

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Burnham's Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm on
Tuesday 24th May 2022 at Burnham Park Hall

Present:

Cllr Marie Hammon (Chair)	Chair, Burnham Parish Council
Cllr Pat Bird	Burnham Parish Council
Peter Downes	Burnham Tennis Association
Cllr Carol Linton	Vice-Chair, Burnham Parish Council
	Burnham Patient Participation Group
Louise Hayday	Parish Clerk, Burnham Parish Council
Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross	Burnham Parish Council
Cllr Alexa Collins	Burnham Parish Council
Cllr Paul Kelly	Burnham Parish Council
	Buckinghamshire Council
Andy Chapman	Beeches Community Board
Cllr Paul Bunce	Burnham Parish Council
Phil Whittaker	Burnham Lions Club
Sue Beech	Burnham Youth Club
Lee Collins	Burnham Bowls Club
Viv Nicholas	Burnham Foundation
	New School Working Group
Tony Jones	Men's Sheds
Cllr David Pepler	Burnham Parish Council
Andrew Strathdee	Friends of Burnham Library
	Neighbourhood Watch
	Burnham Community Association
Keith Greenough	Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches

Other attendees: 3

1. Apologies for absence

Jackie Slater	Royal British Legion
	Burnham Parish Council
Edwina Glover	Burnham Parish Council
Judith Foster	Burnham Parish Council
Zoe Hatch	Burnham Parish Council
Shirley Shaw	Burnham Heritage Society

2. Minutes

The meeting approved the minutes as an accurate record of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 1st June 2021.

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3. Parish Council

Cllr Marie Hammon, Chairman Burnham Parish Council, thanked everyone for attending and read a summarised version of the Chairman's report (attached). She particularly thanked Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross who had stepped down as Vice-chairman for the coming year for all of her hard work over a difficult time for the Council. She went on to welcome Cllr Carol Linton to the position of vice-chair, Louise Hayday to Parish Clerk/RFO and Alex Thame to General Manager.

Special thanks were given to all staff for their hard work and dedication over the past year.

4. Other organisations

- 4.1 Keith Greenough delivered a report on behalf of the **Burnham Beeches Rotary Club** (attached).
- 4.2 Phil Whittaker delivered a report on behalf of **Burnham Lions** (attached).
- 4.3 Sue Beech from **Burnham Youth Club** reported that they now had a new lead youth worker in place and welcomed Andy Nolan. She reported that the centre had reopened in September and they continued to provide activities and a safe space for young people in Burnham. Junior membership was strong but there was a need to attract more senior members. Volunteers were also needed particularly those with arts and craft skills.
- 4.4 Lee Collins from **Burnham Bowls** reported that the club currently had 49 members and 21 social members, they are in a strong situation post-covid having gained new members. The club have aspirations to become a community assert and are forging relationships with local organisations to help facilitate this. During lock-down the club was refurbished and improvements were made, 2022 is the centenary year and an open day for past and present members had taken place. The club is looking for more hirers and more members to help balance the running costs.
- 4.5 Peter Downes delivered a report on behalf of the **Tennis Association** (attached).
- 4.6 Cllr Carol Linton delivered a report on the **Patient Participation Group** (attached).
Cllr Ekta Kau Ross asked that the disabled toilet be put back on the agenda for the group.
- 4.7 Viv Nicholas from the **Burnham Foundation** reported that a tree tail in the churchyard has been started and he was working on trying to get the theatre group back up and running.

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- 4.8 Vic Nicholas from the **New School Working Group** reported that things were very challenging but there was now a strong group working on the issue. The media campaign is now up and running and a public meeting is being organised for June. He thanked the Frost Partnership for their support with the leaflet printing.
Andrew Strathdee has previously asked for the facts surrounding the campaign, Cllr Kaur Ross responded stating the material was all available on the Parish website but acknowledged that the figures did need to be updated.
- 4.9 Andy Chapman from the **Beeches Community Board** gave an introduction to the Community Boards, stating there were 16 in the County and they were a move away from the old Local Area Forums to a more community based board.
The aim was to have four meetings per year and these meetings were open to everyone, he stated that the budget for the Beeches area for the current year was £100,388.00. Within the board there were three action groups, Infrastructure and Highways, Improving the Environment and Wellbeing. Representative from the community board would be at the Donkey Derby to communicate the purpose of the board to the public.
Cllr Kaur Ross asked why items that should be funded as part of the normal budget for Buckinghamshire Council were being steered through the Community Board. Andy replied stating that all budgets were stretched and it was a way of delivering projects quicker. An update on the dropped kerb at the bottom of the High Street was given, stating it was in the detailed design stage.
- 4.10 Tony Jones delivered a report on behalf of **Men's Sheds** (attached).
- 4.11 Andrew Strathdee presented a report on behalf of **Burnham Community Association** (attached).
- 4.12 Andrew Strathdee presented a report on behalf of **Burnham Neighbourhood Watch** (attached).
- 4.13 Andrew Strathdee presented a report on behalf of **Burnham Friends of the Library** (attached).
- 4.14 Cllr Marie Hammon gave an update on the **Burnham Heritage Society**, informing the meeting that there is a Jubilee display in the library and they were keen to hear from anyone who has memories of past jubilee celebrations. Members will be at the library on 1st June from 10am - 1pm and also will be in attendance at the village fete. Two heritage walks have already taken place in the village and they are hoping to join in a church (St Peter's) visit in the future.

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5. **Questions from the floor**

- 5.1 **Orchard Herbs Site.** A local resident questioned what was happening with the Orchard Herbs site, the Chairman reports that the Council had passed the matter to Buckinghamshire Enforcement team at the end of April and were waiting on an update. It was also reported that the planning application for the hotel at the same site had gone very quiet and was due to expire in a couple of weeks.

The meeting closed at 8.36pm

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