

**Burnham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee**

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 26 March 2024 at 6:30pm in Burnham Park Hall.

**Committee members present:**

Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross (from 6.45pm)	Cllr Pat Bird	Cllr Paul Bunce
Cllr John Carey	Cllr Marie Hammon	

In attendance: Cllr Rukhsana Pasha

Officers of the Council:	Steve Milton – Locum Parish Clerk
	Laiba Malik – Assistant Clerk

Members of the Public                      1

**RA24/012.      Election of Chair**

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, it was:

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr Marie Hammon be appointed Chair of the meeting until the arrival of Cllr Kaur Ross.

(Cllr Hammon in the Chair)

**RA24/013.      Apologies**

Apologies were submitted from the Vice Chair, Cllr Lindsey Chatralia, Graham Mummery and Cllr Carol Linton and the reasons given were accepted.

**RA24/014.      Declarations of interest**

Cllr Marie Hammon declared an interest in the matter set out under minute RA24/19 (a) below (relating to her membership of the tennis club).

**RA24/015.      Public Forum**

Steve Spencer, Secretary of the Lions, was present and informed the Committee that the branch would be closing later in the year due to lack of active members. He asked if the Council would agree for a tree to be planted in Burnham Park to commemorate a past president. Members praised the work of the Lions and the valuable contribution the group had made to the village over many years. With regard to the request to plant a tree, the members asked whether a bench might be a more suitable memorial. Steve was invited to discuss this further with the Assistant Clerk.

**RA24/016.      Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**RA24/017.      Finance Reports**

The Assistant Clerk provided a budget update report (previously circulated).

**RESOLVED:** that the finance report be noted and approved.

Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross – in the Chair from 6.45pm.

**RA24/018.      George Pitcher Memorial Ground**

The Committee noted that there were no takings to report from the Café, due to the recent cancellation of football matches because of waterlogging following heavy rainfall. The Assistant

Clerk provided an update on a new gate that had been installed by a private resident providing unauthorized access to the memorial ground.

**RESOLVED:** that the Parish Clerk write to the owners of the property concerned asking them to enter into an agreement with the Council to authorise access and grant an easement over the land.

**RA24/019. Parks & Playgrounds**

**a) Maintenance Report**

The Council noted the Head Groundsman's report (previously circulated).

**RESOLVED:** that the Council agrees to fund the cost of paint and plants for the raised bed at Stomp Road and that Community Payback be contacted to carry out the works.

**b) Vandalism at the Nature Park**

The Assistant Clerk reported that a tree in the nature park had been cut down with an axe. The vandal had not been identified and the tree had been left and not removed for firewood.

**RESOLVED:** That the police be informed of the incident, the tree be moved to the Council yard and a sign be placed in the woodland area stating the Council operates a CCTV system.

**c) Repairs and Maintenance**

The Committee noted that one of the Council vans was out of commission awaiting repair. The Head Groundsman had asked if it would be possible to replace the van with a new vehicle. Members requested further information on this matter to be submitted to the next meeting.

**RA24/020. Best Kept Village**

The Committee considered a request to enter the 2024 Best kept Village Competition. In connection with this item, members paid tribute to the ground staff for the high standard of maintenance across the Council parks, open spaces, and amenities.

**RESOLVED:** that an entry be submitted in the sum of £25.

**RA24/021. Climate Emergency**

The Committee noted progress on the delivery of the action plan. The Assistant Clerk was asked to highlight more prominently that the report and recommendations had been made by the Council's Consultants - 3 Acorns.

**RA24/022. Healthy Walks around Burnham**

The Chair reported that she was happy to progress this item over the next few weeks.

**RA24/023. Exclusion of Press and Public**

**RESOLVED:** That, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the matter set out under minute BP24/027 below by reason of the confidential commercial nature of business to be transacted.

**RA24/024. Grounds Maintenance Quotations**

The Committee reviewed quotations received for the provision of grass seed, pitch dressings and fertilizers.

**RESOLVED:** that the quotation received from Avoncrop Amenity Products Ltd be accepted on the terms submitted.

**The meeting closed at 8.09pm  
Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11 June**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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