

Burnham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21st October 2024 at 7:00pm in Burnham Park Hall.

Members of the Council present:

Cllr Marie Hammon (Chair)	Cllr John Carey (Vice Chair)	Cllr Carol Linton
Cllr Trevor Stewart	Cllr Ekta Kaur Ross	Cllr Rukhsana Pasha
Cllr Judith Foster	Cllr Lindsey Chatralia	Cllr Pat Bird
Cllr Jackie Slater	Cllr Graham Mummery	Cllr David Pepler

Officers of the Council:

Laiba Malik (Assistant Parish Clerk)
Rupinder Gaidhu (Finance Manager)

Public and others:

3 members of the public
PCSO Ange O'Connell, Thames Valley Police
PC Blunt, Thames Valley Police

FC2425/50 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Collins, Gamble, Bagga and Bunce; and from the Clerk.

It was **NOTED** that Cllr Kelly had not submitted apologies.

FC2425/51 Declarations of interest

Cllr Foster declared an interest in item: 4 regarding the incident which occurred on Lent Rise Road, as a member of the Church.

FC2425/52 Public Forum

A member of the public raised concerns regarding several faulty streetlights, which had been previously discussed in the planning committee. The Chair responded that this matter is being investigated and advised the resident to report the streetlight issues to Buckinghamshire Council, as the streetlights are not owned by the Parish Council. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that these concerns will be forwarded to the Local Area Technician, Chris Nash, to clarify who owns the streetlights and address the situation.

The resident also expressed concerns about insufficient double yellow lines in Burnham causing severe parking issues. Cllrs Pepler and Hammon suggested that the resident report these parking concerns to Buckinghamshire Council for further inspection.

FC2425/53 Police Report

PCSO O'Connell reported that two burglaries occurred in Burnham, advising residents to use timers to prevent homes from being left in the dark. The committee noted five shed break-ins, resulting in the arrest of two male suspects, with investigations ongoing. There were also eight thefts of motor vehicles reported, along with incidents of stolen golf buggies from two local golf clubs. The council also noted that a local male was arrested for causing criminal damage to the Methodist Church and Lent Rise School. PCSO O'Connell stated that the police are investigating damage to the Burnham Community Association Minibus, having identified three youths involved in the incident. Furthermore, the police are collaborating with Tesco regarding ten students that were identified in connection with shoplifting. It was reported that 200 patrols have been conducted in Burnham Park and Burnham High Street over the past three months; however, Cllr Ross requested an increase in police presence in the parish to address the increasing number of anti-social activities.

Cllr Hammon asked whether any further reports were made related to e-scooters, and it was stated that they are being dealt with as and when they see it.

The written report and newsletter were **NOTED**

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FC2425/54 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th September 2024

FC2425/55 Minutes of Parish Council committees

The following minutes were **NOTED**

- a. Recreations and Amenities Committee - 10th September 2024 (draft)
- b. Burnham Park Management Committee – 17th September 2024 (draft)
- c. Planning Committee – 23rd September 2024
- d. Policy and Resources Committee = 24th September 2024 (draft)

FC2425/56 Finance

It was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve the list of payments and receipts for August and September 2024

The total of the payments for August and September was **£128,216.17**

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

FC2425/57 Recommendations from Committees

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to update the following Council Policies as recommended by committees:
 - I. Dignity at work and harassment Policy
 - II. Staff Handbook
 - III. Grant Reward Scheme
 - IV. Standing orders
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve an overspend on the Street Lights Maintenance and Repairs Budget.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the expenditure of up to £200 on bleed kits and up to £600 on a defibrillator case from the High Street Land Securities Improvement Fund.
- d) It was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the Clerk to spend £250 from the Elections EMF for 'become a councillor' publicity and events.
- e) It was **RESOLVED** to spend up to £8,000 on a replacement van from the Tractor Fund
- f) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the license agreement for the use of a gate at the Cherry Orchard Nature Park.

FC2425/58 Committee membership

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Mummery to fill the vacancy on the Policy and Resources Committee.

It was **NOTED** that Cllr Gamble will remain as a reserve on the Policy and Resources Committee.

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FC2425/59 Neighbourhood Plan

a) It was **RESOLVED** to agree that:

- I. Burnham and Dorney Parish Councils should both proceed with their neighbourhood plans on the Burnham current parish boundaries as designated.
- II. neither council will object to the other's plan on the basis of the changed boundaries
- III. both councils will seek an update of their neighbourhood areas to match the new boundaries when their plans are updated in the future.
- IV. both councils will include agreed wording on this point in their respective plans

b) It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**:

- i) To approve the draft Burnham Neighbourhood Development Plan, and the supporting evidence base, as suitable to proceed to Regulation 14 consultation.
- ii) To delegate to the Clerk, in consultation with steering group, authority to:
 - i) determine the date for proceeding to Regulation 14 consultation;
 - ii) approve any minor typographical, stylistic or factual changes to the plan that arise after this resolution without requiring a further resolution.

