

Burnham Parish Council Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th March 2024 at 7:00pm in Burnham Park Hall.

Members of the Council present:

Cllr Marie Hammon (Chairman)	Cllr Carol Linton (Vice-Chairman)	
Cllr Pat Bird	Cllr Paul Bunce	Cllr John Carey
Cllr Lindsey Chatralia	Cllr Alexa Collins	Cllr Judith Foster
Cllr Terry Gamble	Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross	Cllr Paul Kelly
Cllr Graham Mummery	Cllr David Pepler	Cllr Jackie Slater
Cllr Trevor Stewart		

In attendance:

Officers of the Council: Karen Crowhurst (Locum Parish Clerk)
Laiba Malik (Assistant Clerk)
Rupinder Gaidhu (Finance Manager)

Members of other authorities: 2
Members of the public: 5
Members of the press: 0

The Chairman welcomed all attendees and reminded Members of the Council that the Council has signed up to a Civility and Respect pledge and encouraged all Council to remember this when they attend meetings. All Councillors should be treated with respect and courtesy and remain in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

FC24/121 Apologies

To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Bagga. Cllr Kaur Ross sent apologies for lateness.

FC24/122 Declarations of interest

Members are asked to declare any personal interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

Cllr's Foster, Gamble and Kelly all declared an interest in relation to item 9 Grant applications on the agenda.

FC24/123 Public forum

The opportunity for members of the public to address the Parish Council.

At 7.03pm Standing Orders were suspended.

A representative from Inspire Villages informed the meeting about public consultations taking place for an application for an integrated retirement community.

At 7.05pm Standing Orders were reinstated.

FC24/124 Thames Valley Police

To receive an update on issues affecting the local area.

Members noted the report from Thames Valley Police. A request was made for more statistics to be included.

FC24/125 Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd January 2024, as well as the Extraordinary Meeting Minutes of the meetings held on 25th January 2024 and 1st February 2024.

RESOLVED that: The minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd January and the Extraordinary meeting minutes of the meetings held on 25th January and the 1st of February be accepted as true and accurate record of the meetings.

FC24/126 Minutes of Parish Council Committees

To note the minutes of:

Planning Committee – 12th February 2024 and 4th March 2024 (draft)

Policy and Resources Committee – 13th February 2024 (draft)

Burnham Park Management Committee – 27th February 2024 (draft)

Members noted the minutes of the above meetings and accepted all recommendations and decisions contained within them.

FC24/127 Co-option of Councillor

Rukhsana Pasha provided some more information about herself which included her previous community involvement.

RESOLVED unanimously that: Rukhsana Pasha be appointed as a Co-opted Member to Burnham Parish Council. Rukhsana Pasha signed the Acceptance of Office form and joined the meeting.

FC24/128 Finance

To accept:

- a) The January 2024 management of accounts
RESOLVED Unanimously, to accept the Management of accounts.
- b) Payments and Receipts for January 2024
RESOLVED Unanimously, to accept the January Payments and Receipts lists presented
- c) The January 2024 bank reconciliations
RESOLVED Unanimously, to accept the January Payments and Receipts lists presented. The Bank Reconciliations were then signed by the Chairman and Clerk

FC24/129 Grant applications

- a) To consider a grant request from Burnham Beeches Rotary Club for the amount of £1,000

At 7.24pm, Cllr's Foster Gamble and Kelly left the meeting whilst this item on the agenda was discussed.

After a short discussion it was **RESOLVED that**; a grant of £1,000 be awarded to Burnham Beeches Rotary Club.

At 7.25pm, Cllr's Foster Gamble and Kelly rejoined the meeting

At 7.25pm, Cllr Kaur Ross joined the meeting.

FC24/129 Working Groups

- a) To receive updates from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group
Members were informed that there is no further update.
- b) To receive updates from the Burnham School Working Group
There were no updates for reporting.
- c) To receive updates from the Climate Emergency Working Group.
It was reported that no meetings have been held to be able to provide an update.

FC24/130 Reports from Buckinghamshire Council

To receive verbal reports from members of Buckinghamshire Council.

Cllr Naylor Buckinghamshire Council reported on:

The Number of Councils including Slough, being issued with section 114 notices, in essence leading to bankruptcy. Cllr Naylor informed Members that this will affect Council Tax quite significantly, and explained that local residents will bear the brunt of this.

Cllr Naylor also reported that Councils across the United Kingdom are facing acute financial pressures, particularly in four key areas that support vulnerable residents, social care, for both adults and children as well as temporary accommodation for homeless people, and transport for vulnerable children to get to school. Cllr Naylor explained the impact on the Unitary Council's budget and the percentage of funds available for these four key areas. The percentage increase is 4.99%

Cllr Naylor reported that the budget has been set for the next municipal year as well as reporting that funding has been awarded by Central Government just short of £4million as part of the Future of Highstreets Programme in Wycombe. Cllr Naylor reported about the impact that this will have.

Cllr Naylor reported on the previous bye-election which was triggered by the sad passing of Cllr David Anthony.

Cllr David Moore introduced himself and advised that he is available to Burnham Parish Council and offered support.

Cllr Kelly updated Members about a shop which is a listed building, and advised that the frontage will now be restored.

FC24/131 Chairmans Report

To receive a verbal report from the Council Chairman

The Chairman read some correspondence from the Mayor of St-Denis-de-l'Hotel Burnhams Twinning Town, the correspondence was wishing everyone success with the Olympics.

The Chairman also reported about an informal meeting which she, Cllr Carey and the former clerk attended with the Trustees of Burnham Football Club. The Chairman

apprised Members of the current situation and advised that a further meeting will be taking place in due course.

The Chairman also reported about her concerns about the closure of the chocolate shop in Burnham and advised that it is being investigated as to whether the shop itself could become a community hub.

The Chairman expressed her disappointment with a housing authority as they have left an elderly lady without any hot water for six months. The Chairman also reported issues with containers in the housing area which still remains on the green.

FC24/132 Reports from Outside Bodies

To receive verbal and written reports from Councillors on outside bodies on which they represent the Parish Council, on matters relevant to the Parish Council.

Cllr Terry reported on the progress of the classic car event scheduled for June. Cllr Gamble reported that the event is currently on track. Cllr Gamble mentioned those involved with organising the event. Council Members extended their gratitude.

Cllr Carey advised that he is still involved with Veolia and advised about a funding opportunity which the Council could apply for.

FC24/133 Clerks Report

To receive the Clerk report.

Members received the Clerks report as well as the recommendation from the Staffing Committee to change the salary scale to 133 Clerks LC4 (49-49) Which is below the substantive range the salary starting point is £55,325pa -£59,418pa Anum.

Members also agreed to the recommendation and time frame for advertising the vacancy again.

Exclusion of press and public That pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted.

FC24/133 To consider quotations for IT provision to Burnham Parish Council

After careful consideration and considering best value for money. It was agreed to move to IT Mighty to provide future IT provision to Burnham Parish Council.

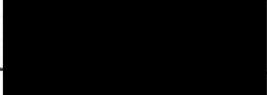


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FC24/131 To close the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed:  Date: 20/5/2024

Date of next meeting: Monday 20th May 2024
Which will be the Annual Statutory Meeting of the Council