council [with a revised quorum.]

The Clerk had produced a paper which explained the needs of the Council with regard to future discussions on the halls redevelopment and how it was proposed to address them. Appendix A

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Proposed by Cllr Mrs Binns, seconded by Cllr Pepler

AGREED that a new committee comprising all members of the Council be established. Meetings to be scheduled for 6 pm every Thursday unless cancelled in advance.

Proposed by Cllr Slater, seconded by Cllr Taylor

AGREED that the quorum for this committee be set at three.

1072. Finance Report

To receive a list of payments made from 1 May 2009 to 18 June 2009
Information noted See Appendix B

1073. To appoint a representative on the Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr Jean Richardson agreed to represent the Parish Council on the NAG

1074. Reports from Outside Bodies

To receive verbal reports, for information, from councillors serving on outside bodies

- Cllr Slater informed members that he had attended 2 meetings of **ThinkBurnham**. Their AGM had been successful with a good attendance and they had recruited new members.
- Cllr Slater had attended meetings of the **Burnham Community Association**. Their main fundraising event is the Burnham Carnival which is scheduled for 11 July 2009.
- Cllr Slater, in his role as Chairman of the **Royal Air Force Association**, reminded members that there would be a concert in St Peter's church on 11 September. Cost £10 per ticket. The Royal Air Force Band will giving their time free and all proceeds would go to the Wings Appeal.
- Cllr Pepler informed members that he had attended 2 meetings of **Burnham Youth Centre**. The Youth Leader is working with the police in Coulson Way and is encouraging the youths to visit the Youth Centre.
- Cllr Pepler reported that there had been a successful **Vice Chairman's Walk** the previous Friday evening which had been enjoyed by all who had attended.

1075. Information items

- Burnham Foot Tunnel at Huntercombe Lane North had received a makeover with a mural undertaken by local school children and South Bucks District Council
- Public Finance article "Pushing the Envelope" re new Local Government Secretary John Denham – copy available from the Clerk
- In Focus magazine – available in the office
- SBDC information on Chairman's Community and volunteering Awards 2009

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- Summer Events
Skate WeekZ at Burnham Grammar School 3 – 7 August and
17 – 21 August
' Chillin in the Park' at Burnham Park 13/14 August
- Copy of Denham Today [Denham Pc's magazine]
- Copy of information for Wednesday's meeting of the South Bucks
Partnership

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.25 pm