

**BURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Burnham Park Hall on Monday 1 July 2002 at 8.00 pm**

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**Members Present:** Councillor K L Hazell (Chairman)

Councillor J Somers (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: *P C Adams, P Beard, N Binns, J P Capel, M Cole, S E Davies, B S Dhillon, G Edwards, E J Glover, D R Pepler, M W Taylor, S Tilbey.*

**PART I**

24. **To accept apologies.**

Apologies were tendered and accepted from Councillors, P J Adams, H Blair, P A Davies, H P Evans and J M M Thomson

25. **Chairman's Communications.**

The Chairman's walk would take place on Friday 19 July 2002 starting at 6.45 pm from the Blackwood Arms and all members and the public of Burnham were invited to attend.

The annual inspection of the Councils asset's would take place on Monday 5 August 2002, starting at Burnham Park Hall and all members were invited to attend.

The Chairman informed the meeting that she had undertaken her first official engagement as the Chairman of the Council when she attended the Lent Green Methodist Church and officially opened the Jubilee Rose garden. The Chairman thanked all those members and officers who supported her on this engagement.

26. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

27. **Minutes of the Council Meeting – 13 May 2002**

Councillor L K Hazell, Chairman of the Council, presented and moved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 May 2002.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the minutes be approved.

28. **Matters Arising**

Reference Minute 9: Councillor Glover asked which electoral ward Councillor Edwards was representing?

The Chairman advised the meeting that Councillor Edwards had been co-opted to replace Councillor Dolan in the Beeches ward.

Reference Minute 21: Councillor Glover clarified the point of view expressed in her letter of 2 May 2002, which requested that the funding allocated for training should be reallocated to other expenditure as it was very unlikely that any training opportunities for chairmen would be available in the current year.

The Chairman informed the meeting that at this time the Council had acknowledged that the funds allocated to the training budget was also available for the training of officers as well as elected members. At the last meeting the Council had decided

that it would be premature to reallocate funds when the Council was only three months into its current financial year.

29. **Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee 27 May 2002**

Councillor S L Tilbey, Chairman of the Committee, presented the unconfirmed minutes of the Recreations and Amenities Committee held on 27 May 2002.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the minutes be noted.

30. **Matters Arising**

Reference Minute 11: Councillor Glover informed the meeting that according to her recollection of the meeting discussing the recruitment of additional ground staff; it was the decision of the committee to recruit an apprentice grounds person.

31. **Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee 5 June 2002**

Councillor B S Dhillon, Chairman of the Committee, presented the unconfirmed minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 5 June 2002.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the minutes be noted.

32. **Matters Arising**

Reference Minute 16: Councillor Binns informed the meeting that as he was a member of the Environmental PAG at South Bucks District Council he would ensure that the comments and concerns expressed by the Parish Council were considered by the District Council.

33. **Minutes of the Planning Committee 22 April 2002**

Councillor J Somers the Vice Chairman of the Council, presented the confirmed minutes of the Planning Committee held on 20 May 2002 and the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2002.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the minutes be noted.

34. **Appointment of Members to Committees**

The Chairman advised members that there was a vacancy on the Planning Committee and if Members of the Council had no objection requested Councillor G Edwards to fill the vacancy.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ As there were no objections Councillor G Edwards was appointed to the planning committee.

**Finance Report**

35. **Schedule of Payments at 30 May 2002.**

The Executive Officer presented the schedule of payments at 30 May 2002.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the report was received and noted.

36. **Current Council Balances.**

The Executive Officer presented a report identifying the current balances at the bank at 31 May 2002.

<b>Location of Investment</b>	<b>Amount of Investment</b>
Newbury Building Society – term deposit	£486,665.77
Halifax Building Society – Instant Access Account	£ 18,200.34
Lloyds TSB- Deposit Account	£ 1,146.61
Lloyds TSB – Current Account	£ 25,746.38
Total Investment	£531,759.10

**RESOLVED**

- ◆ The report was received and noted.

**Reports from Outside Bodies**37. **Burnham Community Association****RESOLVED:**

- ◆ The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2002 be noted.

38. **Burnham Access Group****RESOLVED:**

- ◆ The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2002 be noted.

39. **Burnham Safer Community Forum****RESOLVED:**

- ◆ The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2002 be noted.

40. **South Bucks Forum****RESOLVED**

- ◆ The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2002 be noted.

41. **Burnham Youth Centre****RESOLVED**

- ◆ The annual Youth Workers Report was noted.

42. **South Bucks Association of Local Councils**

Councillor Glover informed the meeting that she had attended the last meeting of the Association and the new chairman was Cllr Bill Lidgate. Councillor Glover encouraged other members to attend the Associations meeting as there were up to 5 places available at the Association for Burnham Parish Council. In addition Iver Parish Council were floating the idea of having a floating parish clerk who could work in more than one area.

43. **Annual Police Report a letter from Sgt Tony Welsh.**

Members received and noted the letter and annual policing report from Sgt Tony Welsh of the Thames Valley Police responsible for policing the area.

Councillor Glover expressed her regret that the police did not attend in person to present the report,

Councillor S L Tilbey informed the meeting that he had spent a Friday evening patrolling with the police who are not just responsible for Burnham but Taplow and as far away as Iver Heath.

44. **Parish Boundary Review**

Councillor Tilbey reported that as part of the working group responsible for the review, discussions had been held with South Bucks District Council Officers and bearing in mind the latest boundary review, the recommendation of the working group was, that it was premature at this time to review the boundaries and this should be deferred for a year.

45. **New Standing Orders**

Members considered a report from the Executive Officer, proposing that the Council's standing orders should be reviewed in line with the new NALC guidelines.

The report recommended the setting up of a working group to undertake the review.

**Resolved:**

- ◆ The standing orders should be reviewed in line with the new NALC guidelines.
- ◆ That the working group would consist of Councillors E Glover, D Pepler and L K Hazell.

46. **Conduct of Councillors: Local investigation and determination of misconduct allegations.**

Members noted and received the above consultation document.

47. **Burnham High Street Traffic Regulations.**

Members noted and received the review of traffic regulations for Burnham High Street. Councillor Taylor informed the meeting the County Council welcomes comments from the Parish Council.

Councillor Somers expressed concern about parking opposite 98 High Street.

48. **Education Bill 2000.**

Members noted and received a letter from Bucks County Council regarding the restructuring of the constitution of school governing bodies.

Councillor Cole informed the meeting that Bucks County Council had already rejected SBDC proposals on the allocation of places.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the main impact of the proposals was that there would be no guaranteed place for parish representatives on school governing bodies.

Councillor Pepler informed the meeting that the Parish Council has only proposed representatives, and it has always been the choice of the schools to decide who to accept.

49. **Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000**

Members received a recommendation from NALC to adopt voluntarily the duties under the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 to make it unlawful to discriminate against someone on racial grounds.

Councillor Glover requested that the adoption of such a policy should also include discrimination against individuals or groups who are disabled.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the Council's duties towards race and disability discrimination should be addressed within the new standing orders it is in the process of reviewing.

50. **Transfer of Justice Licence**

Members considered the transfer of Justices licence for:

- (a) The Blackwood Arms, Common Lane, Littleworth Common, Burnham.
- (b) Dallas News and Convenience Store, 2 Taplow Road, Burnham.
- (c) Budgens, 60-62 High Street, Burnham

**Resolved:**

- ◆ The Council had no objections.

51. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

**Resolved**

- ◆ That under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 Schedule 12A to the Act

Chairman .....

Date .....

Meeting Concluded at 9.25 pm