

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



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A message from the Chairman - Cllr Marie Hammon



It is with great pleasure that I as Chairman welcome you to the Annual Parish Meeting in 2023. It is also a delight to report that since last year we have moved on achieving great strides in many areas of Burnham Parish Council. Our new clerk who joined us last year, Louise Hayday, has brought a high level of consistency, efficiency and professionalism with a marvellous 'hands on' approach. She is forward looking and adds a certain sparkle to our council, both with staff and councillors. Louise's first priority was to make sure that our staff vacancies were filled, and we welcomed our new Parish Clerk Assistant Laiba and new Burnham Park Manager Alex to our team. Also Neil our new caretaker and Luwanne in Burnham Park Hall.

I would like to thank our council staff, including Rupi and Halima, and also the Burnham Park Hall staff, including Nikki and Denise, for all their hard work this year. The council and halls have been run with great efficiency and harmony, the good spirit contributes to a finely tuned and happy operation. I want to congratulate Amanda, Scarlett and Zoe for reaching a 5 star rating at the recent inspection of the new Pitch Side Cafe. Also I must include our wonderful Ground staff Team Tim, Tom and Barry for their hard work in maintaining the parks, and also congratulate them for enabling us to achieve runner-up in the Tindall Cup for the Best Kept Village Competition 2022. An excellent result!

This has been a momentous year, not least with the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee last June, where the council lit a beacon to mark the historic event. We also celebrated on the green with food and music.

Sadly three months later in September we mourned the death of our great Queen Elizabeth II and Burnham Parish Council joined in the Mourning Period, following all palace guidance. We also welcomed our new King Charles III, and Queen Camilla on Coronation Day on the 6th May by enjoying live music and refreshments at Burnham Park Hall which was also a great success.

I want to thank Cllrs Richard Flemming, Zoe Hatch, Aiden Carlisle, Edwina Glover and Sarah Webb for their wide spectrum of interests and knowledge they generously gave to the council during their time in office as they have now moved on to pastures new. I also want to warmly welcome our new Cllrs Graham Mummery, Lindsay Chatralia and Akash Bagga for joining our council. All our councillors have worked very hard during the year in devoting their time and energy to committees, outside bodies and various issues within the community. I especially want to thank Cllr Carol Linton for all her support she has given as Vice Chairman for the past year; also all the Chairs and Vice Chairs, Cllrs Alexa Collins, Ekta Kaur Ross, John Carey and Paul Bunce for their leadership and support within the various committees. Burnham residents have been well served by them all.

Louise and our Finance Officer Rupi have successfully brought our finances up to date with a clean audit; many achievements have been made such as the Pitch Side Cafe, Warm Spaces Scheme and public engagement. There are many ongoing projects with the Eco Audit, the Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign, the New Burnham School campaign, the Queen Elizabeth Oak Tree and the Stomping Ground Gate. There are also many plans on the horizon. My particular interest and passion is that Burnham Village should retain its independence and character and not be swallowed by its larger neighbours. Planning is the crucial vehicle that must be used for this cause. The Neighbourhood Plan is vital to the future of Burnham. Our own Metropolitan Green Belt is threatened, we need help from our residents. We are in the process of it now and we need public support in order to save our green, open spaces and utilise brown sites for development.

Burnham Parish is a modern and progressive council. We can also reach back in time to the Domesday Book with a great history of being a market town with a rural background. We are proud to live here and I am very proud to be Chairman of this council.

An Introduction to Burnham Parish Council

Councillors

Burnham has 19 Parish Councillors who are elected for a term of 4 years. At the time of writing there are currently 17 Councillors and 2 vacancies. The next election will take place in 2025.

Councillor resignations in 2022-23

Councillor Co-options in 2022-23

Cllr Richard Flemming

Cllr Graham Mummery

Cllr Zoe Hatch

Cllr Lindsey Chatralia

Cllr Aiden Carlisle

Cllr Akash Bagga

Cllr Edwina Glover

Cllr Sarah Webb

Councillors are responsible for making key decisions and deciding on Burnham Parish Council's spending plans and budget for the financial year ahead.

Councillor wards can be seen on page 14.

