

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

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 6:30pm in Burnham Park Hall.

**Committee members present:**

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

**In Attendance:**

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

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking the outgoing Clerk for all of her support with the R&A Committee and the progress that had been made in her time with the Council.

**RA23/039 To accept apologies for absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Judith Foster

**RA23/040 Declarations of Interest**  
None

**RA23/041 Public Forum**  
None

**RA23/042 Minutes**  
The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**RA23/043 Finance**  
The Clerk presented the October management accounts, explaining any significant variances. The reserves relating to the Committee were noted.

**RA23/044 Budget**  
The Clerk presented the R&A budget, the committee **RESOLVED** to approve the budget with no alterations.  
Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross thanked the Clerk and the Finance Manager for the work on the budget.

**RA23/045 George Pitcher Memorial Ground**  
a) The grounds report was noted, including the pot holes on the drive and the condition of the toilets in the pavilion.  
b) An update on the catering unit was received, again noting the effect the weather has on the takings.

**RA23/046 Parks & Playgrounds**  
The current conditions of the parks and playgrounds were discussed. It was reported that Hag Hill was to have some whips planted along the fence line. Cllr Paul Bunce asked about a new bin and the Clerk stated that McDonalds would be approached to

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fund a new bin once the business had opened.

There had been issues in the heavy rain with the pond overflowing and an update was given that the lease was still with the legal department at Buckinghamshire Council. Cllr Paul Bunce asked about the stream in the grounds of the Opendale school site and requested that Bucks be asked to clear it again, it was reported that they had been asked many times with no response.

**RA23/047 Street Furniture and Public Conveniences**

The Committee noted the change of style for the bus shelter bench that had been approved at P&R and the install date of 8<sup>th</sup> December. The Committee **RESOLVED** to trial the bench for 6 months.

**RA23/048 Repairs and Maintenance**

It was reported that tractor tyres had been replaced.

**RA23/049 Climate Emergency**

The Committee noted the list and asked for 3-4 items to be selected as priority items to ensure that momentum continues, Cllr Paul Bunce to go through the list and advise on the selection. The Orchard was discussed as it is not flourishing and needs some TLC. The planting of some 'spikey' hedging was also discussed to go against the concrete wall at St Peters.

**RA23/050 Healthy Walks around Burnham**

Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross gave an update on the progress of the booklet and it was stated that due to the recent wet weather most of the walks still needed to be tested.

**RA23/051 Village Green Pathway**

The Committee discussed the idea of putting in a permanent pathway across the village green and the report prepared by the Clerk. It was agreed that this was a good idea and would stop the muddy pathway that appears each year. The Committee thanked the grounds staff for the idea and **RESOLVED** to recommend the pathway to BPMC at their next meeting.

**RA23/052 George Pitcher Car Parking**

The Committee discussed the idea of charging a fee to park for more than 30 mins at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground and the report prepared by the Clerk. Concerns were raised over cars parking on the road outside rather than paying the £1. It was **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the parking charges with the funds being used to improve the facilities at the site. The new charges would begin at the end of the current football season (May 2024).

The meeting closed at 7.58pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

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