

Burnham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th September 2024 at 7:00pm in Burnham Park Hall.

Members of the Council present:

Cllr Marie Hammon (Chair)	Cllr John Carey (Vice Chair)	Cllr Carol Linton
Cllr Trevor Stewart	Cllr Terence Gamble	Cllr Alexa Collins
Cllr Judith Foster	Cllr Lindsey Chatralia	Cllr Pat Bird
Cllr Jackie Slater	Cllr Graham Mummery	Cllr David Pepler
Cllr Paul Kelly (also Bucks & Slough Cllr)		

Officers of the Council:

Adam Killeya (Parish Clerk)
Laiba Malik (Assistant Parish Clerk)
Rupinder Gaidhu (Finance Manager)

Public and others:

2 members of the public
PCSO Ange O'Connell, Thames Valley Police
PCSO Emily Tucker, Thames Valley Police

FC2425/36 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Kaur Ross and Bunce.

It was noted that Cllrs Bagga and Pasha had not submitted apologies.

FC2425/37 Declarations of interest

No declarations were received.

The Chair took the Police Report as the next item to accommodate the PCSOs.

FC2425/38 Police report

The Chair welcomed PCSOs O'Connell and Tucker to the meeting. Appreciation was noted for their attendance at this meeting, and the hope expressed that they could attend again in the future. The written report was **NOTED**.

Questions were raised around e-scooters and the delivery of drugs; the new app for traders; the difficulty of making reports; the recent death in the High Street; and the lack of officers.

PCSO O'Connell stated that reports were needed of all incidents as soon as possible, including details of registration plates, descriptions etc, in order to take action. It was stated that there was by policy no follow-up on shed burglaries unless there was CCTV or other lines of enquiry, and that concerns around staffing should be sent to central government. There was no further update on the death in the High Street. PCSO O'Connell stated in response to a question that in her view CCTV was always beneficial.

FC2425/39 Public Forum

Mr Nicholas reported on behalf of the Burnham School Campaign which had enjoyed a lively meeting this morning; and spoke to the grant application from Wild Burnham.

It was confirmed that the matter raised in public forum in the previous meeting around 5G had been addressed in the planning committee on 2nd September, and that a reply had been sent to the member of the public.

FC2425/40 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th July 2024.

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FC2425/41 Minutes of Parish Council committees

The following minutes were **NOTED**

Policy & Resources Committee – 30th July 2024 (draft).

Planning Committee – 5th August 2024.

Planning Committee – 2nd September 2024 (draft).

FC2425/42 Finance

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve the list of payments and receipts for July 2024.

The total of the payments was £65,384.82.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve the July 2024 bank reconciliations.

FC2425/43 Grants

The Clerk advised that there was currently £1,075 remaining in the Grants budget for the year, although there is a paper coming to the Policy & Resources Committee which includes an option for a top-up.

It was **RESOLVED** to donate £450 to the Burnham Foundation for the Wild Burnham event, in-kind against room and kitchen hire.

FC2425/44 Reports from Working Groups

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group: Cllr Linton reported that good progress is being made, and that the group is reviewing a draft pre-submission report which will be presented to Council in October, prior to formal public consultation (The 'Regulation 14 consultation'). She outlined the priorities around protecting the green belt, preserving Burnham Beeches and its environs, and mitigating the impact of increasing visitor numbers and climate change, protecting our historical village centre and local services, defining a design code for various areas within the village; identifying green spaces and community assets, including the lack of a secondary school; and identifying a few brown-field sites for development; some of which are already under development. It was noted that council previously agreed that, without sacrificing the quality and appropriateness of the plan, speed was important given the potential for a changed planning framework which might affect neighbourhood planning.

The report was **NOTED**.

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the Clerk in consultation with the steering group to respond to The Buckinghamshire-wide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

The Clerk also advised that, whilst the consultation had arrived too late to appear on the agenda, it would also be appropriate for the group to advise them in responding to the government consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework which closed on 24th September, and advised that this was permissible provided the response was in line with previously stated council policy.

Sustainability, Ecology and Climate Emergency Working Group: Cllr Carey reported that good progress was being made, and that further ideas and suggestions were welcome. It was also noted that the first litter-pick was scheduled for 5th October from 0930-1330.

The report was **NOTED**.

FC2425/45 Consultations

The Clerk reported that whilst consultations would ordinarily go to the Policy & Resources Committee, in these instances the deadline was too short to allow this.

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It was **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Clerk, in consultation with Councillor Carey, authority to respond to the consultation from Buckinghamshire Council on the Gambling Act Policy (closes 20th September).

It was **NOTED** that Councillor Carey was responding to a request from South Bucks Association of Local Council regarding local priorities the changes which they believe are needed to improve the well-being of Residents; and that Councillors were welcome to send comments to him or to the Clerk.

FC2425/46 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors

Cllr Kelly reported that the Council Leader of Slough had written to local MPs to request a meeting around a new school. He also reported on plans for a northern expansion to Slough; and on the availability of section 106 money. The Clerk stated that they would send Cllr Kelly a copy of the draft S106/CIL priorities from the local plan. Cllr Kelly was asked about school transport and stated that Cllr Dhillon was leading on this. He was also asked about potholes; work is scheduled for 23rd September.

The report was **NOTED**.

FC2425/47 Chair's report

The Chair, Cllr Hammon, reported that it had been a quieter period over August, but that she had continued to perform council duties, notably work on:

- May's Chocolate House, now registered as a Community Interest Company.
- The Pushman Cup presentation for the Best Village Competition on 21st September.
- The Village Project and photo shoot on 22nd September.

The report was **NOTED**.

FC2425/48 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Linton reported that the patient group was meeting to consider changes to the appointment system which will be included in a newsletter once confirmed.

The report was **NOTED**.

FC2425/49 Clerk's report

The written report was **NOTED**.

The Clerk added that since the report was distributed, they had received notification that the council had successfully completed its external audit for 2023-24, with no concerns, and expressed thanks to the Finance Officer, Chair of Policy & Resources Committee, and Locum Clerks.

It was **RESOLVED** under The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as extended by Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the public for confidential business to be considered; on the grounds that the report includes sensitive information around an ongoing legal case.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the information received in the report, and the expenditure on urgent legal fees under financial regulation 5.18; and to accept the other recommendations as laid out in the confidential report with an amendment agreed to the sum authorised as recorded with that report. The Clerk stated that they would submit an update to the next meeting

The meeting closed at 2024

Date of the next meeting:

Monday 21st October 2024

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