

FULL COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on Monday 4th January 2010 commencing at 8.00 pm at Corner Stones, St Peter's Church.

Present Chairman: Cllr D Pepler
Cllrs M Bird J Capel, Mrs Collins, Mrs H Evans, Mrs J Foster,
Mrs M Hammon, Mrs J Horwood, Mrs P Plant, B Slater,
M Taylor and P Wallis.

Officer : Mrs Janet Holmes

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Cllr Pepler took the Chair.

Also present four members of the public

1315 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors, P J Adams, P Davies, Ms L Hazell, P Kelly and Ms J Richardson,

1316 Declarations of interest

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

1317 Public Forum

- Q. Ms G Belloni of 11 Huntercombe Rd North expressed concern that when the rebuilding of Burnham Park is complete there will be insufficient space for library users
- A. Cllr Taylor responded that the car park is a private car park owned by the Parish Council. It has always been the intention of the Parish Council to make greater use of the new building than the previous building. When the library was built there had been an informal agreement that library users could use the car park for short term parking. A problem had now arisen with the extended use of the library and a number of classes being held during the day time. The Parish Council is aware that there could be a future problem and is currently in discussions with the head of the County Library service.
- Q. Mrs J Sommer of 10 Alma Crt, Dropmore Rd expressed concern at the possible reduction in parking provision for library users in particular the disabled user.
- A. The Parish Clerk responded that disabled spaces were available on the library site and that there was space for additional parking around the library itself

Mr M Hattrell of 3 Stomp Rd was also unhappy regarding the lack of library parking provision and suggested that the Parish Council apply for planning permission for additional spaces.

- Q. Mrs J Sommer of 10 Alma Crt, Dropmore Rd asked, on behalf of the High St Association, what progress had been made with the installation of CCTV cameras
- A The Parish Clerk responded that funds had been allocated in the budget and that the Parish Council was awaiting further information

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from both Wycombe District Council and South Bucks District Council regarding the ownership and ongoing maintenance of the cameras and posts. The Community Safety Officer at South Bucks District Council who had been dealing with the matter had now left the authority and the matter was being dealt with by Ms Lynn Trigwell until the new person is in post.

- Q Mr M Hattrell of 3 Stomp Rd asked who would have access to the CCTV tapes
- A The Parish Clerk informed him that the tapes would be held by Wycombe District Council. If a member of the public required information from a tape that could be obtained from them for a fee [currently £15 but if the tape showed other persons then the information could not released]
- Q Mr A Strathdee of 4b Green Lane informed the meeting that the Neighbourhood Watch had recently undertaken an Environmental Audit and asked for information on the progress of the repairs to the street lights.
- A The Parish Clerk informed him that the Parish Council had recently changed their street lighting contractor. Work is being undertaken to catch up on the outstanding repairs – some of which had been reported in July 2009. Where possible, repairs were being made but in some cases additional parts needed to be ordered. The Christmas shut down has caused a certain amount of delay in obtaining these.

It was noted that Cllr Ms Hazell in her capacity as a county councillor, had also been discussing the parking provision at the library. It was agreed that Cllr Ms Hazell, be requested to provide a written report on the progress of these discussions for the next meeting

1318 Minutes of the Full Council

AGREED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 2nd November 2009 be signed as a true record by the Vice Chairman Cllr D Pepler.

1319 Matters Arising

Car Parking . A letter had been received from South Bucks District Council on 23 December 2009 regarding their decision not to increase the car park charges in Burnham during 2010/11.

Grants. Thanks had been received from Burnham High St Association for the grant towards their Christmas Lights Appeal

1320 To receive a report regarding how the activities of the District Council affect the Parish of Burnham.

Bad Weather. The Parish Clerk reported that during the bad weather there had been a number of accidents caused by the lack of gritting at the South Bucks District Council owned car parks. On 22 December the Parish Council were informed that Verdant were “out today visiting and gritting all car parks with the small amount of grit left available.”

The High St was gritted and cleared the but there were problems with the footpaths. The County Council delivered an amount of soil and grit to the George Pitcher Memorial Ground which Parish council groundsmen used

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to clear the footpaths. This action was appreciated by all users of the High St

Members praised the ground staff for their willingness to undertake a role outside of their normal duties and the cheerful manner in which they the work was carried out.

Bucks County Council have informed the Parish Council that they could provide a grit bin at a cost of £450 – this includes the labour of installing it and filling it

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Potholes. The Clerk informed the meeting that an email had been received from Bucks County Council regarding the proposed schedule for the infilling of potholes in the road caused by the recent weather.

Local Area Forums. Copies of the correspondence between Cllr Mary Trevallion and Mr Furness of South Bucks District Council regarding the formation of the four LAF's and the South Bucks Association of Local Council's views regarding them has been received in the office. Cllr Mrs Trevallion has been urging the District Council to insist that the Council drops its proposals for clustering of Parish councils into areas.

