

BURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Recreation & Amenities Committee held on 28th January at 6:30pm in Burnham Park Hall.

Committee members present:

Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross (Chair)	Cllr Paul Bunce (Vice Chair)	Cllr Carol Linton
Cllr John Carey	Cllr Pat Bird	Cllr Graham Mummery
Cllr Judith Foster	Cllr Terry Gamble	Cllr Marie Hammon

Officers of the Council:

Adam Killeya (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public:

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RA2425/64 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Chatralia.

RA2425/65 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Gamble declared an interest in agenda item 14a relating to wildlife enhancements at the Fairway (minute RA2425/77), as his wife is a member of Burnham Men in Sheds who may undertake the work. He remained in the room but did not vote on this item.

RA2425/66 Public Forum

Members of the public raised questions about the parking charges at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground, concerning the reasons for the charges and the planned use of the monies raised. The Clerk stated the council's position in response to the questions.

RA2425/67 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Committee meeting of 26th November 2024.

RA2425/68 Finance

The accounts and budget monitoring report for the committee for the third quarter of 2024-25 were **NOTED**. It was generally agreed by the committee that this was a helpful format.

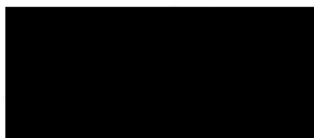
RA2425/69 Head Groundsman's Report

The Clerk added to the report that the Head Groundsman was obtaining prices for a new fertiliser spreader, and that it was hoped to bring to the next meeting if required.

The Clerk was asked to speak to the Head Groundsman concerning the path outside Burnham Park Hall, and options for reducing the number of loose stones.

The Clerk further reported that they were in ongoing discussions with the St Peter's Churchwardens around dog signage for the closed churchyard; and it seemed likely that permission would be required from the diocese. They were progressing this matter and had a meeting scheduled with a church warden on 29th January.

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The written and verbal reports were **NOTED**.

RA2425/70 Tree survey

The Clerk reported that the practical element of the Tree Survey had been conducted and that the contractor was in the process of writing up. The report would be brought to committee when complete; as would an updated Tree Management Policy. The report was **NOTED**.

RA2425/71 Street Furniture and Public Conveniences

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

The Clerk further reported that they were working on recruiting a new cleaner for the public conveniences on Jennery Lane. They had had two serious expressions of interest and were hoping to make an appointment soon; failing this they would investigate cleaning contractors.

The Clerk further drew attention to the red telephone booth owned by the council on Littleworth Road that was currently not in use. It was felt that the box could be improved and come plants added, and the Clerk stated that they would ask the Assistant Clerk to investigate this.

The report was **NOTED**.

RA2425/72 Bus shelters

The written report and updated list of Bus Shelters were **NOTED**.

This matter was **DEFERRED** to the next meeting to allow to Clerk to investigate:

- Where there were opportunities for raising advertising revenue from the shelters, or for transfer to an advertising company;
- Whether Buckinghamshire Council would agree to do a full clean and maintenance before taking on the shelters.

The Clerk was also asked to look into seating at the Gore Road bus shelter without a seat.

RA2425/73 Streetlighting

The Clerk reported that they and the Assistant Clerk had had a very productive meeting with the electrical contractor to discuss a programme of works for 2025-26, splitting the available funding into three stages – initial works, works following annual inspection, and winter contingency; and prioritising works based on cost and need. It was hoped to finalise the schedule of works shortly. The report was **NOTED**.

The Clerk was asked to speak to the contractor about the wattage of lights and whether it could be turned up.

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The written report on solar streetlights was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED**:

- a. To agree in principle that a pilot of solar streetlighting in one area of Burnham, covering 20-40 streetlights, would be desirable.
- b. To ask the Sustainability, Ecology, and Climate Emergency Working Group (the Eco Group) to look at this project in further detail, and empower them to consult residents in a potential pilot area and to submit a full proposal directly to Full Council.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council:

- c. That the council review the full proposal when complete, with a view to deciding whether to proceed with a pilot scheme funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy and aiming to be in operation by the start of winter 2025/26.

RA2425/74 Meetings calendar 2025-26

The draft meetings calendar and commentary was **NOTED**. The Clerk stated that once the calendar had been considered by all committees a final version would be presented to Full Council for consideration.

RA2425/75 Sustainability, ecology and climate emergency

The Clerk noted that solar streetlighting had been discussed above (minute RA2425/73) and would now be considered in detail by the Eco Group; and reported that progress was being made on other actions. The report and updated list of actions were **NOTED**.

RA2425/76 Healthy Walks around Burnham

The Chair reported that whilst funding had been secured, work on the wording of the booklet was still in progress. The report was **NOTED**.

RA2425/77 Council owned lands

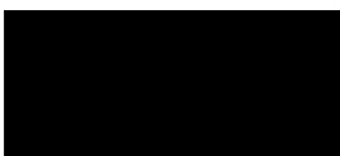
The written request from the North East Burnham Residents Association (NEBRA) concerning wildlife enhancements at The Fairway was **NOTED**. The Clerk reported that NEBRA intended to submit a grant application to the council for the costs of works, which would be carried out in conjunction with Burnham Men in Sheds.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree, as landowner, to the installation of a hedgehog box, bug hotel, bird boxes, bat boxes and similar wildlife enhancements by NEBRA at the council's land at the Fairway, and to delegate to the Clerk authority to negotiate siting and other details.

The Clerk confirmed that the grant application would be placed on the appropriate agenda once received; and noted that any grant would need to be taken from the 2025-26 budget.

The Clerk gave an update on the Council's land at Nashdom Lane. After discussion, the committee was minded to keep the land in the Council's ownership. Cllr Carey volunteered to raise the land with Wild Burnham to ascertain whether they might be interested in taking it on, and to then report back to the Eco Group.

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RA2425/78 Best Kept Village

The Clerk reported that they had had a very positive meeting with the Head Groundsman about the entry for the Tindall Cup in 2025, and that plans were being advanced to ensure that the village looked its best. The report was **NOTED**. It was **RESOLVED** to approve entry to the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village competition for 2025, and to delegate authority to the Clerk to submit the application and put any appropriate actions in place.

The meeting ended at 2023
Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25th March 2025

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