

## RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held in the Committee room on 25 January 2010 at 7.00 pm

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

Also present PCSO Michael Dobson, Thames Valley Police  
Mr Philip Everitt and Mr Steve Roberts from ThinkBurnham

**1347. To accept apologies for absence**

An apology was received from Cllr P Kelly

**1348. To have an informal discussion with members of Thames Valley Police and Think Burnham regarding**

**a] The number of cars parking illegally in the High St**

PCSO Michael Dobson informed members that the enforcement of highway regulations remains with Thames Valley Police. Discussions are currently taking place for the District Council to take this over via civil enforcement but no agreement had yet been reached.

Thames Valley Police are aware of the illegal parking and acknowledge that there is a problem in Milner Road, Eastfield Road and the High St. The police no longer has traffic wardens with the sole role of dealing with traffic enforcement so this is now undertaken as one of the PCSO duties. They must, however, witness the parking before issuing a ticket. PCSO's have a wide remit of duties with only a small amount of time available for traffic offences. It is not possible to promise a certain frequency of parking enforcement as they could not guarantee to provide it.

*7.10 pm Cllr Mrs Evans joined the meeting*

Members felt that it was important to see the police patrolling the problem areas and issuing tickets. There appeared to be occasions when members of the police had walked past parked cars and ignored the illegal parking. It was agreed that, if possible, publicity should be given to the enforcement action taken in the same manner as the number of drivers caught speeding or using a mobile phone is made public.

PCSO Dobson agreed to investigate if the numbers of parking tickets issued could be made public.

**b] The installation of cycle racks in the High St**

Mr Philip Everitt informed the meeting on the recent discussions undertaken by ThinkBurnham. They wish to encourage cyclists and had discovered that there were no cycle racks in or around the High St. They wished to support the Parish Council in its aim to find locations and install suitable secure cycle racks.

Mr Everitt and Mr Roberts had identified possible locations where suitable stands e.g a "Sheffield Stand" could be located. - a space of 5m x 5.5 m would accommodate 4 Sheffield Stands

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Areas adjacent to Tesco's store and in front of Hallmark's store were identified. It was noted that both of the suggested sites were on private land.

Mr Roberts informed members that funding could be difficult as there were no designated cycle ways in the area. However Sustrans might have some available funding under its "Routes to School" project; likewise Bucks County Council might offer funding under its "Safer routes to School"

Cllr Mrs Evans, the parish councillor who had raised the matter at the Full Council meeting in January, felt that the District Council should support the installation of cycle racks as part of their Safer Cycling scheme

The Chairman thanked PCSO Michael Dobson, Mr Philip Everitt and Mr Steve Roberts for attending the first part of the meeting and providing the Parish Council with useful information. The visitors then left the meeting.

**1349. Declarations of interest**

Cllr Mrs Hammon declared a personal interest in item 1352c by reason of being a member of the Tennis Association

**1350. Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2009, was signed as a true record by the Chairman

**1351. Matters Arising from the minutes not included on the agenda**

None

**1352. To receive updated information on the Council's recreation grounds  
a) Burnham Park and Hall grounds**

Work has commenced on the installation of the pipes for the ground source heating. 16 out of the 24 have been installed.

The soak away area adjacent to the war memorial has been fenced off. From time to time the level of the ground will be "topped up" Both areas will be seeded/grassed at the end of the project

It was noted that the lights on two sides of the MUGGA do not work and a third light is intermittent. Members expressed their disappointment in the standard of support offered by the company. The new street lighting contractor is to be asked to assess and, if possible, repair the items.

Cllr Ms Hazell reported that the Louis and Valerie Freedman Charitable Settlement might be prepared to donate funds towards the installation of distance markers and outdoor fitness equipment around the footpath with Burnham Park. Councillors agreed to the suggestion and Cllr Hazell would inform Dr Daily accordingly.

Clerk to source suitable "equipment" for the next meeting

Clerk

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b] Pavilion at George Pitcher Recreation Ground

1. Cleaning

The Pavilion was cleaned in December and the groundstaff undertook the required repainting during the Christmas break.

2. During the bad weather a number of tiles were broken over the entrance doorway at the Pavilion. Emergency external repairs took place but an amount of internal repairs to the ceiling and roof insulation are necessary. When these have been completed, repainting of ceiling and walls will be necessary

3. There is an increased amount of rubbish being left in the grounds.

Clerk to

- a. Write to the football teams requesting that the adults place rubbish, bottles and cans in the waste bins.
- b. Ensure that the rubbish bin outside the Pavilion needed to be emptied on a more frequent basis to avoid birds pulling paper etc from the bin.
- c. Investigate the possibility of installing an additional waste bin at the metal gate in Grove Rd and placing dog bins at other locations.
- d. Ensure that the Cherry Orchard is regularly litter picked.

Clerk

4. The Clerk informed members that a quote had been received for the additional noticeboard at the entrance of the Memorial Ground. This will be agreed and installed as soon as possible.

*8.20 Cllr Mrs Hammon declared an interest in the next item and left the room*

c]. Stomping Ground

Councillors were reminded that discussions must take place with the Tennis Club

1. Regarding what work, if any, is necessary to prune the overhanging trees

Clerk to discuss the matter with South Bucks District Council's tree officer before returning to the Tennis club

Clerk

2. The renewed lease with the tennis club which has still not been agreed  
Cllr Pepler to join the Clerk in a meeting with Mr Trill from the Tennis Club

**1353. To consider the installation of cycle stands in or adjacent to the High St**

Following the earlier discussions, councillors agreed to support the installation of cycle stands.

Clerk to write to Burnham High St Association requesting that they support the initiative and asking if they could suggest any possible locations. Possible locations identified as Burnham House, frontage of Hallmark's store and outside Fancy Floor adjacent to Tesco's store.

Clerk

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It was suggested that the District and County councillors might be prepared to use part of their respective community fund allocations to pay for the purchase and installation of the stands.

Cllr Ms Hazell agreed to contact Bucks County Council for grant support.

Cllr  
Hazel

It was noted that the cycle stands were not replaced in Jennery Lane car park when after the car park was resurfaced.

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Clerk to contact South Bucks District Council.

**1354. To consider the Buckinghamshire Freight Strategy – Public Consultation Document** [ consultation ends 5 March 2010]

Councillors agreed to read the document and send their replies direct to the County Council.

Concern was expressed about the number of Heavy Goods Vehicles travelling via Burnham to Slough.

Cllr Mrs Evans to speak with the Conservation Officer at South Bucks District Council regarding the possible damage caused by HGV's is a Conservation Area and the possibility of imposing a weight limit on some of the roads.

Cllr  
Evans

**1355. Outstanding Items**

- Relettering to war memorial

Members were informed that the British Legion were currently considering addition the words "Second World War" and "Other Conflicts" to the war memorial.

- Additional car parking at George Pitcher
- Application for grants etc for play equipment at Hag Hill
- Lease at GP memorial ground

Clerk to contact the solicitor re further action

There being no other business meeting closed at 8.45 pm