

Burnham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th October 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 John Carey	Cllr Jackie Slater
Cllr Pat Bird	Cllr Graham Mummery	Cllr Trevor Stewart
Cllr Judith Foster	Cllr Lindsey Chatralia	Cllr Paul Bunce
Cllr Alexa Collins	Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross	Cllr Akash Bagga

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: 1

FC23/066 Apologies

No apologies were received from Cllr Paul Kelly and he was considered absent

FC23/067 Declarations of interest

Cllr John Carey declared an interest in the care & share request.

Cllr Judith Foster, Cllr Marie Hammon and Cllr John Carey declared an interest in the co-option, all knowing the candidate.

FC23/068 Public Forum

None

FC23/069 Councillor Co-option

The Council unanimously voted to co-op Cllr Terry Gamble to the Lent Rise Ward.

FC23/070 Thames Valley Police

A report from the local police was noted, PC Dan Terry was in attendance and spoke about the recent increase in burglaries and reminded residents to ensure doors and windows are locked. The shop lifting issues in Tesco were also discussed and it was noted that a serial offender had been arrested believed to be responsible for around half of the thefts.

FC23/071 Minutes

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th September 2023.

FC23/072 Minutes of Parish Council Committees

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

Planning Committee – 4th September 2023, 25th September 2023 and 9th October 2023 (draft)

Recreation & Amenities – 12th September 2023 (draft)

Burnham Park Management Committee – 19th September 2023 (draft)

Cllr Alexa Collins expressed concerns that the budget for BPH was currently overly optimistic.

Policy & Resources Committee – 26th September 2023 (draft)

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FC23/073 Finance

The Council noted the draft September management accounts with any significant variances explained by the Clerk. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the August & September bank reconciliations and August & September summary of payments. Cllr Alexa Collins stated that the current deficit would come from reserves if the position did not improve and this may mean that the reserves would need to be increased in next years budget.

FC23/074 External Audit Report

The Council received the external audit report for 2022/23, noting the 'other matters'.

FC23/075 Policies & Procedures

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the new policy for Granting the Honorary Freedom of the Village.

FC23/076 Working Groups

- a) Neighbourhood Plan Working Group - The Clerk gave an update on progress to date, including the proposed policy titles for the neighbourhood plan.
- b) New School Steering Group - An update from the steering group chairman Viv Nicholas was read. Cllr Marie Hammon expressed frustration that a reply had still not been forthcoming from Anita Cramer.
- c) Climate Emergency Working Group - The Clerk reported on recent activities and presented the Quarter 3 progress. Cllr John Carey stated that the church were happy for wildflowers to be planted in the churchyard.

FC23/077 Expenditure

The Council received a report on additional Christmas lighting, and **RESOVLED** to purchase the additional lighting for the centre of the High Street.

FC23/078 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors

None present.

A brief discussion took place around the issues with parked cars in Approach Road, Taplow. The Clerk to contact the Taplow Clerk to find out if there are any plans to try to address the issue.

FC23/079 Chairmans Report

The Chair and Vice-Chair had attended the SGI-UK's Annual Reception at Taplow Court on Wednesday 27th September. Local leaders and charities were thanked for their community contributions.

Cllr David Pepler, Cllr Judith Foster and Cllr Marie Hammon had all attended the funeral of former Councillor Peter C. Adams on the 2nd October, Cllr John Carey was also present as the verger. The Chairman reported on the beautiful and moving service. The family are in discussion with the office regarding a memorial bench on Parish land.

The Chairman and her husband had attended the Buckinghamshire Council Chairman, Patricia Birchley's Civic Service at St Mary's Church in Chesham. The service was uplifting and rejoyceful and was attended by Mayors, Chairs, Councillors and MPs from around the County.

FC23/080 Reports from Outside Bodies

None

FC23/081 Clerks Report

The Clerks report was noted, in particular the first set of MVAS statistics that were now available on the Parish website.

FC23/082 Utilities

The Council noted the new gas contract for BPH.

FC23/083 Civility and Respect Project - Early Day Motion

The Council **RESOLVED** to write to Joy Morrisey MP asking for her support on the above EDM.

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FC23/084 Warm Spaces

The Council **RESOLVED** to agree that Burnham Park Hall becomes a 'warm space' again this year.

FC23/085 Care & Share Request

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the request to site a container in the old flat garden for use by Burnham Care & Share, subject to it being removed should the service leave BPH.

The meeting closed at 8.13pm

Date of the next meeting: Monday 4th December 2023

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