

Burnham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th March 2023 at 7:00pm in Burnham Park Hall.

Members of the Council present:

Cllr Marie Hammon (Chairman)	Cllr Carol Linton (Vice-Chairman)	
Cllr David Pepler	Cllr Alexa Collins	Cllr John Carey
Cllr Pat Bird	Cllr Paul Bunce	Cllr Graham Mummery
Cllr Lindsey Chatralia	Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross	Cllr Paul Kelly
Cllr Edwina Glover	Cllr Jackie Slater	Cllr Trevor Stewart
Cllr Akash Bagga (from item 1398)		

In attendance:

Officers of the Council: Louise Hayday (Parish Clerk)
Rupinder Gaidhu (Finance Manager)

Members of other authorities: 0

Members of the public: 0

Members of the press: 0

1396 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Judith Foster.

No apologies were received from Cllr Sarah Webb or Cllr Aiden Carlisle and they were considered absent.

1397 Declarations of interest

None

1398 Councillor Co-option

The Council **RESOLVED** to co-opt Akash Bagga to a vacant seat on Burnham Church Ward, the Council welcomed him to the meeting.

1399 Council Resignation

The Council noted the resignation of Cllr Richard Flemming.

1400 Thames Valley police

The local PCSO's had given apologies and a report was circulated in their absence giving details of burglaries, theft from motor vehicles and theft of motor vehicle, as well as informing Councillors of upcoming 'have your say' events.

The Councillors questioned what was being done about the crimes mentioned in the report as there appeared to be little follow up after crimes were reported.

The Council requested that the police crime commissioner be invited to a parish meeting again.

1401 Public Forum

None

1402 Minutes

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23rd January 2023.

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1403 Minutes of Parish Council Committees

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

Planning Committee – 13th February 2023

Burnham Park Management Committee – 17th January 2023 and 28th February 2023 (draft)

Recreation & Amenities - 24th January 2023 (draft)

Policy & Resources - 14th February 2023 (draft)

1404 Finance

a) The Council noted the draft February finances including the management accounts, ring fenced funds and summary of payments from January.

b) The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliations from January. Cllr Alexa Collins stated that funds should be moved over into the PSDF account as funds in the Barclays account were currently high, the Council would also benefit from increased levels of interest in that account.

1405 Expenditure

None

1406 Working Groups

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Carol Linton explained that things are progressing and the group were currently waiting on feedback from the consultant.

New School – Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross spoke on the recent public meeting and the new group of enthusiastic parents that had stepped up to be involved.

She then explained that the group are looking to update the Terms of Reference to reflect the new focus of a steering group. The core group will remain in the background concentrating on the strategic challenges and evidence, while the parent group will become the public face of the campaign and will lead from the front.

Climate Emergency – The Clerk reported that the eco-audit was now complete and the results should be back shortly. In the interim period many initiatives had already been implemented and these were noted. The Clerk asked for volunteers to help analyse the report once it was received and Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross, Cllr Alexa Collins, Cllr Carol Linton and Cllr Graham Mummery stated they would be happy to be involved.

1407 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Cllr Paul Kelly gave a verbal update on the following:

Farnham Lodge – He was continuing to chase enforcement on the activities at this site and would report back if he received any answers.

Lighting – He reported the damaged light at the top of the High Street is still work in progress.

Health Centre – This made up the majority of complains brought to him, it was felt the system was not fit for purpose. The Councillors then engaged in a discussion over different perspectives and individual experiences of getting an appointment at the Health Centre. It was decided that a letter should be written from the Parish Council to the Centre echoing the concerns of the residents.

1408 Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Marie Hammon and Cllr Carol Linton had attended the civic reception hosted by Cllr Dev Dhillon on Sunday 12th March, they reported back that it had been a wonderful event attended by many local dignitaries.

On Thursday 23rd February Cllr Marie Hammon, Cllr Carol Linton and Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross had joined the groundsmen to plant an oak tree for the late Queen Elizabeth II on the village green.

The heritage society have been looking back through the historic material held by the Parish Council and it was agreed that a full council photo should be taken as the last one was thought to be 1999. This will be arranged in May.

Cllr Trevor Stewart mentioned that next year will be 60 years of the Council owning Burnham Park and it was felt that something should be done to commemorate this.

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Cllr Edwina Glover shared notes from the recent SBALC meeting and gave a brief update on progress.

The idea of a Councillor 'brain storming' session was mentioned and it was agreed that this would tie in with the formulation of a Council Action Plan, the Clerk will suggest some dates.

1409 Correspondence

An email that had been received in the office was shared with the Council, it concerned pedestrian safety on and around Grove Road, the Council felt that the road was in effect a country lane and not suitable for many of the suggestions but the email would be shared with the local area technician at Buckinghamshire Council for his professional opinion.

There was some discussion surrounding possible clauses in the golf club planning permission for road repair, this will be investigated.

1410 Burnham Advantage Cards

The Council briefly discussed the proposal surrounding the advantage card scheme and then RESOLVED to bring the scheme in house to be managed by the Parish Office. It was requested that the scheme encompass the whole of Burnham rather than just the High Street and it was felt that a re-launch was needed.

Cllr Alexa Collins asked for a summary paragraph to be available for Councillors should they wish to discuss the scheme with retailers.

1411 Clerks Report

The Clerks report was noted

Cllr Edwina Glover noted that Burnham was looking cleaner and tidier more recently.

Cllr Jackie Slater asked if the planters on and around the High Street could be cleaned.

1412 Meeting Calendar 2023/24

The Council RESOLVED to approve the meetings calendar for 2023/24.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Date of the next meeting: Monday 15th May 2023 at 7pm