

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

**Present:**

Cllr. Ms. J. Bates	
Cllr. T. Bloomfield	
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins	
Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley	
Cllr. J. Harvey	
Cllr. P. Hirons	
Cllr. D. Isham	
Cllr. A. Mahi	Mayor
Cllr. M. Smith	

**In attendance:**

Mr. C. Wayman	Town Clerk
Ms. C. Childs	Deputy Town Clerk
Ms. A. Brubaker	Events Coordinator
Mrs. S. Horeau	Lace Hill SCC Coordinator
Mrs. N. Stockill	Committee Clerk
Mr. A. Simkins	Minton Healthcare
Mr. Fallon	Alder King
Mr. M. Halstead	Alder King

#### **879/16 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mordue, O'Donoghue, Newell, Cole Try, Strain-Clark, Stuchbury, P. Collins and District Councillor Mills.

#### **880/16 Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **881/16 West End Farm Extra Care development proposal (16/00847/APP)**

To receive and discuss amendments to application 1600847/APP.

The Town Clerk explained that following a presentation on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to the Full Council (BTC/11/16) Members have been asked to reconsider their objection to the application.

Cllr. G. Collins asserted her objections to the application stating that it was not an Extra Care facility and contravened the Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan (BNDP). She also described her unease with Minton Healthcare's proposed Community Fund, stating that in her opinion, it could be perceived as a bribe. Cllr. Smith said that as the facility lay partially outside of the town's boundary and did not offer residential facilities for care staff he believed that Members should remain with their original objection.

Cllr. Hirons said that although he accepted the points made by fellow Councillors he felt there was a need for this type of care facility in Buckingham as it offered smaller accommodation for a growing aged population. He added that there were no other proposals within the BNDP that met this need. Cllr. Harvey said there was a clear need for accommodation of this type in Buckingham and was encouraged that the

Developer had listened and responded to Members' concerns. However, the Council were in the middle of the Planning Inspector enquiry on the Moreton Road Development and the axis of that decision rested on the boundary of the settlement. Cllr. Harvey explained that if Members were to reverse a decision based on an application that breaches the boundary of Buckingham town it would be opposed to the existing enquiry. Cllr. Harvey added that he had serious concern about adding more traffic to the A422, especially considering the recent fatal accident on the Brackley Road.

Members discussed the issue of footpaths into town and agreed that the suggestion of a minibus did not resolve the risk posed to pedestrians from parking on the pavement along Brackley Road.

The Town Clerk explained that he had sought advice on Minton Healthcare's offer of a £55,000 Community Fund and resolved that it was a perfectly appropriate and legal way of allocating funds to improve the footpaths into town. The Town Clerk added that the Community Fund was separate to any Section 106 funding and did not bear any relation to the Council's final decision on the application. Cllr. Harvey questioned whether the offer of a Community Fund would be withdrawn if Members decided to remain with their objection. The Mayor called for a vote in support of the application and the result was:

Votes in Favour of supporting the application: 1

Votes against supporting the application: 8

**Motion carried**

Mr. Simkins stated that the Community Fund would still be available for the Town Council to utilise if District were minded to approve the application.

**882/16          Dates of next meetings**

Interim Council – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Annual Statutory - Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Full Council – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Meeting closed at: 19.12

Signed ..... Date .....

Town Mayor