

Burnham Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee of Wednesday 9th January 2019
at 6:30pm in Burnham Park Hall, Burnham.

Members of the Committee Present:

Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross (Chair)	Cllr Pat Bird
Cllr John Carey	Cllr Judith Foster
Cllr Marie Hammon	Cllr Jean McGiffen
Cllr Lyn Mangisi (from item 606)	Cllr Paula Prince

In Attendance:

Officers of the Council:	Sheridan Jacklin-Edward, Parish Clerk Tabish Wazir, Deputy Clerk
Members of the public:	0

602 Apologies for absence

Cllr Muzaffar Ahmad

603 Declarations of interest

Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross – a personal interest in item 608, a family member being a member of Burnham Juniors Football Club.

Cllr Marie Hammon – personal interests in item 609 being a member of Burnham Tennis Association, and in item 612 living adjacent to footpath 57.

Cllr John Carey – a personal interest in item 612, being a member of the Academy Ambassadorial Advisory Group.

604 Public forum

None.

605 Minutes

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Committee meetings held on 14th November 2018.

606 Matters arising

None.

607 Finance

The Committee received the R&A management accounts for the year to end of October 2018, and the Clerk noted that the department was on target, with virtually all expenditure lines forecasted to be on or underbudget at year-end.

608 George Pitcher Memorial Ground

Car parking. The Clerk reported that the Office Administrator was arranging site visits with various contractors to take over the car parking enforcement at the site, and he was hopeful that a replacement would be found shortly. He also reported that Transport for Bucks had begun their formal consultation on the double yellow lines around the entrance to the ground, and all being well, they should be installed in April.

Trim trail. The Clerk reported that the recent groundsman appraisal had highlighted the trim trail as a priority for refurbishment. He reported that he would be undertaking a site visit shortly in order to formulate a scheme. It was asked how well the trim trail was used. The Clerk stated he would check with the groundsman, and include this consideration in any investigation into replacing the items.

Maintenance work. The Clerk reported that a replacement urinal cistern had been installed in the Pavilion toilets, and that a sensor had been added to reduce water consumption. The Deputy Clerk reported there had been repairs to the Pavilion floodlights, fencing / gating around the site, a replacement bin had been ordered, and a light and security bollard were due to be installed by the site entrance.

609 Parks and playgrounds

Tree work. The Clerk reported that the winter tree programme would be undertaken from w/b 4th February.

Stomping Ground. The Clerk reported that soil testing had been completed at the playground; that it had confirmed that the current capping layer was still sufficient; and that it did not recommend any remedial work. It was noted that cars parked along the grass verge leading to the car park, which was causing rutting. The Clerk stated he would investigate the installation of bollards. The Committee also raised concerns over the use of the car park by unauthorised users. Various options to tackle this were raised, including parking enforcement, signage, and CCTV, although it was also felt that definition and enforcement of unauthorised use could be problematic. The Chair stated she would investigate it further.

Hag Hill Playground. The Deputy Clerk stated that a replacement gate and basket swing were due to be installed the following day.

610 Street furniture and public conveniences

High Street planters. The Clerk reported that the planters continued to be moved, and so work had been ordered to bolt them down. The Clerk hoped this would take place shortly.

High Street lamp posts and bollards. The Committee noted that Bucks County Council had still not fixed the broken street lights and bollards along the High Street. It was confirmed that it had been raised on several occasions with Transport for Bucks, and that they had reported the street light faults were undergoing further investigation.

611 Repairs and maintenance

The Clerk reported that the front porch at 5 Lent Green Lane, along with the garage fascia board and guttering, needed replacing. He stated that the work had been ordered and would be carried out before the end of March.

612 Project 57

The Clerk reported that work was ahead of schedule. The wooded area had been cleared and fenced; a topographical survey had been completed, from which the landscape architect would be producing designs for the wild play

area; the footpath resurfacing work had been completed; the street artist had started his workshops with the Academy; the encroaching tree had been removed; the playground surfacing work was due to take place the following week; and the Clerk would carrying out site visits with the playgrounds repairs contractor and the street lighting contractor shortly. The Clerk noted that L&Q Housing had not yet responded to his requests regarding the back garden fencing, but that he would continue to chase.

It was noted that a patch of the footpath resurfacing had left a hump over encroaching tree roots. The Clerk stated that although not as specified, he felt the work in general had been satisfactory, and did not feel the hump caused any accessibility issues. However, it was noted that should the remaining budget allow for further resurfacing work at the southern end of the path, the Clerk would request the contractor to make good the hump.

The Committee considered a report from the Clerk regarding the planned motorbike-inhibitor barriers and covert CCTV. He reported that following further investigation, it was not felt that either option were viable, but instead recommended that the budgets for both items be combined and augmented from the plan's contingency budget, in order to provide two re-deployable CCTV units. The Clerk stated that guidance from Sustrans concluded there was no barrier option that would exclude motorcycles without also excluding legitimate users, and that in solving the current issue, the Council would risk creating another. However, the Committee felt that barrier options should still be pursued and it was agreed that members would visit various local solutions and bring back preferences for discussion at the following meeting. The Committee **RESOLVED** to defer a decision on the report recommendation pending further investigation.

613 William Grenville memorial

The Clerk reported that he was in the process of applying for planning permission for the moving of the Church Street noticeboard, and that this included permission for a commemorative plaque for William Grenville. If successful, he suggested the Council replace the current signage with the plaque, and circulated a draft design. The cost would be c.£360 plus installation. Subject to planning approval, the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the proposal.

614 Crisp packet recycling

Cllr Paula Prince suggested that the Council take part in a crisp packet recycling and rewards scheme, with a collection point at Burnham Park Hall, and proceeds going towards the upkeep of the Council's parks and playgrounds. The Committee were supportive of the suggestions, and Cllr Prince would discuss the feasibility further with the General Manager.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20th February 2019 at 6:30pm