

## Burnham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29th July 2024 at 7:00pm in Burnham Park Hall.

### Members of the Council present:

Cllr Marie Hammon (Chair)	Cllr Carol Linton	Cllr David Pepler
Cllr Trevor Stewart	Cllr Terence Gamble	Cllr Alexa Collins
Cllr Judith Foster	Cllr Lindsey Chatralia	Cllr Pat Bird
Cllr Jackie Slater	Cllr Graham Mummery	Cllr Ekta Kaur-Ross

**Officers of the Council:** Adam Killeya (Parish Clerk)  
Rupinder Gaidhu (Finance Manager)

**Members of other authorities:** Cllr Dev Dhillon, Bucks Council (part of meeting)  
Cllr David Moore, Bucks Council

**Members of the public:** 8 (parts of meeting)

### FC2425/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Carey. The Chair expressed her regret that a number of Parish and Buckinghamshire Councillors had not attended the meeting without sending their apologies.

### FC2425/22 Declarations of interest

No declarations were received.

### FC2425/23 Public Forum

A member of the public raised concerns about the 5G tower on Lent Rise Road. The Clerk promised to review the information given, to refer it to an appropriate committee, and to then respond to the member of the public.

Further members of the public raised concerns around the withdrawal of free school transport. The Chair stated that the council would continue to support on this issue. Cllr Dhillon, Bucks Council, also spoke to this issue and promised to support.

A further member of the public raised the issue of the introduction of parking charges at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground, and registered his objections. The Clerk stated that his points would be brought to the Recreation & Amenities Committee in September.

### FC2425/24 Police report

The written report and newsletter were **NOTED**

The Clerk was asked to bring reports on CCTV and a defibrillator, and a bleed kit in the High Street to a Policy & Resources Committee meeting; and to contact Tesco enquiring whether their defibrillator could be moved outside the building.

### FC2425/25 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### FC2425/26 Minutes of Parish Council committees

The following minutes were **NOTED**

Planning Committee – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024.  
Burnham Park Management Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (draft).  
Planning Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (draft).

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#### **FC2425/27 Finance**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve the list of payments and receipts for May and June 2024. The total of the payments was £93,715.30 for May and £76,257.12 for June.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve the June 2024 bank reconciliations.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the updated financial regulations, which are based on the 2024 NALC model regulations, subject to raising the spending limit for the Policy & Resources Committee to £12,000 within budget.

#### **FC2425/28 Grants**

The Clerk advised that there was currently £3,000 remaining the Grants budget for the year, and that the grant requests before the meeting totalled £3,500.

It was **RESOLVED** to make a grant of £500 in kind against room hire to the Slough and Windsor Railway.

It was **RESOLVED** to make a grant of £1000 in kind to the Buckinghamshire Culture for the Villages Project, details of in kind etc

It was **RESOLVED** to make a grant of £425 to Bucks Vision.

The Clerk was asked to bring an item to the Policy & Resources Committee to consider whether grants in kind should count against the grants budget going forwards.

The Chair moved the report from Buckinghamshire Council up the agenda.

#### **FC2425/29 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors**

Cllr Moore reported that there had been a successful Beeches Community Board meeting, including a grant to the Parish council for a Wildflower Project, and reported on the 'Pride in Bucks' award and the new anti-littering reporting scheme.

Cllr Dhillon had reported under item FC2425/23 Public Forum on school transport, the library consultation, and high street regeneration.

The reports were **NOTED**, with appreciation to the councillors for attending in person.

#### **FC2425/30 Recommendations from committees**

It was **RESOLVED** to amend the price for 'exclusive use' hire of Burnham Park Hall from £1,000 to "Price on Application, depending on the event details, starting from £1,000", with authority delegated to the General Manager to confirm the price on a case-by-case basis.

#### **FC2425/31 Reports from Working Groups**

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group: it was **NOTED** that the council had been awarded of a locality grant of £9,826.00

Cllr Linton reported that good progress had been made on the design code. It was emphasised that, without sacrificing the quality and appropriateness of the plan, speed was important given the potential for a changed planning framework which might affect neighbourhood planning. The verbal report was **NOTED**.

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the steering group to respond to the The Farnhams Neighbourhood Plan consultation on behalf of the council.

Sustainability, Ecology and Climate Emergency Working Group: the written update, and updated green to do lists were **NOTED**.

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It was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the working group to respond to a Buckinghamshire Council consultation on air quality management areas (AQMAS) on behalf of the council.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposal for 'lower paper meetings'; with councillors to respond to the office if they wish to continue to receive paper packs.

**FC2425/32 Land at Lent Rise Green: 'The Pond'.**

The verbal update on the Pond was **NOTED**. The Clerk was asked to request Buckinghamshire Council to do a toxicity test as this had been reported to them as a Health and Safety concern.

**FC2425/33 Chair's report**

The Chair, Cllr Hammon, invited Mr Nicholas to give an update on the School Campaign.

Cllr Hammon reported that it had been a very busy period since the last Full Council meeting; and that highlights had included:

- The Parish Fete with Anton du Beke, for which thanks were given to those councillors who had staffed the parish stall amongst other 'hats'.
- The launch meeting for the Village Project with Bucks cClture, with the village picture, taken by a professional photographer with a choreographer, scheduled for Sunday 22nd September.
- The Councillors' Asset Tour.
- Work on plans for May's Chocolate Shop which are advancing well, with a steering group created so that it can be transformed into a Community Interest Company.
- The Bucks Open Weekend with the Heritage Society, and Heritage Walk.
- A display of Heritage photographs and books at the Methodist Church Hall, also attended by our oldest veteran, 101-year-old Dick Moon.

She concluded by congratulating the Groundsmen, and thanking residents, for their extremely hard work in winning the Pushman Cup for the best kept larger village in Buckinghamshire this year.

The report was **NOTED**.

**FC2425/34 Reports from outside bodies**

No reports were received.

**FC2425/35 Clerk's report**

The written report was **NOTED**.

The Clerk added that since the report was written BT had been very helpful and quick in approving and carrying out the painting of the red phone box on the High Street.

It was **NOTED** that, notwithstanding the fact that the Council no longer meets the conditions for eligibility for the General Power of Competence, it is able to continue to exercise this power until the first annual meeting of the Council following the May 2025 Elections.

It was **RESOLVED** to formally acknowledge and minute the Council's thanks to the Beeches Community Board for its grant support in:

- i. carrying out the Eco Audit
- ii. acquiring MVAS equipment.
- iii. the Wildflower project at the Cherry Orchard.

The meeting closed at 2047

Date of the next meeting:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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