The Committee thanked Cllrs Hammon, Linton and Chatralia and the Parish Clerk for their hard work and dedication to the Neighbourhood Plan.

FC2425/60 Reports from Working Groups

Sustainability, Ecology and Climate Emergency Working Group

Cllr Carey reported on the successful litter pick event held on 5th October 2024 and highlighted positive feedback from participants. It was noted that good progress is being made on Project 57. He also reported that the Clerk is exploring the feasibility of installing electric vehicle charging points at Burnham Park Hall and also investigating the possibility of water fountains at suitable locations in Burnham.

FC2425/61 Consultations

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Clerk, in consultation with Cllr Linton, authority to respond to the consultation from Buckinghamshire Council on adult social care day and overnight respite.

FC2425/62 Reports from Buckinghamshire Councillors

None

FC2425/63 Chair's report

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the full council meeting. She reported that the council received the Pushman Cup for the Best Kept Larger Village on Saturday 21st September and extended her appreciation to all councillors and groundsmen who participated in the award ceremony. The Chairman also expressed gratitude for the strong turnout of councillors at the Burnham Village Photoshoot the following day and was pleased to see so many residents participating.

Cllr Hammon reported on her attendance at the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils Chair of Council Reception and noted that she was the only chair representing the south of Buckinghamshire. During the event, she had the opportunity to express concerns regarding the parish to Mathew Barber, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley.

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Cllr Hammon reported visiting Burnham Beeches and attending the annual lunch at Dorneywood, where she had the pleasure of meeting the Lord Mayor and several councillors from the City of London.

She also attended the Monday Club on behalf of The Heritage Society, which is seeking a new organiser for its activities aimed at elderly residents. Unfortunately, many people could not attend because the Burnham Community Association minibus was vandalised at Burnham Park Hall.

Cllr Hammon mentioned that she delivered a welcome speech at May's Chocolate House "Together in Burnham" event at Burnham Park Hall on Saturday 19th October 2024. This celebratory event aimed to bring all community groups together and kick off a new community hub in Burnham.

The report was **NOTED**.

FC2425/64 Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Carey reported that he and the Parish Clerk have been collaborating to create a detailed report addressing ongoing issues regarding the support received from Buckinghamshire Council.

Cllr Slator stated that she attended an Ahmadiyya event to commemorate 100 years since the foundation stone of the Fazl Mosque was laid.

Cllr Foster delivered a verbal report in Cllr Gamble's absence, stating that CAB offers advice for individuals in need of support, and it was noted that a session will be held at The Well @ Lent Rise once a month.

Cllr Linton reported that the patient group will now offer training sessions aimed at encouraging individuals to book appointments through the NHS app. The first session is scheduled on the 24th of October 2024 at Burnham Park Hall.

FC2425/65 Clerk's report

The written report, and the report of the following urgent spends outside of budget made under financial regulation 5.18 were **NOTED**.

It was **RESOLVED** that the costs of the additional work to upgrade the wiring for the Christmas Lights would be paid for out of the High Street Improvement Fund.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm
Date of the next meeting: Monday 9th December 2024

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Burnham Parish Council
Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 29th July 2024 at 6:30pm in Burnham Park Hall.

Members of the Council present:

Cllr Marie Hammon (Chair)	Cllr Carol Linton	Cllr Trevor Stewart
Cllr Terence Gamble	Cllr Alexa Collins	Cllr Lindsey Chatralia
Cllr Jackie Slater	Cllr Graham Mummery	

Officers of the Council: Adam Killeya (Parish Clerk)

Members of other authorities: None.

Members of the public: None.

FC2425/18 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Carey and Foster.

FC2425/19 Declarations of interest

The Clerk advised that it was not necessary to declare an interest in the Freedom of the Parish simply on account of knowing nominees, unless they were a close family member, partner etc.

No declarations were received.

FC2425/20 Freedom of the Parish

The process for considering nominations for the Freedom of the Parish was explained and carried out in accordance with the Council's policy.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the nomination submitted for Cllr David Pepler for contributions to Twinning, to civic life in general in the village, and to the council itself and the District Council, over 50 years. These contributions were delivered in a way that has brought distinction to Parish life and enhanced the Parish's reputation, and has contributed in a way to improve the lives of those less able to help themselves.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the nomination submitted for Mrs Muriel Pepler for contributions to Twinning, and to civic life in general in the village, over 50 years. These contributions were delivered in a way that has brought distinction to Parish life and enhanced the Parish's reputation, and has contributed in a way to improve the lives of those less able to help themselves.

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, to spend such sums as are considered reasonable, within financial regulations, for the purposes of awarding the Freedom of the Parish.

The meeting closed at 1843

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