

BURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee held on 26th November 2024 at 6:30pm in Burnham Park Hall.

Committee members present:

Cllr Kaur Ross (Chair)
Cllr Pat Bird

Cllr Carol Linton
Cllr Lindsey Chatralia

Cllr John Carey
Cllr Graham Mummery

Officers of the Council:

Adam Killeya (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public:

RA2425/49 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Foster, Hammon and Bunce.

It was noted that Cllr Gamble had not sent apologies.

RA2425/50 Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received.

RA2425/51 Public Forum

The Clerk reported that a member of the public had sent written comments which they would summarise as part of the review of parking charges (minute RA2425/60 Parking charges at GPMG). The Clerk noted that the member of the public had been sent a copy of the interim car parking report in advance of the meeting.

RA2425/52 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting of 22nd October 2024.

RA2425/53 Senior Groundsman's Report

The written report was **NOTED**.

The Clerk stated that they would write to McDonalds asking them to install an additional bin at Hag Hill, and to ensure that it was suitable for collection.

The Clerk was asked to look into the condition of paving outside the hall, and stated that they would raise this with the Hall Manager and bring an update to the next Burnham Park Management Committee meeting.

RA2425/54 Tree survey

The Clerk reported that R Watts had been engaged to conduct the Tree Survey; and that this was now underway. The report was **NOTED**.

RA2425/55 Street Furniture and Public Conveniences

The Clerk reported that some enquiries around memorial benches were in progress.

The Clerk further reported some issues with tidiness in the public conveniences on Jennery Lane which they were investigating; and added that whilst they had not yet been able to track down the lease they had found evidence of an arrangement with Beaconsfield which they believe formed a model for the Jennery Lane toilets and was based on a 99 year peppercorn lease.

The Clerk further reported that they were working on establishing which bus shelters in Burnham were owned by the Parish Council, and that this was ongoing although progress was being made.

The report was **NOTED**.

RA2425/56 Policies

The Clerk explained that they had brought back updated policies following consideration at the last meeting, as they had been absent from that meeting and wanted to confirm that the proposed amendments to the policies were in line with what the committee intended.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council to adopt these updated policies:

- a. Dog control policy
- b. Open spaces hire and use policy

RA2425/57 Sustainability, ecology and climate emergency

The report on water fountains was **NOTED**. It was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council to spend up to £600 to buy and install a water fountain and any associated items at the GPMG Pavilion, from the GPMG site improvement fund.

The report on HVO fuels was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the switching of council vehicles to HVO, and to delegate authority to the Clerk to confirm a supplier and date for switchover, in consultation with the Head Groundsman, having conducted further checks on compatibility with the tractor and using existing fuel up first.

The current list of recommendations from the Sustainability, Ecology and Climate Emergency Working Group (Eco Group) was **NOTED**.

RA2425/58 Healthy Walks around Burnham

The Chair reported that work on the booklet was still in progress, and that sponsorship had been obtained from Oakwood Estates. The report was **NOTED**.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the expenditure of up to £200 on producing walk leaflets, using the funds raised through sponsorship, and to allocate any funds remaining from this sum towards future litter picks and other appropriate related projects approved in consultation with the Eco Group.

RA2425/59 Flower Borders at Burnham Park

Councillor Chatralia reported that there was no further update on this project. It was **RESOLVED** to consider the matter further when a substantive update is available.

RA2425/60 Parking charges at GPMG

The Clerk gave a summary of representations received after the report had been written, including annotated comments on the report and an email received just prior to the meeting from a member of the public.

The written report, and in particular the information around public representations and operational challenges, and the summary of further comments from a member of the public, was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED**:

- a. To reaffirm that a full review will be carried out in the first Recreation and Amenities Committee meeting of 2025-26, which is at the end of the current football season.

- b. To continue to keep the performance of the car parking company under active review, with a view to reconsidering our commercial relationship should there be further repeats of issues experienced.

The Committee noted its appreciation for the time and effort spent by the Clerk on this report, and by the Assistant Clerk on the operational issues with the parking company.

RA2425/61 The Pond at Lent Rise Green

The Clerk updated the committee that they were continuing to chase this issue, and receiving support from the Community Board Manager and from Buckinghamshire Council's Local Partnerships Manager. The Committee expressed its frustration at the lack of progress from Buckinghamshire Council. The report was **NOTED**.

It was suggested that the Clerk could seek press publicity on this matter, and they stated that this was something they would take forward if there was no substantial progress in the next two weeks.

RA2425/62 Love Exploring

The written update on figures for the use of the Love Exploring app in Burnham over the summer was **NOTED**.

The Clerk stated that they would follow up further with Bucks Outdoors, and write to local youth organisations to encourage them to use the Love Exploring app when there was next an update.

RA2425/63 Bunting in High Street

It was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that a budget line be added to the precept for the provision of bunting, including putting up and taking down, with the Clerk to endeavour to produce estimated costs for the Full Council meeting on 9th December; based on union flag bunting to be put up from spring to mid-summer.

The meeting ended at 2011

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28th January 2025