

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held in the Committee Room on 20 April 2009 at 7.00 pm

Present: Chairman: Cllr D Pepler
Cllrs Mrs S Collins, Mrs H Evans, Ms L Hazell, Mrs Foster,
Mrs M Hammon, B Slater and P Wallis

In attendance Mrs Janet Holmes

961. Resignation

Members were informed that Michael Cole and Shorne Tilbey had resigned from the Council

962. 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.

963. Public Forum

There were no members present

964. Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 16 February 2009 were signed as a true record by Cllr Pepler.

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

No Matters Arising not covered

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

a] Burnham Park and Hall grounds

Solar Lights

The solar panels have now been replaced. The company took the original panels back but now find that they were damaged and have asked for a sum of £772.27 to replace the damaged lamps. Cllr Slater reported that the power of the new lamps was far less than the original and that one of the lamps still did not work.

The Clerk to discuss the matter with the company

Clerk

7.05 pm Cllr Mrs Hammon arrived

Tree Works

The trees have been reviewed by the Mr Spooner, the tree officer from South Bucks District Council. The various permissions for the necessary work are being obtained. Work will commence as soon as possible.

b] Pavilion at George Pitcher Recreation Ground

The guttering and fascia work has been undertaken.

The Clerk is in possession of a quotation from Abbey Windows via Cllr Davies for replacement windows to the Pavilion at the George Pitcher Recreation Ground. Agreed that the Clerk source two additional quotations and report back to the next meeting.

The Clerk reported that a car had crashed into the kissing gate one

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Saturday evening. The gate has been damaged and Denco will be asked to quote for repairs [the cost is expected to be below the insurance threshold]

ii. Burnham Junior Football Club.

The Clerk has been unable to agree a meeting time that fitted in with councillors and the representatives from the football club. The Clerk spoke with Mr Hickman at the Annual Assembly and it was agreed that a meeting will be arranged when the football season has finished.

c] Stomping Ground

Remedial Work and New Play Equipment

The contract papers for the remedial work have now been signed. Weather permitting, work will commence on 1 May with completion expected end of May.

Members AGREED that the Watts Brothers should be asked to remove the two dead trees on the site prior to the works taking place

d] St Peter's Recreation Ground

A number of repairs need to be made to the wet pour surfaces around the play equipment. The Clerk has sourced a contractor who has quoted for the repair work but is unable to so. The Clerk is unable to source any alternative contractor

AGREED that the quotation received from DCM for £625 to repair cracks, holes and replace large portion of wet por. be ACCEPTED
Clerk to arrange the necessary work

e] Use of red diesel

The Clerk informed members that a reply had been received from Mr Dominic Grieve MP . It appears that the Parish Council should not have been using red diesel at anytime to travel on the roadways. The office will monitor the amount of white diesel used by the Council's vehicles.

f] Provision of play facilities around The Priory School area

The Clerk contacted Britwell Parish Council Clerk and was informed that all play areas are the responsibility of Slough Borough Council. A representative from the Council assured her that the park which contains their MUGGA at Lynchhill is cleaned daily. They have taken details of the solar energy company for future investigation

Cllr Mrs Evans reported that she had been in contact with Mr Martin Carter, a member of the Neighbourhood Action Group for the Haymill area. He informed her that they had recently been petitioning Slough Borough Council for upgrades to the play facilities in the Priory Park area and that they expect the park to be included in the next round of play area upgrades. The Haymill NAG have also been discussing anti social behaviour and working closing with the Haymill youth club to try to drive up an understanding of the facilities they have. Cllr Mrs Evans will have further discussion with Mr Carter and will report back to members at a later date.

967. Environmental Policy

Cllr Cole had requested that the Parish Council adopt an Environmental

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Policy. Such a policy is wide ranging and could include a number of strategies that would come under the remit of this committee. The Planning committee had also been requested to consider this item

e.g *Conservation strategy: To conserve and promote plant species and encourage wildlife within areas in its control.*

Members were asked to consider

- a].If they wish to include such provisions and
- b] If they wish to work with the Clerk to establish such a policy for recommendation to the Council

Cllrs Mrs Evans and Mrs Hammon AGREED to work with the Clerk to create a policy

- 968.** To receive the report on street lighting within the Parish and note the actions to be taken

Councillors considered the report and noted that a number of lamps had been reported for repair on a regular basis. It was noted that the expenditure on repairs during the last financial year had exceeded the agreed budget [invoices for repairs are received only twice a year] it was suggested that the office should attempt to prioritise the repairs although it was recognised that street lighting is an emotive issue.

AGREED

1. That revised quotations should be obtained for the three vandalised columns at Lent Green Lane and Coulson Way. The repairs will then be undertaken. Repairs to be coded to 4440 then 4707 [new street lights]
2. The Council will continue with the contract with Southern Electric to report and repair
3. No bulk change will take place
4. The Clerk to investigate if cost savings can be made by reducing the length of time the lights are operational. i.e switch off at midnight rather than dusk till dawn

8.05 pm Cllr Ms Hazell arrived

969. Information Items

To consider information items and decide what action, if any, should be taken

- a. Re Minute 880. Payment for CCTV cameras at Five Points.
Cllr Mrs Hammon advises that Slough Borough Council will not consider making a payment towards CCTV within another district
- b. The Clerk reported the recent correspondence which had taken place between Mr Dominic Grieve MP, a constituent and South Bucks District Council regarding a lamp standard –
- c. Information has been received from Slough Borough Council regarding the proposed Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places Order
The Parish Council is assured that Slough are working with South Bucks District Council and the policing teams of both areas to ensure that the problem is not pushed from one District to another.

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- d. AGREED that the Clerk keep on file one copy of the Community Safety Information leaflet in the office for councillors to read if they wish
- e. A copy of the letter sent to Lent Rise councillors from Burnham Neighbourhood Action group re antisocial behaviour in the area has been received in the office. Ward councillors will attend a meeting when it is called and report back to the recreation and amenities committee
- f. A copy of the South Bucks District Council Standards Manual giving details of cleansing requirements is available in the office
- g. House to House collections have been arranged for
 - 14/ 9/09 – 4/10/09 Thames Hospice Care
 - 12/12/09 – 19/12/09 Lions Club of BurnhamStreet Collections have been arranged for
 - 12/09/09 Thames Hospice Care
 - 3/12/09 Lions Club of Burnham
- g. Cllr Mrs Collins has forwarded to the office details of concerns that have been raised by the Burnham Access Group. It is anticipated that most of the concerns will be dealt with by the County Council
- h. South Bucks District Council has produced guidance on the purchase and use of fireworks. AGREED that the Clerk amend the document and sent a copy to all councillors for insertion in their councillor handbook
- h. Copy of “In Focus” available in office

There being no other business meeting closed at 8.15 pm