

Burnham Parish Council
Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 6:30pm in Burnham Park Hall.

Committee members present:

Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross (Chairman) Cllr Paul Bunce, Cllr Judith Foster, Cllr Marie Hammon, Cllr Carol Linton, Cllr Pat Bird, Cllr John Carey, Cllr Lindsey Chatralia, Cllr Graham Mummery

In Attendance:

Officers of the Council:	Louise Hayday – Parish Clerk
Members of the Council:	Cllr Akash Bagga
Members of the public:	0

Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross thanked the Clerk for her support over the previous year and thanked the Committee for their help, stating what a strong year it had been with many improvements made.

RA23/001 Chair of the Committee

Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross was unanimously voted as Chair of the Committee for the 2023-2024 municipal year.

RA23/002 Vice-Chair of the Committee

Cllr Paul Bunce was unanimously voted as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the 2023-2024 municipal year.

RA23/003 To accept apologies for absence

None

RA23/004 Declarations of Interest

None

RA23/005 Public Forum

None

RA23/006 Minutes

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 28th March 2023.

RA23/007 Finance

The Clerk presented the April management accounts, explaining that there was a healthy upturn in Park Hire this year and football hire would not be invoiced until the late summer/early autumn.

The reserves relating to the Committee were acknowledged and a discussion took place over project 57 and revisiting the initial brief. The item will be back on the agenda for the next meeting.

RA23/008 George Pitcher Memorial Ground

a) The grounds report was noted.

b) An update on the catering unit was received, the Committee noted that the unit

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was now closed until the start of the new season.

- c) The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the car park extension and recommend to P&R that quote 1 be accepted at a cost of £26,615.60 + vat, and that work begin asap.
- d) The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the following rates for the 2023/24 season:
 - Junior Season - £580
 - Adult Season - £870
 - Junior Single - £65
 - Adult Single - £95
 - Mini Soccer - £300
 - Tournament - £1850

RA23/009 Parks & Playgrounds

- a) The Committee noted the grounds report, a discussion took place over the renewal of the pond lease, it was agreed that the Clerk would go back to Buckinghamshire Council again requesting that the work was done to get the area back to a presentable state prior to any agreement. Cllr Paul Bunce asked if the water quality could be tested, the Clerk to arrange if a test can be obtained at a reasonable cost.
The Committee requested that an asset tour be set up with a member of the grounds team accompanying, the Clerk to arrange.
- b) The Clerk reported that the stomping ground gate had been a success and that no further issues had been reported.
- c) The Clerk reported that all new equipment was now installed and online publicity of the equipment will take place this week.
- d) The Committee **RESOLVED** to install the barrier at the library entrance to the park as per the report.

RA23/010 Street Furniture and Public Conveniences

- a) The Committee discussed the idea of siting a bench in the bus shelter on the green, it was unclear if the bus stop was operating and the possible impact on anti-social behaviour was also raised. Cllr Akash Bagga is to obtain some further information and the item will be raised again at the next meeting.
- b) The Committee noted the new bench in Burnham Park and another that will shortly be placed near the orchard.
The Committee requested that any new signage for Burnham Park should include NO BBQs.

RA23/011 Repairs and Maintenance

The Council discussed the failing wooden sleepers surrounding the flower beds on the war memorial. Builders quotes were being obtained for replacing the wood with a brick wall. Cllr Graham Mummery suggested recycled plastic sleepers as an alternative and this will also be looked into. A discussion took place regarding funding for the work, the office will investigate the possibility of grant funding.

RA23/012 Climate Emergency

The Committee noted the improvements and changes that had been made since the previous meeting.
The nature park was briefly discussed and should be placed on any future project list.

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RA23/013 Best Kept Village

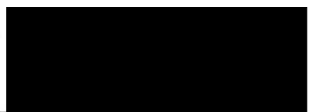
The Committee noted the 'Bin your Butt' campaign.

Further discussion took place regarding encouraging residents to dispose of cigarette ends more carefully, the Clerk will bring further ideas back to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday 12th September 2023

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