

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held in the Committee room on 2 June 2008 at 7.30 pm

Present: Chairman: Cllr D Pepler
Cllr M Cole, Mrs S Collins: Mrs H Evans; Mrs Foster,
Mrs M Hammon; Ms L Hazell; B Slater

Also present Cllrs S Tilbey and P Wallis
Two members of the public

545. To accept apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

546. Election of committee Chairman and Vice Chairman for the forthcoming council cycle

Cllr D Pepler
Proposed by Cllr Slater, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hammon
Cllr Ms L Hazell
Proposed by Cllr Tilbey, seconded by Cllr Cole

Following a show of hands
AGREED that Cllr David Pepler be the Chairman of the
Committee for the ensuing year

Proposed by Cllr Cole, seconded by Cllr Tilbey
AGREED that Cllr Mark Taylor be the Vice Chairman of the
Committee for the ensuing year

547. To agree the timing of future meetings

Last council cycle, meetings of the Recreation and Amenities committee were held at 7 pm. This was amended to 7.30 pm for the last meeting and the current meeting to allow a meeting of the staffing subcommittee to precede this meeting.

AGREED that meetings of the Recreation and Amenities
Committee should continue to be held at 7 pm

548. Public forum

There being two members of the public present it was agreed that this item be brought forward

Mrs C Chapel of 57 Huntercombe Lane North requested that the Parish Council agree to the provision of street lighting in Missenden Gardens.

Costings had been obtained and a new column and connection would cost approx £950. The Clerk explained that this matter had been deferred from the last Recreation and Amenities Committee so that funds could be carried over into the current financial year and councillors could consider the matter of lighting in the Parish [i.e Street Lights and Burnham Park] at the same time.

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AGREED that the installation of the additional street light be
actioned as soon as possible Clerk

549. To hear a presentation from Mr Richard Cooper of True Energy Ltd regarding the provision of solar lighting within Burnham Park

See minute 436 ii. A copy of the proposal for Burnham Park is attached

Mr Cooper gave a presentation to members of the type of solar lighting proposed for installation in Burnham Park. He explained how any light overspill would affect nearby properties. Members were reassured that if installed around the MUGGA, the light would direct inwards and there would be no overspill to either Windsor Lane or Priory Rd residents. It was hoped that lighting this area would assist with the problems of keeping the youths away from residential areas.

With the transfer of funds from last year's street lighting budget and the funds from the capital play equipment budget, there would be sufficient monies available for the installation of four lamps around the MUGGA. Clerk

Proposed by Cllr Cole, seconded by Cllr Hazell

AGREED that the Clerk obtain two additional quotations for the work and be authorised to place the contract with the appropriate contractor

550. To review the Terms of Reference for the Recreation and Amenities committee

The Finance and General Purpose Committee had requested that all Committees review their terms of reference at the first meeting of each council cycle.

Members recommended that a minor amendment be made to the terms of reference to this committee.

“ No subcommittee should have the delegated power to make a financial decision”

551. 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 Hammon declared an interest in item 554 b. by reason of being a member of the tennis club. Cllr Lin Hazell declared an interest in item 556.by reason of being the Chairman of the East Berks Liaison Group.

552. Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 17 March 2008 was signed as a true record by Cllr Pepler

553. Matters Arising from the minutes not included on the agenda

436a(i) refers Running Track

The Clerk updated councillors on the current position

a. It would be possible to install a track in the park

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- b. The track would cost approx £450 to mark.
- c. The council did not want to have the markings “burnt” into the ground
- d. The schools would need the area marked each week
- e. The parish council do not have the equipment to undertake a 4 lane marking
- f. From a Health and Safety perspective the running track would need to be inspected for stones and dog litter etc before it was used each time
- g. Both schools already have 400 m running tracks
- h. No one wanted the responsibility of checking the ground before use
- i. It has been difficult getting representatives from both schools to talk about the project
- j. Neither school seems very enthusiastic at the prospect of inspecting the ground before use
- k. The groundsmen have highlighted concerns regarding insurance claims of runners, whether school pupils or individuals, using the track if they have an accident

Considering all the above information, the committee AGREED that the project was not feasible. Clerk to write to both schools and Dr Daley accordingly

Clerk

554. To receive updated information on the Council’s recreation grounds

a] Burnham Park and Hall grounds

The Clerk informed members that there had been an accident in the grounds and the tractor had demolished the flagpole. Members agreed that, if possible, it should be located in the same area.

Clerk to ensure replacement before Remembrance Day

Clerk

b] Stomping Ground

Cllr Hammon declared an interest by reason of being a Tennis Club member

Councillor Hazell reported to the meeting that discussions with the South Bucks District Council had stalled whilst Councillor Taylor was in hospital. If planning permission was granted to the tennis club, it is possible that the capping of the ground and the installation of play equipment would not take place as expected.

The capping works appear to revolve around the tennis club getting planning permission and the length of time it could take for the tennis club to undertake the work.

Concern was expressed by councillors at the length of time the recapping project was taking and the possibility that the parish council would lose any external funding for play equipment. It was agreed that as the Parish Council holds the main lease we do have the right to say no to any development.

Clerk
Cllr
Hazell

After discussion, it was agreed that the parish council should request the District Council to start the capping process as soon as possible so that the parish council can continue to reinstate the play equipment

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c] George Pitcher Recreation Ground

The installation of a noticeboard at the entrance to the recreation ground had been put on hold pending the agreement of a new council logo.

It was agreed that it should not wait any longer, but that space on the noticeboard should be left to insert a logo at a later date.

The installation of a noticeboard to be actioned.

Clerk

It was noted that a request has been received from Bentley Productions, Pinewood Studios, who were filming an episode of Midsummer Murders at Burnham golf club and wished to use the car park at the Memorial Ground for their base unit. A fee would be paid for such usage

d] Council owned woodland at the junction of Nashdom Lane and Brickfield Lane.

The Clerk informed the meeting that a fence had been moved so that portion of council owned land had been included within the curtilage of a nearby property. The clerk had ascertained, the names of the occupiers of the property, but was unsure who the householder was.

Clerk to contact the land registry, re the ownership of the property requesting that they remove their fence and reinstate the land accordingly

Clerk

555. Hag Hill Hitcham Trust

The Trust has received information from both Taplow and Dorney Parish Council's that they wished to relinquish their trusteeships. The Trust is now waiting information from the charity commission as to how this can be accomplished

556. Public Path Creation Agreement

The agreement has been amended for footpaths 30 and 32 – see attached *Councillor Lin Hazell declared an interest, as she is the chairman of the East Burnham Liaison group*

This path had been moved for safety reasons, and the information was duly noted

557. Available in the office

a. Rights of way improvement plan

b. Review of sub regional allocation of primary land won aggregates in the South east

The South East Assembly would like to hear views on proposed changes to the calculation of the amount of land-won aggregates that each Minerals Planning Authority is expected to provide

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

It was important that these documents be reviewed, to ascertain if any of the proposals could affect Burnham.

With regard to item (b), Cllr Cole informed the meeting that the CPRE had made a recommendation which could be viewed on their web site.

There being no other business meeting closed at 9. 20 pm