Council & Committee Meetings

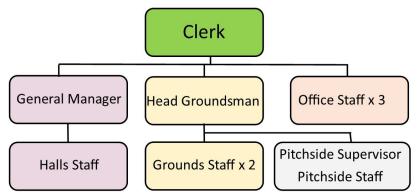
Full Council meetings are held throughout the year to carry out the Council's business. These meetings are supported by four other committees:

- Policy and Resources Committee
- Recreation and Amenities Committee
- Burnham Park Management Committee
- Planning Committee

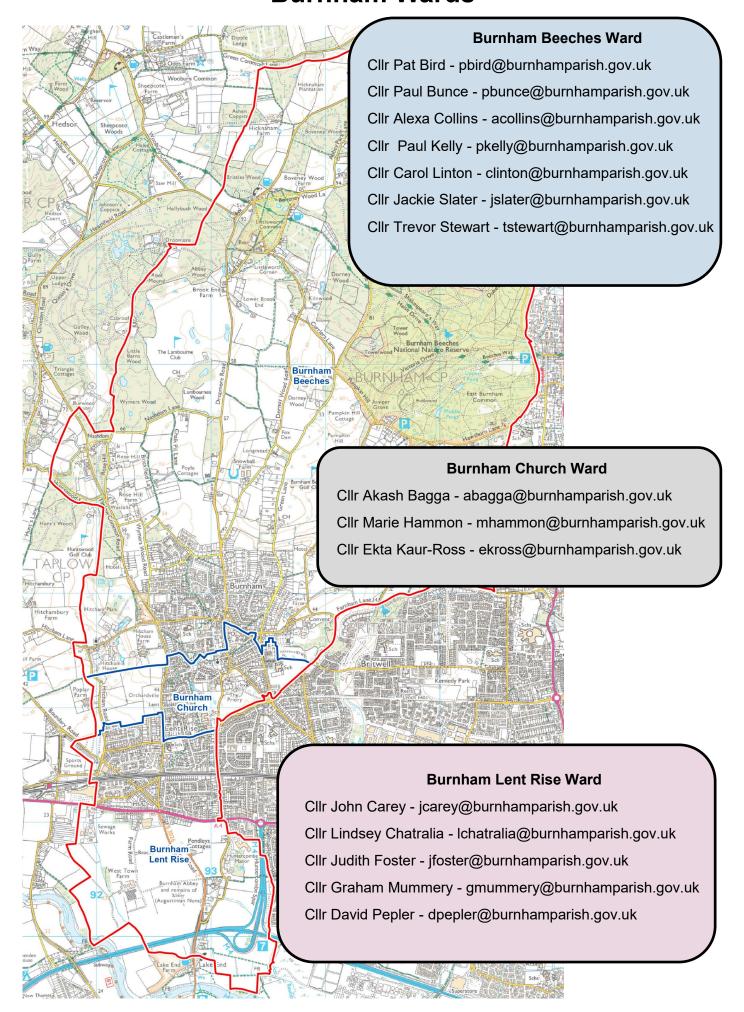
Members of the public are very welcome to attend all Council and Committee meetings. 15 minutes is allocated for public participation at the start of every meeting. Members of the public have the chance to address councillors on any matter relating to policy or decisions made by Burnham Parish Council.

Parish Council Office Staff

Parish Clerk & RFO - Louise Hayday
Finance Manager - Rupinder Gaidhu
Assistant Clerk - Laiba Malik
Admin Officer - Halima Begum



Burnham Wards



Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee

Undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year was the celebration held to mark the Platinum Jubilee, hundreds of people came together to enjoy a community event on the village green, whilst listening to local musicians and performers.

The event culminated with Sing4you Choir, a bugler, a bagpiper and the lighting of a beacon as part of a Commonwealth-wide ceremony.

As the first large event post covid, it was lovely to see people out enjoying themselves in the sunshine again.









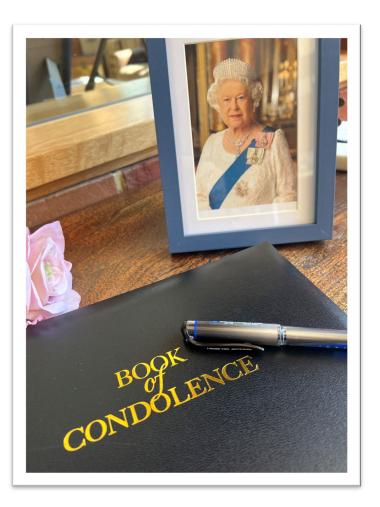


Sadly, just three months later, on 8th September 2022, the country said goodbye to HM Queen Elizabeth II, after 70 years of service. Burnham hosted a book of condolence where residents could pay their respects and spend a moment of quiet reflection.

In February 2023 Burnham Parish Council planted an English oak tree to commemorate the country's longest reigning monarch.

The Chairman, Marie Hammon, Vice-Chairman, Carol Linton and the Chairman of the Recreation & Amenities Committee, Ekta Kaur-Ross, joined Head Groundsman, Tim Garrett, and Groundsman, Tom Shakespeare to plant an oak tree on The Green outside Burnham Park Hall in memory of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Following the death of Her Majesty The Queen, The Queen's Green Canopy announced an extension to the end of March 2023 to give people the opportunity to plant trees in memorium to honour Her Majesty.





Best Kept Village



The Council were proud to be awarded a certificate of merit in 2022 for finishing runner up in the Best Kept Village Competition. All thanks must go to the grounds team for their continued efforts and dedication in keeping Burnham looking wonderful.

In addition the Council would like to thank the local residents who give up their time to litter pick their areas on a regular basis, it is greatly appreciated by all.

Climate Emergency

On Monday 15th March 2021 Burnham Parish Council declared a climate emergency and pledged to working towards net zero carbon by 2030.

In 2023 all aspects of Council operations were audited in relation to their 'green' credentials, the initial results of this audit can be seen in the climate area of the council website. The Council will shortly be compiling a strategic plan to address the issues raised.

After a period of inactivity due to covid and staffing changes, strong progress was made in the final part of the 2022/23 council year and work is ongoing to improve further.

Burnham Parish Council — Quarter 1 2023 —

NET ZERO PROGRESS

Bicycle rack installed at George Pitcher Memorial Ground to encourage cycling

400 Saplings planted



We have cut our carbon emissions from refrigeration across all sites by investing in energy efficient appliances and turning them off when not in use

With your help we recycled 4.6kg of empty pringles tubes, with money received going back into playground maintenance around the village



Improved the recycling facilities available at Burnham Park Hall by introducing clothing recycling



Pigeon proofed the solar panels at George Pitcher Memorial Ground pavilion to maximise efficiency

Installed temperature monitoring equipment in all offices and meetings rooms at Burnham Park Hall in order to better control the use of heater and air-conditioning

Switched to recycled paper in the Parish Office, saving 5 trees per year

Began programming the main plan at Burnham Park Hall in line with usage on a weekly basis, ensuring heat pumps are only running as required

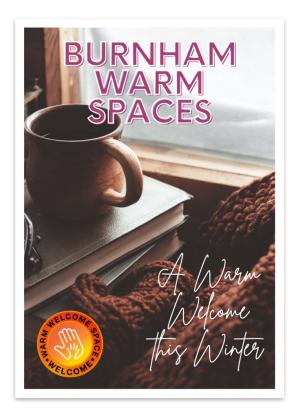
Re-introduced glass recycling for Burnham Park Hall operations



Received the results from a commission eco report, detailing all action needed to ensure the Parish Council reaches net zero by 2030

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Warm Spaces



In November 2022 Burnham Parish Council in partnership with St Peter's Church, Burnham Library and Burnham Health Promotion Trust proudly introduced the Burnham Warm Spaces Scheme.

This initiative was designed to offer warm and welcoming places for people to drop-in and use throughout the colder, winter months.

Completely free of charge, the service aimed to support those in the community who are adversely impacted by the cost-of-living increases, in particular, rising energy costs.

New gate to tackle anti-social behaviour

On Thursday 30th March the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Burnham Parish Council, Cllr Marie Hammon and Cllr Carol Linton, had the pleasure of attending the Thames Valley Police Community Presentation Event. Burnham Parish Council have been awarded a grant of £1000 to go towards the new gate at the Stomping Ground, which has been installed to deter the persistent anti-social behaviour that has been occurring there for a considerable time.



Burnham Health Promotion Trust

The Parish Council are proud that Burnham Park Hall is now the permanent home for Burnham Health Promotion Trust. The team have moved into an office on the first floor of the building and have fitted right in!

Care & Share still operates from the hall on Tuesdays and Fridays, donations can be dropped into reception at any time.

Working with the Trust and Number 22, the Council were able to assist in creating a dedicated space for counselling sessions. The room is inviting, private and is being well received by those using the space.

We look forward to working together on more projects of benefit to the community in the coming year.





Community Infrastructure Levy

Developments in the parish creates pressure on local infrastructure. In order to mitigate the effect, developers are required to pay into a CIL fund to cover the cost of improvements. A small proportion of these funds are passed onto local Parish Councils to assist with local projects.

Some of the items purchased with these funds this year can be seen below.



A new inclusive play gravity rider has been installed at each of the Council owned playgrounds. A small in ground trampoline is due to be installed at St Peters Park shortly.

The Courtyard at Burnham Park Hall was looking tired and dated, it has been given a full re-vamp with new furniture and plans in place for new lighting and landscaping.



Outside Spaces

Parish Council Grounds Staff

Head Groundsman - Tim Garrett

Groundsman - Thomas Shakespeare

Groundsman - Barry Fitzgerald

The Grounds team have had a busy year, they finished runner up in the Best Kept Village 2022 and have kept the Council owned parks and outside spaces looking first class. Investment has







Outdoor spaces that are looked after by the Grounds team are: The George Pitcher Memorial Ground, Burnham Park, The Village Green, Hag Hill Playground, St Peters Recreation Ground,

Pitch Side Cafe

In September 2022 the Parish Council opened the Pitch Side Café at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground. The café is open at the weekends during the football season and serves a variety of hot and cold drinks and food.

The café is staffed by Amanda, Scarlett and Zoe, and they are proud to have been awarded a 5 rating at the recent inspection.





New School Campaign

MAKE THEM LISTEN TO US!

The Council working group continue to challenge both local and national government over the lack of secondary school provision in Burnham.

More parents are needed to help the campaign on the ground, applying pressure to Buckinghamshire Council and raising awareness around the very real issues that parents and children are facing in Burnham.

To get involved please email: newschool@burnhamparish.gov.uk

BURNHAM SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR ALL

Neighbourhood Plan



Help needed to produce the Burnham Neighbourhood Plan!

The Burnham Neighbourhood Plan will put in place planning policies for the future development and growth of the parish.

Your Plan Your Parish Your Future Work is continuing on the Neighbourhood Plan for Burnham, but we need your help!

Buckinghamshire Council have recently released the results of their initial call for sites and there are some worrying inclusions within the Burnham greenbelt.

With the South Bucks local plan being so old and the emerging Buckinghamshire local plan being a long way off, Burnham is currently left with little protection against development.

If you would like to contribute to the Neighbourhood Plan and help shape the future of Burnham please get in touch.

clerk@burnhamparish.gov.uk

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2022-2023

Burnham Community Association - £500 for Burnham Village Fete

Burnham Foundation - £200 for 'What we can learn from trees' event

Burnham Youth Club - £1000 to assist with utility costs

Burnham Health Promotion Trust - £450 for a menopause support event

Sound & Song CIC - £1350 to set up a Burnham new mothers singing group











Burnham Park Hall

The end of covid restrictions allowed Burnham Park Hall to get back to do what it does best in 2022/2023 after a difficult and unsteady period.

Family, Councillors, Staff and residents were finally able to give Cllr Perry Davies the send of he deserved on 15th October 2022 when a capacity crowd danced the night away to some of Perry's favourite acts, memories were shared and glasses were raised at an event he would have loved to have attended! His memory will now forever live on in the newly named 'Perry's Bar'





The Tots and Toddlers Market was one of the new events launched last year that will now become a regular fixture in the Burnham Park Hall calendar.

For details of how to book a stall contact Nikki on functions@burnhampark.co.uk

Did you know Burnham Park Hall has a regular newsletter that is emailed out? To make sure you get your copy straight to your inbox, sign up at www.burnhampark.co.uk

Burnham Park Hall Staff

General Manager - Alex Thame

Bookings Supervisor - Nikki Kipping

Bar Supervisor - Luwanne McDonald

Caretaker - Neil Lewis

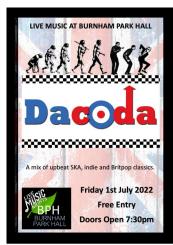
Cleaner - Denise Zaman

The permanent BPH staff are supported by a team of casual staff working weekends, evenings and events.

Burnham Park Hall Events

Events are very much back on at Burnham Park Hall, here is a reminder of what you have enjoyed over the past year...

























2023/2024 is set to be a busy year with some new events coming up as well as the return of many favourites including the Outdoor Cinema, the St Georges Day Beer Festival and a Classic Car Show in conjunction with the Burnham Lions Club.

Please remember to support the bar and food vendors at these events!



Burnham Parish Council - Precept Leaflet 2023-2024

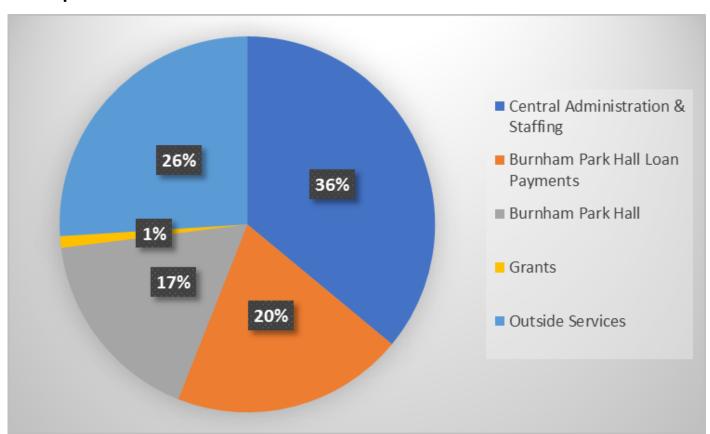
How does the precept work?

Burnham Parish Council provides public services to the residents of the village of Burnham and the surrounding Parish of Burnham. We are responsible for local issues in the Parish on behalf of these residents and to do this we raise our own form of council tax which is known as the precept. The precept is collected on our behalf by Buckinghamshire Council and is included in your council tax bill. In preparing its budget for 2023-24, Burnham Parish Council has looked hard at where it can make savings by reducing costs and focusing on efficiencies, while at the same time providing the projects, functions, and services that the community of Burnham expect to be delivered by the Parish Council.

The 2023-2024 precept

The average whole household (ie. Band D) will contribute £124.15 per annum (£2.30 per week) through the precept portion of Council Tax, towards funding all of the projects, functions, and services that Burnham Parish Council provides for the community.

Precept Breakdown



^{*} Outside Services includes all parks, playgrounds, George Pitcher Memorial Ground, public toilets and street furniture.

If you would like any further information on how your money is spent please contact the Parish Clerk at: clerk@burnhamparish.gov.uk

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Calendar of Meetings 2023/24

Burnham Parish Council - Meeting Calendar 2023/24 All Council and Committee meetings take place in Burnham Park Hall			
June 2023	Monday 5th June	4:30 PM	Planning Committee
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	Monday 19th June	6:30 PM	Policy & Resources Committee
	Tuesday 20th June		Full Council
	Monday 26th June		Planning Committee
July 2023	Tuesday 11th July	6.30 PM	Burnham Park Management Committee
	Monday 17th July		Planning Committee
	Monday 24th July		Full Council
	Tuesday 25th July	50/1 PO.101 SHOT VI PORCES	Policy & Resources Committee
August 2023	Monday 7th August	4:30 PM	Planning Committee
September 2023	Monday 4th September	4:30 PM	Planning Committee
	Monday 11th September		Full Council
	Tuesday 12th September		Recreation & Amenities Committee
	Tuesday 19th September		Burnham Park Management Committee
	Monday 25th September		Planning Committee
	Tuesday 26th September		Policy & Resources Committee
October 2023	Monday 9th October		Planning Committee
	Monday 16th October		Full Council
	Tuesday 24th October		Recreation & Amenities Committee
	Monday 30th October	4:30 PM	Planning Committee
November 2023	Tuesday 7th November	6.30 PM	Burnham Park Management Committee
	Monday 20th November		Planning Committee
	Tuesday 21st November	6.30 PM	Policy & Resources Committee
	Tuesday 28th November	6:30 PM	Recreation & Amenities Committee
December 2023	Monday 4th December	7:00 PM	Full Council
	Monday 11th December		Planning Committee
January 2024	Monday 15th January	4:30 PM	Planning Committee
January 2024	Tuesday 16th January		Burnham Park Management Committee
	Monday 22nd January		Full Council
	Tuesday 23rd January	200 STOSTOS SE 2000SE	Recreation & Amenities Committee
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February 2024	Monday 12th February		Planning Committee
	Tuesday 13th February		Policy & Resources Committee
	Tuesday 27th February	6.30 PM	Burnham Park Management Committee
March 2024	Monday 4th March		Planning Committee
	Monday 11th March		Full Council
	Monday 25th March		Planning Committee
	Tuesday 26th March	6:30 PM	Recreation & Amenities Committee
April 2024	Tuesday 9th April	6.30 PM	Burnham Park Management Committee
	Monday 15th April		Planning Committee
	Tuesday 23rd April	_	Policy & Resources Committee
May 2024	Monday 40th Marr	4.00 0.4	Diaming Committee
May 2024	Monday 13th May		Planning Committee
	Monday 20th May		Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
	Tuesday 28th May	7:00 PM	Annual Parish Meeting

Public Participation at Meetings

All meetings are open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons (i.e. confrontational, abusive etc.)

The public's exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public's exclusion.

Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included on the agenda. The period of time which is set aside for public participation is at the Chairman's discretion but in general should not exceed 15 minutes.

The opportunity to speak is on a first come first served basis. Each member of the public is entitled to speak only once and for no longer than 3 minutes. Therefore if more than 5 people have signed in to speak it will be the first 5 given this opportunity unless it is all on the same subject.

Questions asked by a member of the public during a public participation should NOT require an immediate response.

The Chairman may at any time choose that a question asked by a member of the public be directed to another Councillor for an oral response or to an employee for a written or oral response.

The Chairman can elect whether or not to hear a member of public speak if they feel the subject in question has already had enough hearing.

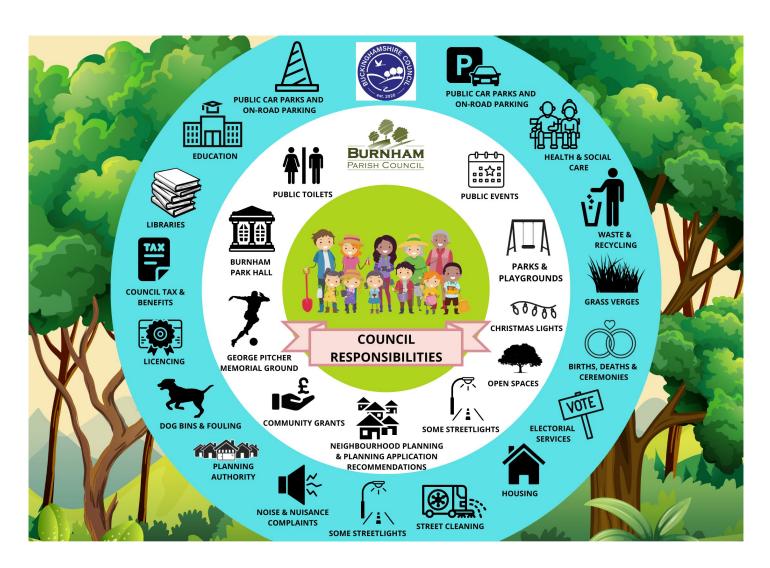
If a member of the public interrupts the proceedings at any meeting the Chairman may, after warning, order that they be removed from the meeting and may adjourn the meeting for such a period as is necessary to restore order.

All public participation will be included in the minutes for that meeting.

All comments need to be addressed to the Chairman.

Only one person may speak at a time.







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