

# Burnham Parish Council

## Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 6.30pm in the Committee Room at Burnham Park, Burnham.

### Members of the Committee Present:

Cllr Lin Hazell (Chairman)	Cllr Robert Slater
Cllr Edwina Glover	Cllr Marie Hammon
Cllr Paul Kelly	Cllr Alan Samson

### In Attendance:

Officers of the Council:	Sheridan Edward (Incoming Parish Clerk)
	Jonathan Holder (Outgoing Locum Parish Clerk)

Members of the public:	Keith Paskins and Peter Downes (both Burnham Tennis Club)
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### 270 Apologies

**ACTION**

Apologies were received from Cllr Judith Foster.

### 271 Declaration of interest

None.

### 272 Public forum

Keith Paskins and Peter Downes attended the meeting regarding item 7 – discussion below.

### 273 Minutes

The Committee **AGREED** to approve and sign the Minutes as an accurate record of the Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

### 274 Matter arising

**Orchard in Burnham Park.** The Committee noted that the trees were not thriving in their current position and **AGREED** that the Clerk arrange for the groundsmen to move the orchard to a more appropriate site, and replenish any dying trees.

**CLERK**

**Jennery Lane toilets.** Cllr Robert Slater reported that the architect had submitted the application to Planning and that it was being dealt with by the Land Securities Committee.

**Circus / Lighthouse Project / Hag Hill Playground opening.** The Committee noted the all the events had happened and had been successful.

## 275 Finance

The Clerk reported that due to time constraints, it hadn't been possible to produce proposals for the 2016/17 budget. Once ready, the Clerk would arrange an extraordinary meeting of the Committee. The Clerk reported that there was only a small discrepancy in the income from Burnham Juniors, which would be resolved shortly.

CLERK

## 276 Bowls and Tennis clubs

The Clerk reported that although the Committee had agreed in 2013 to incrementally increase the Tennis Club rent, this had not been agreed with the Tennis Club. The Committee also noted that the lease would expire in August 2017. Peter Downes and Keith Paskins requested that the new lease be for a period no less than 25 years. When the lease were to be reviewed, the Clerk would investigate the longest possible length for the lease, and review the rent.

CLERK

## 277 George Pitcher maintenance costs

Cllr Paul Kelly had investigated the maintenance costs of the pitches and received a revised quote for the work, which would reduce the pitch quality to standard the Committee felt was appropriate for its current use. The Clerk also reported that the organiser of the Burnham Juniors tournament felt that it would not be possible to hold it towards the end of the season. The Committee noted that there had previously been unauthorised use of the pitches. The Clerk would investigate further the timing of the tournament, would ensure that there was no further unauthorised use, and would carry out a comprehensive review into the maintenance costs and income. The Committee also noted that the Clerk would be carrying out appraisals with the Groundsmen, and would feed back to the Committee at the next meeting. The Committee also noted that an asset tour had been carried out in July, where they noted that repairs and redecoration of various properties was long overdue. The Clerk stated that these repairs were now in hand, and would report progress back to the committee.

CLERK

## 278 Fu Jau Academy

The Committee noted that the Fu Jau Academy had been sub-letting the Pavilion on a number of occasions, contrary to the 2013 lease agreement. The Locum Clerk noted that the rent review for the Academy was due in October 2015, when the sub-letting issue could be raised. The Committee **AGREED** that the Clerk investigate this with lessee and report back to the Committee at the next meeting. The Committee noted that the lease was due for renewal in 2018. When issues including provision of free heating could be resolved. The Committee also noted outstanding maintenance work on the Pavilion. The Outgoing Clerk reported that essential repairs were in hand and that non-urgent repairs were being investigated.

CLERK

## 279 George Pitcher Pavilion

This was included under item 278 above.

## 280 Donkey Derby

The Committee had been asked by the Rotary Club to consider waiving the fee for the hire of Burnham Park for the upcoming event. The Committee had also received a hire request for a charitable concert. The Committee **AGREED** to withhold making a decision until the Clerk had produced a draft hire agreement and rates for the Committee to discuss at the next meeting.

CLERK

## 281 Quick Start Motorcycle Training

The Clerk reported on the request from Quick Start to hire the overflow car park at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground for motorcycle training. The Groundsman had felt that there would be no clash with existing users. The Clerk noted that it would be a good regular income for the Council, and also reported that Quick Start proposed to resurface the car park, which would have the added benefit of easing traffic problems on Sundays during the football season. It was felt that planning could be an issue. The Committee discussed the draft terms of the agreement and **AGREED** that the Clerk proceed to instruct an architect to draw up the plans.

**CLERK**

The meeting closed at 8:40pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_