

BURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Burnham Park Management Committee held on 17th September 2024 at 6:30pm in Burnham Park Hall.

Committee members present:

Cllr Trevor Stewart (Chair) Cllr Alexa Collins (Vice Chair) Cllr Marie Hammon
Cllr John Carey Cllr Pat Bird Cllr Jackie Slater
Cllr Terry Gamble

In attendance:

Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross

Officers of the Council:

Adam Killeya (Parish Clerk)
Bruce Burry (Interim Hall Manager)
Sharon Smith (Hall Manager)

Members of the public: 1

BP2425/13 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mummery and Linton.

It was noted that apologies had not been received from Cllr Bagga.

BP2425/14 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Kaur Ross declared a non-pecuniary interest in the parts of the Hall Manager's report related to the Christmas Event and to Hall Concessions (minute RA2425/20) as a member of the Sing For You choir.

Cllr Slater declared a non-pecuniary interest in Remembrance Events (minute RA2425/23), as branch secretary of the Royal British Legion, and council representative to the branch.

Cllrs Carey, Hammon and Bird declared a non-pecuniary interest in correspondence from the Burnham and District Heritage Society (minute RA2425/26), as members of the society.

PR2425/15 Public Forum

Mrs Shaw, Burnham and District Heritage Society, spoke to the request for a dedicated display space in the hall (minute RA2425/26 below).

BP2425/16 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting of 9th July 2024.

BP2425/17 Staffing

The new Hall Manager Sharon Smith introduced herself, and the committee warmly welcomed her into post.

The Clerk expressed their thanks to the interim hall manager, Bruce Burry, and to the other hall staff, for everything they had done to keep the hall running since the departure of the previous manager. They emphasised that the lack of a permanent full-time manager for several months had meant that a number of important matters had had to be placed on hold. They outlined that the key priorities for the Hall Managers first few months in post were i. Building fabric and health and safety ii. Staffing iii. Hall bookings. They asked for councillors' forbearance in allowing the Hall Manager to focus on these priorities and reserving other plans for the future. They also stated that they would

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RA2425/24 Parking at Burnham Park Hall

The Clerk reported that this item had been referred by the Recreation and Amenities committee meeting of 10th September 2024, based on representations around parking charges and conditions at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground.

It was **RESOLVED** to put up a stronger sign by the sign-in screen, stating that the parking was only for users of the park and hall.

RA2425/25 Theatre in the Park

The written report was **NOTED**

It was **RESOLVED** to agree in principle to host a theatre performance in Burnham Park in summer or autumn 2025; based on the company using the Take all risk all (TARA) model, and to delegate authority to the Clerk to negotiate on this basis.

RA2425/26 Correspondence

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the request from Burnham Heritage Society for a dedicated display space in the hall; with the Clerk to prepare a letter of understanding.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the request from Burnham Juniors FC to dispose of chairs in the container at the Cherry Orchard; subject to:

- a. the Hall Manager inspecting the Chairs to see if they are of use;
- b. if the request is approved following inspection:
 - i. Safe and timely disposal of the fridge outside the container.
 - ii. Provision of a spare key for the container, at the council's reasonable expense.

The meeting closed at 2027

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th November 2024 (2nd draft budget)

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