Mr Furness has replied “ *To summarise, it is the District Council's view that the County Council is not and indeed cannot insist on “clustering” of local councils, it has the right to decide how its own budgets are distributed but in practise the amounts involved are very small and therefore there is no formal and imposes structure for the District Council to attempt to dismantle.*

We believe that the best way forward for the local councils is simply to continue to decline any involvement if it is there wish to do so”

The Parish Council has taken advantage of the funding offered via the delegated budget scheme through the LAF's to request that a number of items be considered for attention within Burnham. Cllr Mrs Hammon attends the LAF meetings on behalf of the Parish Council and stated that all parishes had the option to attend if they wished

AGREED that the Parish Council continue to attend the meetings and to take advantage of whatever benefit to the community that it can.

1322 To receive the minutes of the Parish Council's committees

a] Cllr Taylor presented the minutes of the Hall Redevelopment Committees

5 Nov 2009	Mins 1214 – 1260	Pages 391 - 392
12 Nov 2009	Mins 1261 - 1267	Pages 396 – 397
2 Dec 2009	Mins 1291 - 1297	Pages 406 – 408
10 Dec 2009.	Mins 1298 - 1305	Pages 409 - 410

RESOLVED that the reports be adopted

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

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She informed members that the next meeting of the planning committee has been put back from 11 January 2010 to 18 January 2010

9 Nov 2009	Mins 1214 – 1260	Pages 394-395
30 Nov 2009	Mins 1278 - 1283	Pages 402 - 403

RESOLVED that the reports be adopted

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

23 Nov 2009	Mins 1268 – 1277	Pages 398-401
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RESOLVED that the report be adopted

d] Cllr Taylor presented the minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committees

30 Nov 2009	Mins 1284 – 1290	Pages 404 - 405
14 Dec 2009	Mins 1306 - 1315	Pages 411 – 412

RESOLVED that the reports be adopted

1323 Finance Report

a. To receive details of payments made 1/10/2009 – 21/12/09 - see attached statement

The statement was received and accepted

b. To note balances in the Council's accounts up to 21 December 2009

The balance sheet was received and noted

1324 To agree the budget and precept for the financial year 2010/11

A breakdown of how the budget would be allocated to individual cost centres was shown the previously distributed "Budget Detail by Centre" document. It was noted that the figures are unchanged from those previously submitted for discussion at the last Finance & General Purpose Committee meeting.

With regard to cost centre 4800, the Recreation and Amenities Committee had originally recommended that £500 be accrued each year for future hall improvements. The Finance and General Purpose Committee agreed that this was insufficient and input a figure of £5000 to be carried forward each year.

Note. The "Budget Detail by Centre" document shows that a number of cost centres will carry forward the unused balances from the current year into the budget for the next financial year

The Finance and General Purpose Committee recommend that there be no change to the precept for the forthcoming financial year and that a precept of £472,000 be agreed.

Proposed by Cllr Bird

Chairman.....

Date

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Seconded by Cllr Mrs Horwood

Unanimously AGREED that the precept for the Council year 1/4/2010 to 31/3/2011 be £472,000.

1325 New Model Publication Scheme

Under the Freedom of Information Act it is the duty of every public authority to adopt and maintain a publication scheme. The Parish Council were requested to update their existing scheme. A copy of the proposed new publication scheme showing a number of minor changes was considered.

Changes

Page 1 Additional Website

Page 2 Location of temporary Council Office and accessibility details

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AGREED that the new scheme be adopted

1326 To agree the meeting dates for 2010/11

Councillors AGREED the meeting dates for the forthcoming Council year.

1327 To consider the provision of cycle stands in Burnham

Cllr Mrs Evans addressed members on the need to install safe cycle stands in the village and in particular in the High Street. She suggested that it be undertaken in conjunction with a Safer Cycling campaign. This suggestion was supported by a number of members who also expressed concern at the amount of illegal and irresponsible pavement cycling.

It was noted that "Think Burnham" had also considered the problem at their meeting held earlier that evening.

During discussions councillors also expressed concern at the increasing numbers of cars that are parking in the High St causing problems to those using the pavements

AGREED that these items would be referred to the Recreation and Amenities Committee and that a representative from Thames Valley Police be invited to join in the discussions.

Clerk to ascertain if the District Council have now taken over the responsibility for issuing fines for illegal parking from the police.

1328 To receive verbal reports, for information, councillors serving on outside bodies

Cllr Pepler reported that

- He had attended a meeting of the youth centre management committee. The centre would now be opening on a Friday not a Thursday evening in an attempt to reduce the amount of anti social behaviour in the village at weekends
- There had been a successful Halloween party at the end of October
- A bid had been made to the LAF for funds to provide a Wii machine

Cllr Slater reported that

- He had attended a very informative meeting of "Think Burnham"

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which had been addressed by the Chief executive of the County Council

- A meeting had been held today to set the committee's priorities for future action

1329. Information items

- a. Burnham Children's Centre, Minniecroft Rd has an advisory board meeting at 12.30 pm on 11 January 2010 to discuss how the Children's Centre is meeting the needs of families and children under 5 years. Cllr Mrs Horwood expressed an interest in attending
- b. Next meeting of the South Bucks Association of Local Councils set for Thursday 28 January 2010

Available in the office

Copy of the Bucks Community Action "In Focus"

Copies of Chiltern News

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm