

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on Monday 17 March 2008

Present Chairman: Cllr D Pepler  
Cllrs J Capel Mrs S Collins, Mrs H Evans, Mrs J Foster,  
Mrs M Hammon, Ms L K Hazell, S Tilbey and P Wallis

Plus 5 members of the public

In attendance Mrs J Holmes

**431. To accept apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor B Slater,

**432. 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.

Cllr Mrs Foster declared an interest in minute 432 a (i) by virtue of being a governor of Burnham Upper School

Cllr Mrs Evans declared an interest in item 432 a(iii) by reason of being a Rotarian, one of the groups involved with the organisation of the carnival.

Cllr Mrs Hammon declared an interest in minute 432 b by virtue of being a member of the Tennis Association.

**433. Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 28 January 2008 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman of the Committee.

**434. Public Forum**

Mr Strathdee spoke on behalf of Burnham Neighbourhood Action. He informed the meeting that discussions had taken place to obtain cameras under the Speed Watch scheme. Volunteers would need to be trained in how to use these cameras and this would have a financial implication. Mr Strathdee requested that the Parish Council consider supporting this initiative.

It was suggested that Mr Strathdee have discussions with Beaconsfield NAG who are also considering the same initiative.

Various methods of funding were discussed with both district and county councillors having access to funds. Clerk to investigate the relevant legislation for making a payment

*[Clerk's note: Any payments to be made under sect 17 of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act]*

A question was also asked where the funds for those caught speeding and fined would be directed.

Mr Alan Hickman of Burnham Junior Football Club informed the committee that they wish to hold a tournament at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground on the first weekend in September. He was concerned, that there could be problems with the use of the pavilion as the majority of the building was used by the Fu Jau Academy. The Clerk informed the meeting that the tournament had taken place last year under these conditions and that she had not received any complaints or heard of any problems during the weekend.

Mr Brian Dawson, stated that he wished to hear the Parish Council discuss the possible purchase of land at the Cherry Orchard.

The Chairman agreed that item 6cii be taken at this point

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**ii. Land at The Cherry Orchard**

The Parish Council had received an offer from a local business to purchase all or part of the Cherry Orchard. Cllr Mrs Evans was a member of the Parish Council at the time the land was purchased. She spoke against the proposal to sell any part of the land.

UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that the Recreation and Amenities Committee recommend to the Finance and General Purpose Committee that no portion of the land be sold at the present time

**435. Matters Arising from the minutes not included on the agenda**

None

*7.50 pm Cllr Mrs Hammon arrived*

**436. To receive updated information on the Council's recreation grounds**

**a) Burnham Park**

**i. Running track**

The Clerk is still trying to arrange a meeting between Burnham Upper School and Burnham Grammar School. Mr J Salmon of South Bucks District Council has also agreed to meet with us.

**ii. Solar lights**

The Clerk has had a meeting with a company called "Bright Light Solar" re the installation of solar powered lighting in our parks. Councillors considered the further information supplied. It was suggested that a representative from the company be invited to make a presentation at the next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee so that questions regarding the overspill of lighting, could be addressed.

They were insufficient funds within the street lighting budget [total £2500] to cover the suggested costs of lighting the MUGA and the footpath to Five Points. An application has been received for an additional streetlight in Missenden Gardens, which will cost approximately £1000 to supply and install.

It was suggested that funds could be transferred from the playground budget, with both being carried forward into the next financial year.

**iii. Use of Burnham Park**

Councillors considered what charge, if any, should be made for the use of Burnham Park during the carnival. It was agreed that there would not be a charge for the use of the park this year but that all groups would be expected to place a bond with the council for future years

Clerk to develop a policy for future use

*8.00 pm Cllr Tilbey left the meeting*

**b) Stomping Ground**

All the information regarding the lease and the remedial work has been passed to Cllr Hazell who, together with Cllr Taylor will be having discussions with South Bucks District Council. It is suggested that the Parish Council may have to take 50% of the responsibility for signing off the work. The councillors will report back to this committee.

A letter has been received from The Well@Lent Rise. They wish to use 125 Stomp Rd as a community meeting place and coffee shop. In order to obtain planning permission they need to provide "alternative parking". They are

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requesting permission to use the car park at the Stomping Ground during the evenings for possibly five or six cars.

In view of the discussions still being undertaken with regard to the lease. It was agreed that the Parish Council would reply

“That the Parish Council did not expect to be in a position to offer such use of the land”

Clerk to write to “The Well” accordingly.

c] George Pitcher Recreation Ground

i. Additional car parking at George Pitcher

Cllr Tilbey and Peter Salmon expect to have an application for submission by the end of the month.

iii. Increase in pitch fees, at George Pitcher Memorial Ground.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the cost of seed etc had increased by 3%.

Councillors agreed that the cost of the pitch fees would be increased by 2.5% for 2008/9.

Ground Hire (Season)

		<u>2007/08</u>	<u>2008/09</u>
Soccer	1 Team per season	£625	£640
Soccer	1 Junior Team per season	£315	£323
Soccer	Any single game	£65	£67
Softball	1 Team per season	£150	£154
Softball	Any single game	£20	£21

**437. Hitcham Hag Hill Trust**

The trust is still waiting to hear from Taplow Parish Council, whether they wish to continue is an active member of the trust.

**438. Street naming**

Councillors were asked to suggest possible street names for future developments. These will then be submitted to the District Council for approval and added to a “bank” for future use. Cllr Mrs Evans offered to meet with the Burnham Historians to compile a suitable list

It was noted that the development at 136 – 146 Lent Rise Road had been named Winter’s Acre

A letter had been received from South Bucks District Council informing the Parish Council of a new development of 3 houses on land to the rear of South Foxley.

The suggested names being

Foxley Gate; Foxley Mews; Foxley Park

As this development is in the gardens of the house know as Foxley, councillors recommended that the development be called Foxley Gardens

Clerk to write to South Bucks DC accordingly

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**439. Diversion of footpath No 9**

Councillors had considered the diversion of footpath, No 9 at their recent meeting. The County Council then received a revised application. On 14 March 2008 the Parish Council was informed that the revised application was withdrawn so no further discussion took place.

**440. Information items**

Available in the office

a. Buckinghamshire Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework Preferred Options Consultation Report

b. The Chairman read to the meeting a letter which had been received from Burnham Health Promotion Trust expressing appreciation for all the maintenance work that had been undertaken recently in the village, in particular around The Pond and in the St Peter's Recreation Ground area.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm