

BURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held at Burnham Park Hall on Monday 17 March 2003 at 7.30 pm

Members Present: *Councillor S L Tilbey (Chairman)*
Councillor P J Adams (Vice Chairman)
Councillors, P Beard, G Edwards, H P Evans, L K Hazell
and J Somers

PART I

89. **To accept apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D R Pepler.

90. **Declaration of Interests**

Cllr H P Evans declared a personal interest in Agenda item 14 an application for a road closure for the Burnham Carnival.

Cllr P J Adams declared a personal interest in Agenda item 9b a letter requesting memorial planting from Mr Paul Wescott-Bradbury.

91. **Minutes of the Committee Meeting – 20 January 2003**

Cllr S L Tilbey, Chairman of the Committee presented and moved the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2003.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That the minutes be approved.

Finance Report

92. Members received and noted the financial report of the Recreation and Amenities Committee at 28 February 2003.

93. **Bulk Light Change**

Members were requested to note that in accordance to the Council's Financial Regulations three independent companies had been requested to tender for the bulk light change of the Council's stock of 314 Street lights.

Each company was requested to tender for both a structural and electrical inspection of each column in addition to the bulk light change.

The new lights recently adopted in Coalmans Way would not be part of the bulk light change.

The Executive Officer informed the Members that only two of the three tenders had been received and the tenders were as follows:

Babtie	£6,198
SEC	£5,572

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That the tender from SEC be accepted.
- ◆ That the work should include the full structural and electrical inspection of each column
- ◆ That the work should commence as soon as possible.
- ◆ That Council should be requested to waive standing orders regarding the response from only two tenders.

94. **Development of the pavilion and garage at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground.**

The Executive Officer informed Members of the following issues:

A new self contained double banded 2500 litre fuel tank had been sited at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground next to the pavilion

The current design of the pavilion requires footballers to access the building on to and from the playing areas via the front of the building. This results in damage to the hall passage way floor and mud is trailed in to the building. The knock on effect of this results in mud being transferred in to the hall thereby lowering the quality of the building for hire to other users.

Members were requested to consider the introduction of additional doors on the external walls of the changing rooms, thereby channelling the users around the outside of the building.

Members were also requested to consider the addition of additional storage space at the end of the building, with a separate access to the Pat Moore Room.

Members were requested to consider the outline plans for the construction of a new garage and staff changing facilities and to approve the payment of the consultant's fees and the planning application fees.

The Executive Officer informed Members that the condition of the road surface from the Britwell Road to the pavilion was creating concern with regard to safety in particular areas.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That the outline plans for a new garage were approved.
- ◆ That the consultant's fees and the planning fees were approved.
- ◆ That the other issues would be considered at a site meeting at 11.00 am on Sunday 23 March at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground.

95. **Application for grant for activity area within Burnham Park**

Members received and noted an application for a grant from South Bucks District Council towards the development of a multi activity sports area to be sited at the bottom Burnham Park near to Priory Road.

The scheme had been developed by Record Play Equipment which was one of a very limited number of companies providing this type of play / sports facility. The cost of the scheme was £28,000 and a grant application had been submitted for a maximum grant of £8,500.

Members noted that the application may be subject to receiving planning permission and Environmental Health approval.

RESOLVED:

- ◆ That the application should be supported.
- ◆ That the funding of the scheme should be reviewed once any grants are approved.

96. **St Peter's Culvert.**

The Executive Officer reported that the contractors were in the final phase of completing the initial renovations in the St Peter's Culvert. Once the contractors work was completed, the Council's ground staff would continue the renovations to restore the area and reseed the ground.

A cost will be obtained to provide a new fence alongside the footpath over the stream.

The maintenance of the area would be placed on the regular cleaning schedule to tie in with the weekly inspection of the pond.

Cllr J Somers requested that the boundary between the Parish Council's land and the Bucks County Council's land along the footpath should be defined

RESOLVED

- ◆ That the Executive Officer's report be noted.

Applications for memorials within Burnham.

97. Members considered the purchase and siting of a memorial seat in memory of Mr Harry Brown (past parish council clerk). Members discussed the siting of a seat at the front of the building but agreed that it was important that the views of Mrs Brown should be taken into consideration

RESOLVED

- ◆ That a seat would be purchased after discussion with Mrs Brown.

98. Members considered a request from Mr Paul Wescott-Bradbury regarding some memorial planting in memory of Mrs Doris Wescott. The Executive Officer informed members that he had been in discussion with Mr Wescott Bradbury who was hoping to plant a tree with a memorial plate.

RESOLVED

- ◆ That the Parish Council was pleased to agree to the planting of a memorial tree, which was in keeping with the park and the area, and requested the Executive Officer to liaise with the family of the late Mrs Wescott.

99. **Tree Work.**

The Executive Officer presented Members with the tree surgeons report on the condition of trees on the Fairway and in Nashdom Lane

Cllr J Somers informed the meeting that the land on the Fairway was not owned by the Parish Council although we had maintained the area to reduce complaints.

In addition members expressed concern that neighbouring land owners were encroaching on the common land at Nashdom.

RESOLVED

- ◆ That the ownership of the land on the Fairway should be established before any further action was taken regarding any tree work.
- ◆ That the work on Nashdom should be undertaken with the approval of the District Council arboriculturist.

100. **Football Pitch Renovations.**

The Executive Officer reported that C & H Maintenance had been re-engaged to undertake the pitch renovations at the George Pitcher memorial ground. The Pitches would be closed as of 3 May 2003 and the contractor would be on site around 12 May 2003.

RESOLVED

- ◆ That the Executive Officer's report be noted.

101. **Bus Shelters.**

The Executive Officer reported that enquiries were being made through Bucks County Council regarding the employment of Adshell to take over the supply and maintenance of the Parish Council bus shelters other than the brick shelter by Burnham Park Hall.

Members noted that the condition of the shelters on the A4 had deteriorated and were in need of urgent work.

RESOLVED

- ◆ That the Executive Officer's report be noted and further enquiries should be pursued with Adshell.

102. **Burnham Tennis Association.**

The Executive Officer reported that despite a round the table meeting on 3 March 2003 between the Parish Council, representatives of Burnham Tennis Association and each party's legal advisers being present there had been no further progress on completing the contracts.

At the meeting the Tennis Association had intimated that it wished to resolve the matter by the 17 March 2003.

Since that meeting they have chosen to seek Counsel's advice on the contract and their liabilities and responsibilities.

The Executive Officer informed the Members that the recommendation of the Council's legal advisors was that the Burnham Tennis Association should be required to respond within a minimum of 28 days.

The Executive Officer informed the Members that to date the cost of legal fees was approximately £5,200

RESOLVED

- ◆ That the Executive Officers would instruct the Parish Council’s solicitors to write to the Burnham Tennis Association through its legal representatives and advise them that a decision was required within 28 days.
- ◆ In addition any legal fees incurred from this time forward, during any further discussion or negotiation would have to be paid for by the Burnham Tennis Association.
- ◆ If required an additional Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting would be held on 23 April 2003

103. **Road Closure: Burnham Carnival.**

Members noted and received the notification of a road closure on Saturday 12 July 2003 for the Burnham Carnival.

RESOLVED

- ◆ The Members had no objection.

Exclusion of Press and Public

104. **Resolved**

- ◆ That under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 Schedule 12A to the Act

Chairman

Date