

BURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Burnham Park Hall on Monday 11 March 2002 at 8.00 pm

Members Present: *Councillor P J Adams (Chairman)*
Councillor S L Tilbey (Vice Chairman)
Councillors, P Beard, B S Dhillon, H P Evans, E J Glover, L K Hazell,
D R Pepler and J Somers

PART I

87. **Apologies**

There were no apologies

88. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

89. **Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 28 January 2002**

Councillor P J Adams, Chairman of the Committee presented and moved the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2002.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That the minutes be approved.

Finance Report

90. Members received and noted the financial report of the Recreation and Amenities Committee at month 9.

91. **Waiver of Financial regulations.**

Members reviewed the current budget expenditure to date. The Executive Officer reported to the committee that the bulk light change and the war memorial renovations had not been completed at this present time, and it was unlikely that they could be completed before the financial year-end.

Councillor S L Tilbey proposed and Councillor L K Hazell seconded that a recommendation should be made to the Finance and General Purposes Committee to waive Financial Regulations to allow the under spend in the Recreation and Amenities Budget to complete the bulk light change and the War memorial renovations to be carried over into 2002/03 for those specific projects.

The proposal was carried unanimously

RESOLVED

- ◆ That Finance and General Purposes Committee should be requested to consider the waiver of Financial Regulations to allow the under spend in the Recreation and Amenities Budget to complete the bulk light change and the war memorial renovations to be carried over into 2002/03 for those specific projects

92. Bad Debts

Members considered a report from the Executive Officer regarding an outstanding account for the hire of running track facilities at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground. A sum of £583.50 due from Burnham Joggers for track hire in 2000/2001 was still outstanding. However, the Burnham Juniors who had been invoiced for the track had not used and as a result the track had been allowed to grow out.

RESOLVED

- ◆ That the debt should be written off and the Finance and General Purposes Committee should be requested to consider approving the write off of £583.50.

93. Review of charges for football pitches and pavilion for 2002/03

Members discussed the current rates of charges for the use of facilities at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground. Members expressed concern that the charges did not reflect the current market rates for the hiring of premises and therefore some research should be undertaken to obtain more up to date market rate charges for similar premises.

RESOLVED

- ◆ That the Members of the Committee would undertake to obtain information on commercial charges for similar facilities and pass the information to the Executive Officer to be considered at the next meeting.

94. Best Kept Village Competition

Members noted the notification to enter the Best kept Village Competition.

Resolved:

- ◆ That the Parish would once again enter the competitions and Councillor H P Evans would assist the Executive Officer in collating the information for the applications.

Sports playing fields

95. Renovation Estimates

The Executive Officer reported that estimates to undertake the renovations of the football pitches had been requested from several contractors. To date only two responses had been received. The executive Officer informed the meeting that a minimum of three estimates was required to comply with financial regulations.

RESOLVED

- ◆ That the allocation of the contract should be delegated to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Recreation Committee in consultation with the Executive Officer once the required number of estimates were obtained

96. Provision of Community sports facilities in Burnham Park

The Executive Officer requested Members to consider the use of the park for non-commercial community sports facilities. The ground staff of the Parish Council had proposed the introduction of a designated football area within the park in addition to the cricket wicket. This work could be accomplished within the current workload of park maintenance

Members considered the increasing demands for free community sports facilities within the parish and concerns expressed about the lack of these type of facilities for young people.

RESOLVED

- ◆ That an area at the bottom of the park near to Burnham Upper School should be managed as a community football and cricket area.

96. **Playground Development**

The Executive Officer reported to the Committee that the provisional costs for replacing the safety surface at the Hag Hill Play area was approximately £7,500, in addition the large pipe had to be removed and the fence repaired.

Members discussed the financial issues of undertaking this work and the option of approaching the Hag Hill Trust for support.

RESOLVED

- ◆ That the Hag Hill Trust be approached to consider some financial support or strategy to undertake the work.
- ◆ That the issue should be referred to the playground policy-working group for consideration.

97. **Transfer of Justices Licence**

The Members noted and considered an application from the Pheasant Public House for a transfer of Justices Licence.

RESOLVED

- ◆ No objection

Exclusion of Press and Public

98. **Resolved**

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they should be asked to withdraw

Chairman

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Resolved:

- ◆ That the minutes be approved.

Burnham Tennis Association

100. The Executive Officer reported that as a result of a meeting with the Councils solicitors, it was recommended that the full annual rent should be included within the contract. Any reductions or rent rebates should be negotiated separately outside the contract.

Councillor E Glover requested that the cost of the legal work undertaken should be established for the information of the committee.

RESOLVED

- ◆ That the committee agreed to accept the recommendation of the solicitors regarding the rent.
- ◆ That the cost of legal expenses to date would be established for the next meeting.

Meeting Concluded 9.40 pm
