

Burnham Parish Council
Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 6:30pm in Burnham Park Hall.

Committee members present:

Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross (Chairman), 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:	0
Members of the public:	0

RA23/014 To accept apologies for absence

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

RA23/015 Declarations of Interest

None

RA23/016 Public Forum

None

RA23/017 Minutes

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 13th June 2023

RA23/018 Finance

The Clerk presented the August management accounts, explaining income streams are performing well. The reserves relating to the Committee were acknowledged and the Clerk informed the committee that the P57 reserve was now finished and future expenditure for the cameras would report to department 12.

RA23/019 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 has now reopened with the existing staff retained. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of paying staff the 'real living wage', deferred to the budget discussion at P&R.
- c) The Clerk reported that the 2023/24 season is now underway and there are games all day both Saturday and Sunday.
- d) The Committee noted that the car park extension was now complete. Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross asked the Burnham Juniors be contacted to ask them to ensure that the car park is used properly and cars are not parked on the road.

RA23/020 Parks & Playgrounds

- a) The Committee noted the grounds report.
- b) An update on the pond lease was given and the Committee were pleased with the new terms that had been negotiated.

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RA23/021 Street Furniture and Public Conveniences

a) The Committee discussed the idea of siting a bench in the bus shelter on the green, it was agreed that options be presented to the next meeting for types of bench/learning post together with costings.

RA23/022 Repairs and Maintenance

Nothing to report

RA23/023 Climate Emergency

The Committee noted the improvements and changes that had been made since the previous meeting.

The toilets at the pavilion were discussed and it was felt that they were old and tired and grants should be sought to replace them.

Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross requested that the Council publishes the carbon offsetting of the fireworks event.

RA23/024 Best Kept Village

The Committee noted the report.

Further discussion took place regarding promotion prior to the event next year to businesses and residents.

RA23/025 Healthy Walks around Burnham

The Committee discussed the 'Healthy walks around Burnham' leaflet with a view to reproduce it. It was agreed that this was a good idea and it should be published in 2024 to tie in with 130 years of the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported on a meeting with the Burnham Beeches Community Rangers who had expressed an interest in being involved in the project.

Sponsorship is to be sought to cover printing costs.

RA23/026 Christmas Lights

After discussion the Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to P&R the purchase of:

LED Stalactite lights x 100 - £14,461.00

Pole Mounts, Samba x 40 - £13,580.00

The Clerk recommended that due to the high cost of Christmas lighting a fund for replacement lights should be started in the 2025/26 budget.

Christmas in the High Street was briefly discussed and the Committee felt a best dressed window competition would be a good way to engage the shops.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday 24th October 2023

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