

## BURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Burnham Park Hall on Monday 25 February 2002 at 8.00 pm

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**Members Present:** *Councillor J. Somers (Chairman)*  
*Councillor L K Hazell (Vice Chairman)*  
*Councillors: P C Adams, P J Adams, P Beard, N Binns, H Blair,*  
*J P Capel, M Cole, P A Davies, B S Dhillon, H P Evans E J Glover,*  
*D R Pepler, S Tilbey, M W Taylor and J M M Thomson.*

### PART I

155. **Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from Councillor S E Davies.

156. **Chairman's Communications**

There were no Chairman's Communications.

157. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

158. **Minutes of the Council Meeting – 14 January 2002**

Councillor J Somers, Chairman of the Council, presented and moved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 January 2002.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the minutes be approved.

159. **Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee – 28 January 2002**

Councillor P J Adams, Chairman of the Committee, presented the unconfirmed minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 28 January 2002.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the minutes be noted.

160. **Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee 4 February 2002**

Councillor M Taylor, Vice-Chairman of the Committee presented the unconfirmed minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 4 February 2002.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the minutes be noted.

161. **Resignation of Councillor K M Dolan**

The Executive Officer informed the meeting of the resignation of Councillor K M Dolan who had now moved from the area and decided to retire from public life.

Councillor M Taylor informed the meeting that, Councillor Dolan had been a prominent councillor who had worked hard for the parish and proposed that a letter of appreciation and acknowledgement of all Councillors work should be sent by the council.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor M Cole.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ The decision of the Parish Council was that a letter of appreciation would be sent to Councillor Dolan.

162. **Appointment to Committees**

Due to the resignation of Councillor K Dolan the following appointments to committee vacancies were made.

Councillor J P Capel was appointed to the Planning Committee.

Councillor B S Dhillon was appointed to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

163. **Finance Report**

The Executive Officer presented the bank balances for December 2001, 31 January 2002 and the bank balances at 31 January 2002

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the reports be noted.

**Reports from Other Bodies**

The following reports were presented to the Council.

164. **Burnham Community Association**

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2002 be received and noted.

165. **Burnham Access Group**

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2002 be received and noted.

166. **Burnham Safer Community Forum**

Councillor M Taylor expressed concern about the lack of a formal constitution for the forum and that its remit crosses the boundaries of areas of work already being undertaken by other bodies within Burnham. Councillor Taylor also expressed concern regarding the amount of officer's time, which was taken up attending the forum.

Councillor Glover informed the meeting that the forum had undertaken a lot of good work and the issues of a constitution were being addressed

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ The minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2002 be received and noted.

167. **South Bucks Local Committee**

A written report of the meeting of the South Bucks Local Committee held on 23 January 2002 was received from Councillor S E Davies

168. **Crime Prevention Panel**

Councillor D Pepler reported attending the last meeting of the Crime Prevention Panel and it was proposed to hold a Conference at Slough Grammar School in October.

169. **Burnham Youth Centre**

Councillor D Pepler reported attending the management committee of the youth club. At the time of the meeting the youth club were attempting to recruit adult staff and two applications had been received. The new administrator Mrs Jan Judge had now started work.

170. **Burnham Library**

Councillor L K Hazell reported that the plans had been passed for the library, however the main concern was parking on Windsor Lane. However a decision had been made to make the access on Windsor Lane for staff only.

Councillor Taylor informed the meeting that the paved area would be fenced off with vandal proof fencing.

Councillor M Cole expressed concern the library had been identified as part of the Burnham conservation area and as this development identified the library was a growing area, which should not be included within the conservation area. Councillor Cole expressed concern that it would appear that the Councils response to the Conservation area review had not been received.

172. **Municipal Calendar**

The Executive Officer presented a report identifying seven options to be considered by the Members in confirming the Councils schedule of meetings for the municipal calendar.

Members discussed the various options and issues raised in the report including the increasing time pressures on committees to undertake complicated decisions, the increasing work load and complexity of planning issues, starting Council meetings earlier and the impact this would have on members personal lives and if it was necessary for the full Council to meet every six weeks

Councillor L K Hazell proposed that the schedule of meetings as per appendix 1 of the minutes should be piloted for a year. This was seconded by Councillor M Cole.

The members voted nine in favour four against and four abstentions.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That Full Council meetings would commence at 8.00 pm
- ◆ That the revised schedule of meetings as per Appendix 1 should be piloted for the next municipal year.
- ◆ That Standing Orders should be amended to allow the piloting of the new timetable.

173. **Transfer of Justices licenses and applications**

Members received the following application for the transfer of Justices licences

Blackwood Arms, Littleworth Common. Burnham. Bucks

- ◆ The application was noted and members had no comments.

174. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

**RESOLVED**

- ◆ **That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they should be asked to withdraw**

Chairman .....

Date .....