

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held in the Committee room on 22 March 2010 at 7.00 pm

Present: Chairman: Cllr D Pepler
Cllr Mrs Foster, Ms L Hazell; P Kelly and P Wallis

In attendance Mrs Janet Holmes

1461. To accept apologies for absence

An apology was received from Cllrs Mrs Collins, Mrs H Evans and B Slater.

1462. Declarations of interest

Members are 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

1463. Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2010, were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**1464. Matters Arising from the minutes not included on the agenda
Minute 1348 b Refers Installation of cycle stands**

To date, no reply had been received from Burnham High St Association in response to the Parish Council's request that they support the initiative and suggest possible locations.

Cllr Ms Hazell reported that at a recent meeting of the NAG representatives from ThinkBurnham had been present and the suggestion had found favour with all.

Clerk to check with South Bucks regarding the replacement of cycle racks at Jennery Lane car park.

Clerk

**1465. To receive updated information on the Council's recreation grounds
A] Burnham Park and Hall grounds**

Ground Source Heating

Work had nearly finished on the installation of the pipes for the ground source heating. The Clerk informed members that the Parish Council had been successful in its application for a grant. To undertake the additional work needed to complete the cooling system, a certain amount of additional work would need to be undertaken which could extend the building contract by three weeks.

MUGGA

The Clerk reported that one of the solar panel has been vandalised and the Parish Council was awaiting further information from the electrical contractor regarding the lights on two sides of the MUGGA.

Play Equipment

The Clerk is still reviewing suitable equipment for installation both in Burnham Park and other areas. She had obtained new information at a recent training session at Binfield. Outdoor fitness equipment is currently installed at play areas in Winnersh and Shinfield. The Clerk is

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investigating the use of the Burnham Community bus to take councillors to view the equipment on site

Burnham Park

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of allowing camping in the park for visitors to Dorney Lake during the 2012 Olympics

There was a suggestion that the District Council was considering introducing bylaws to stop residents "hiring out" their gardens /driveways for caravans or tents and that such a byelaw could be applied to our recreation grounds.

The Clerk to investigate

Clerk

B). Recycling facilities at Burnham Park

The Clerk had made enquiries to the District Council regarding the possibility of relocating the recycling facilities at Burnham Park.

A large amount of litter is left around the bins and the area is unsightly.

It was noted that the paper recycling bin is used by a number of small businesses in addition to local residents.

When the car park is full, it becomes difficult for the large vehicles which collect the recycling to manoeuvre. It was noted that no charge is made to the District Council for use of the land.

A letter had been received from the Contract Services Department – see Appendix A stating that the District Council considers the site to be an essential aspect of its recycling service. They expressed a willingness to relocate the bins to a more convenient location within the car park and provide new recycling containers

Councillors discussed the letter and agreed that the Clerk should write as follows.

- a. Requesting that the recycling bins be removed from the existing site by 1 July 2010
- b. Suggesting that the recycling bins be relocated at the corner of Burnham Park nearest Burnham Upper School. Costs of creating a hardstanding and obtaining whatever planning permissions required to be borne by the District Council. Access for depositing in the bins would be by parking in the layby in Priory Rd and walking into the park. Access for the vehicles would be via the locked barrier.
- c. Suggesting that an arrangement could be made with Slough Borough Council to site the bins in one of their layby bays in Priory Rd
- d. Alternative locations to be suggested Neville Court car park, Summers Road or Jennery Lane

C) Litter at Walton Lane

It was noted that a great deal of litter is being left at the Walton Lane household recycling centre. Clerk to contact South Bucks to ascertain who is responsible for the litter picking and urging that regular checks be made of the site

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D] George Pitcher Recreation Ground

Cherry Orchard bungalow

The fencing and security light has now been installed around the bungalow.

Car Parking and access road

Work has commenced on the planning application for the additional car parking.

Since the bad weather a number of pot holes have appeared in the access road to the Pavilion. Clerk to obtain quotations to repair

E]. Stomping Ground

A meeting was held between the Parish Council and the Tennis Club see appendix B

The Clerk has requested

- 1.] That the District Council issue a new lease
- 2.] Quotations for the requested tree work

The wording for a sign in the Stomping Ground to be agreed at the next meeting

E] The Pond

The Clerk informed members that there was an ongoing problem with a "leak " at the Pond. The base of the Pond is concrete and it is possible that a crack has occurred in the concrete. The District Council has been advised and we are awaiting the result of their discussions with Thames Water. The verges in Lent Green Lane are now becoming eroded.

There is also a blocked drain in the footpath at Stomp Rd [adjacent to Burnham Upper School and opposite the entrance for The Priory]. This was cleared last year but has become blocked again. The matter has been reported to Bucks County Council.

It is felt that there may be some connection with this blockage and the problem at the Pond as on a previous occasion when the drain was blocked there were problems at the Pond. Surface water drains into the Pond [a grid is affixed to the pipe to stop unwanted items becoming caught] then through a gully and open "ditch" at St Peter's Recreation ground to another balancing pond in Burnham Upper School. The latter pond is liable to overflow causing the school problems to their cricket pitch. The Parish Council rods the gully from St Peters as far as possible but cannot clear any debris on the school side.

The Parish Council has asked the District Council if it can assist with information on the full route of the water course or where the water goes from the school before it reaches the river.

1466. Grass Cutting arrangements

The Parish Council has been informed that the County Council will be undertaking its own grass cutting in the next financial year. The number of cuts during the year is uncertain and they will only cut highway grass for safety purposes

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[Clerk's note. In previous years the District Council have had the contract to undertake the grass cutting in the Parish

1467. Street Lights

To receive an update on the repair of street lights within the Parish

Between 1 January 2010 and 22 March 2010, 50 street lights had been reported for repair. Of that number 20 are still outstanding, including a group of 6 in Hitcham Lane

Column 857 outside 42 Lent Green Lane has been knocked down. BLE have made it safe. It can be replaced at a cost of £690

Members agreed to the cost of the replacement

It was noted that the cost of the repairs had been taken from three cost centres

	Budget
Street light repairs	4000.00
New Street Light	2500.00
CCTV	<u>9000.00</u>
Total funds available	15500.00
Total Spent as at 22/3/2010	<u>13166.99</u>
Balance in cost centre	<u>2333.01</u>

1468. Part 2

Lease at GP memorial ground

The Clerk updated members on the actions currently being undertaken to resolve the problem

There being no other business meeting closed at 8.15 pm