

# **Burnham Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**

Minutes of Part 1 of the Parish Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7:30pm in Burnham Park Hall, Burnham.

### **Members of the Council present:**

Cllr Judith Foster (Chair)	Cllr Marie Hammon (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Pat Bird	Cllr John Carey
Cllr Perry Davies	Cllr Jean Horwood
Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross	Cllr Richard Kirkham
Cllr Christian Long	Cllr Jean McGiffen
Cllr Lola Owolabi	Cllr David Pepler
Cllr Adam Prince	Cllr Paula Prince
Cllr Jackie Slater	

### **In attendance:**

Officers of the Council:	Sheridan Jacklin-Edward, Parish Clerk Tabish Wazir, Deputy Clerk Alexa Collins, Finance Manager
Members of other authorities:	Bucks County Councillor Dev Dhillon
Members of the public:	1

The Chair congratulated the Clerk on being awarded the Blachere Prize for highest achieving student on his course. The Chair also noted the retirement of Shirley Shaw from Burnham Health Promotion Trust, and noted her hard work and achievement over many years.

### **946 Apologies**

Cllrs Muzaffar Ahmad, Barry Malki, and Lyn Mangisi

### **947 Declarations of interest**

Cllr John Carey declared an interest in item 949, being the Chair of the Academy Ambassadorial Advisory Group.

### **948 Public forum**

A member of the public attended the meeting to highlight that a petition and social media page had been started to keep Burnham Park Academy open.

### **949 Burnham Park Academy**

It was reported that the Clerk had written to the CEO of E-ACT, who had confirmed that the Council would be included in the consultation process. It was reported that the consultation was due to begin the following day, and that there would be three public engagement events. It was noted that a meeting had already taken place with pupils' parents and carers, and that there had been conflicting information suggesting a decision had already been made to close the school. However, the CEO of E-ACT had confirmed to the Clerk that no such decision had been taken.

### **950 Minutes**

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

## 951 Matters arising

**Street lighting.** The Deputy Clerk confirmed that County Councillor Lin Hazell had not yet contacted him with a view to resolving the High Street lighting issues. The Deputy Clerk also reported that Transport for Bucks had stated that it appeared to be a voltage issue, and had been referred to the utilities company.

**Household Recycling Centre.** The Clerk confirmed that following the announcement of the potential closure of the site, Cabinet Member Bill Chapple would be attending the following Council meeting, and that this would be publicised to residents.

## 952 Reports from other councils

**Buckinghamshire County Council.** County Councillor Dev Dhillon reported that he was opposed to the potential closure of the Burnham Household Recycling Centre and had met with the Leader and Cabinet Member at the County Council, who had assured him that it would be kept open if at all possible. He stated he was also meeting with the Cabinet Member for Education regarding the threat to Burnham Park Academy. He reported that no date was yet available for the closure of J6 for the M4 smart motorway works, and the A4 cycleway scheme work was due to take place in March.

**South Bucks District Council.** District Councillor David Pepler reported that several of the district councils, including SBDC had requested a judicial review regarding the Secretary of State's decision regarding how the new unitary authority was to be formed.

## 953 Minutes of Parish Council committees

The Council **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of:

- Planning – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018, and 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (draft)
- Policy & Resources – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (draft)
- Recreation & Amenities – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (draft)

## 954 Finance

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the December finance papers including summary of payments, summary of ringfenced funds, and bank reconciliations.

## 955 Steering groups

**Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.** The Clerk reported that the Steering Group was undertaking the evidence-gathering stage of the Plan, and presented the notes of the previous week's meeting.

**Burnham Museum Steering Group.** Cllr Christian Long reported that the Group had concerns regarding the potential closure of Burnham Park Academy, which was housing the museum, and therefore renovation of the space had been put on hold. They would also be arranging meetings with E-ACT and the County Council to discuss the security of tenure for the museum.

## 956 Reports from outside bodies

**Street Association.** Cllr Paula Prince reported that a Community Safety Day had been arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> February in Burnham Park Hall.

**957 Calendar of meetings**

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the calendar of meetings for the 2019/20 municipal year.

**958 Exclusion of press and public**

It was **RESOLVED**, further to s1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public be excluded and the matter dealt with in a subsequent Part 2 meeting.

**Part 1 of the meeting closed at 8:10pm**

**Date of the next meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7:30pm**

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