

BURGHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Burghfield Village Hall, Recreation Road, Burghfield on Thursday 12 October 2023 at 7.45pm.

Present: Cllr I Macfarlane (Chairman), Cllr P Lawrence, Cllr Y Mattos, Cllr S Awbery, Cllr R Thorrington, Cllr N Morse, , Cllr B Neilson, Cllr A Gallagher, Cllr Greaves, Cllr L Watts.

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council and 1 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllr D Selway, Cllr J Ansell, Cllr L Sharp, Cllr D Godwin

Absent: Cllr A Mackinnon

Public Participation:

A Burghfield Santa attended to update members of the event held in September. A total of £24,000 was raised, 760 hours of volunteer time and 9,000 plastic glasses saved from going to landfill. Thanks were expressed to the parish council for the allocation of grant funding previously approved for £1,500. Due to the success of the event, the Santas presented a request for the monies to be utilised elsewhere, with the suggestion of the funds being transferred to the provision of an ice rink at Burghfield on Ice in December. Thanks were expressed by members of the council present.

1.1023 To report, approve and record apologies for absence (and the reasons) from members

Apologies for absence were presented and approved from the following members:
Cllr D Selway, Cllr J Ansell, Cllr L Sharp, Cllr D Godwin.

2.1023 Declaration of any personal or financial interests

No declarations were made by members in relation to a personal or financial interest in any specific matter on the agenda for consideration.

3.1023 Applications for Dispensations

Request for dispensations were not required or requested by members present.

4.1023 To receive a verbal report from the Chairman

The chairman advised members of his attendance at the Macmillan Coffee morning and Burghfest.

5.1023 Questions to the chairman previously submitted in writing

No questions had been previously submitted for consideration.

6.1023 To receive a report from a District Councillor

A report had been received and circulated to members prior to the meeting.

7.1023 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 September 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

8.1023 To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Communications Committee and approve the recommendations therein

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Communications Committee held on 14 September be approved as a true and correct record and the recommendations within be approved accordingly.

Members were advised the Macmillan Coffee morning held on Friday 22nd September had been a huge success, having raised £943. All volunteers were thanked.

9.1023 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee and approve the recommendations therein

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held on 28 September 2023 be approved. The recommendations within were approved accordingly.

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10.1023 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee and approve the recommendations therein

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee held on 21 September 2023 be approved and the recommendations within approved.

11.1023 To receive and give consideration to the Members bid request for funding

Members gave consideration to the request received for funding to be applied for via the Members Bid for the refurbishment of the skate park.

Resolved: To complete the grant application for £10,000 to be utilised for the Skate Park Refurbishment project. Proposed by Cllr Gallagher, seconded by Cllr Thorrington and resolved unanimously.

12.1023 To receive brief verbal reports from Parish Council Representatives attending meetings of Outside Bodies to which they have been appointed

Cllr N Morse, Cllr A Gallagher and Cllr J Ansell all advised of their attendance at the Macmillan Coffee morning.

13.1023 Financial Matters

- i) Parish Council Bank Account Reconciliation & payments as of 30 September 2023:
The accounts reconciliation statements for month ending 30 September 2023 were noted. Items for payment are to be debited to the account of the Parish Council.
- ii) Village Hall Bank Account Reconciliation & payments as of 30 September 2023:
The accounts reconciliation statements for month ending 30 September 2023 were noted. Items for payment are to be debited to the account of the Village Hall.
Total bookings for September were noted as £3,371.25 with provisional bookings of October being £4,697.50. Bookings continue to remain healthy.

14.1023 Matters for Future Discussion

Cllr S Awbery asked whether the council held a Metal detecting policy. The item is to be discussed at the next Community Committee.

15.1023 Items for information

The Clerk advised of the meeting schedule for the month:

Communications Committee	-	19 th October @ 6.30pm
Community Committee	-	19 th October @ 7.45pm
Governance & Finance	-	26 th October @ 6.30pm
Infrastructure Committee	-	26 th October @ 7.45pm

Members were reminded of the upcoming Community Speedwatch Seminar on the 23rd October being held by West Berkshire Council.

Members were also reminded of the request for volunteers at the upcoming Remembrance Day parade.

16.1023 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC:

To resolve, pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press leave the meeting. Exclusion was not required.

Close of meeting at 20.25pm.