

# BURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Burnham Park Hall on Monday 28 January 2002 at 8.00 pm

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**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*

**Other Members Present:** *Cllr P C Adams*

### **PART I**

76. **Apologies**

There were no apologies

77. **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

78. **Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 10 December 2001**

Councillor P J Adams, Chairman of the Committee presented and moved the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2002.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the minutes be approved.

79. **Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebration 2002**

Members considered undertaking projects specific to celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Members were aware of a number of local events involving the Senior Citizens, Monday Club, North Burnham Residents Association and the Methodist Church.

Members discussed the purchase of some mementos for the children of Burnham schools.

Members also discussed dedicating one of the projects to be undertaken during the next financial year to the celebration. These included the developments of the St Peters culvert area, The Stomping Ground Play area and dedication new seats within the Parish.

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ The Executive Officer would obtain costs for souvenir mugs.
- ◆ That one of the projects for 2002/03 should be dedicated to the Jubilee.

80. **Recreation and Amenities Update Report**

The Executive Officer reported on the pressure on the Committee's budget during the year and the future demands for services in particular the extended grass-cutting season had created additional demands on the budget.

Members noted that

- ◆ The park gates were now in the process of being renovated and the hedges around the halls had been cut back.
- ◆ The next stage was to remove the laurel hedge at the front of the building to open up the site and views of the car park and the new lighting would then be installed.
- ◆ The land exchange with Bucks CC regarding the land in Windsor Lane was due to proceed and in addition it had been agreed to fence off the park with 6' chain link fencing. The fence line would be planted on both sides of the fence in the autumn and over the next 5 years the fence would be masked off with planting.
- ◆ The planting of trees in the nature reserve at the George Pitcher memorial Ground was expected to take place over the next few weeks.
- ◆ There would be a need to consider the decorative condition of the pavilion at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground.
- ◆ Despite suffering vandalism to the walls and the graves in the North churchyard the area has now been cleared and the work to lift the trees and remove brambles has now been completed.
- ◆ The requirements of Health and Safety have proved an increasing demand for paperwork

#### 81. **Playground Development – Stomping Ground**

The Executive Officer informed the meeting that the previous funding application to Onyx for the development of the play area to allow the extension to the Tennis Association courts had proved unsuccessful. It would therefore be necessary to start a new application process including plans for the development of the play area to submit a further bid to other landfill tax funders. The Executive Officer informed members that the development of the play area would have a cost to the Parish Council and the minimum this would be £8,500 but subject to funding could be more.

The Executive Officer informed the meeting that he had already established contact with three companies to obtain estimates for the replacement of the play area, however there was a need to review the future cost of bringing all the play areas in to line with new European Health and safety standards and further disability access legislation due to be introduced in 2004.

The Executive Officer requested members to consider the formation of a working group to develop a play and recreation policy for all areas within the parish and to lead on the development of the Stomping Ground Play area development.

#### **Resolved:**

- ◆ That Councillor P Beard, E Glover and S Tilbey would form the core of the working group and that other members of the Council could be co-opted as appropriate.
- ◆ That the working group would develop a play area policy for the Parish.
- ◆ That the working group would lead on the development of the Stomping Ground Play Area.

#### 82. **Any other business**

The following issues were brought to the attention of the meeting and Council Officers.

- ◆ The new light in Minnicroft is still not working.
- ◆ The light at junction of Grenville and Poyle Lane is not working.
- ◆ Light at the corner of Hag hill rise is daylight burning.
- ◆ Request for an additional light outside Church House, Church Street.
- ◆ That the roof access to the bus shelter should be boarded up.
- ◆ That the planting tubs by the Methodist Church on Eastfield Road be replanted.

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

**83. 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 .....

Date .....

# BURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Burnham Park Hall on Monday 10 December 2001 at 7.30 pm

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

### PART II

#### 84. Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 10 December 2001

Councillor P J Adams, Chairman of the Committee presented and moved the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2002.

**Resolved:**

- ◆ That the minutes be approved.

#### Burnham Tennis Association

85. Councillor P J Adams requested members to agree to waiver standing orders to allow Councillor P C Adams to speak to the committee as the Parish Council representative on the Burnham Tennis Association.

**Resolved:**

- ◆ Members of the Committee agreed to waiver standing orders to allow Councillor P C Adams to speak

Councillor P C Adams declared a pecuniary interest as member of the Association and reported on the history of Burnham Tennis Association and its relationship with the Parish Council, he also expressed his dissatisfaction with the terms of the proposed lease and that he believed that the terms of the letter forwarded by the Tennis Association with alternative proposals were fair and asked the Committee to adopt the proposals.

The Executive Officer advised Members of the Committee of their legal obligations, responsibilities and liabilities under the terms of the new lease with SBDC and advised Members to obtain legal advice on the proposals from the Burnham Tennis Association.

Councillor Tilbey proposed that the rent increase should be staggered over three years at a rate of £300, £600 and £860 and the lease should be full repairing. Councillor L K Hazell seconded this.

**Resolved**

- ◆ Members voted unanimously to agree the proposal.
- ◆ Members agree unanimously that a full repairing lease was required.
- ◆ Members agreed that the letter and the issues raised should be forwarded to the Council's legal representatives.

#### Mobile Home

86. The Executive Officer informed the Members that the outstanding rent had been paid and that the advice of the Council's legal representative was not to pursue the matter due to the record of regular payments made by Mr Williams over the last 5 years.

Members expressed concern at the condition of the caravan

**RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That Councillor Tilbey and Hazell would accompany the Executive Officer at the next inspection.
- ◆ That a second legal opinion should be obtained on the position.

Meeting Concluded 10.28 pm

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