

MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 21st JUNE 2004 at 7pm.

PRESENT: Councillors H.Cadd
 Mrs P. Desorgher
 D. Isham
 R. Lehmann
 H. Mordue
 Ms. R.D. Newell
 Ms. H. Saul
 Mrs. P. Stevens
 Mrs C. Strain-Clark
 P. Strain-Clark
 R. Stuchbury (Mayor)

For the Town Clerk Mrs K. W. McElligott

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors J. Barnett, P. Collins and K. Liverseidge, and the Town Clerk.

2424 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

2425 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED**: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2004 and the interim meeting held on 7th June 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that it is the Chairman of Wendover Town Council, not the Mayor of Wendover; with this correction the minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting held on 21st May 2004 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2426 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWSLETTERS/BROCHURES

Members were informed that the following Newsletter was available from the office:
BALC – MATTERS ARISING – ISSUE SUMMER 2004

INVITATIONS AND NOTICES OF DIARY DATES (COPIES OF NOTICES ALREADY DISTRIBUTED)

AVDC STANDARDS BOARD – MEETING 24TH MAY 2004

18TH JULY – AVDC CHAIRMAN CIVIC SERVICE

22ND JUNE 2004 - AVDC LOCAL FORUM MEETING

1ST JULY 2004 AT 11AM – UNVEILING OF PATEMAN CLOSE BY MRS R PATEMAN

DIS

ISSUES NO 580, 581, 582

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF LICENCE OR APPLICATION FOR NEW LICENCE

BUDGENS –TRANSFER TO MRS B RYAN & G PRITCHARD FROM G PRITCHARD & R O'REILLY

2427 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES.

2427.1 PLANNING – 17.05.04 & 07.06.04

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed, subject to corrected numbering for minutes 4651 and 4652.

*(4651.3 proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Lehmann, and **RECOMMENDED** that a copy of "Safer Places: The planning system and crime prevention" (ODPM, 2004) be obtained for reference at a cost of £19.95 (Budget 4010).)*

AGREED

Cllr. Stevens arrived

2427.2 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY 24.05.04

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed.

2427.3 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION 24.05.04

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed.

2427.4 EVENTS 07.06.04

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** - that the above minutes, and any recommendation contained within, be confirmed.

2427.5 CHAIRMAN'S WORKING GROUP – NOTES – 10/05/04

Members discussed the recommendations of the Working Group.

2427.5.1 Grants: Members felt that a defined total sum was too prescriptive and that a fixed percentage of the annual budget would allow for flexibility in future years; and that no organisation should be precluded from applying, but that a warning should be included in the application to the effect that award of a grant was not automatic, but at the discretion of Councillors, whether or not grants had been received previously. The Administration Committee would be asked to draw up appropriate wording nearer the time.

ACTION FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The recommendation to come into force for the applications for 2005/2006

- *The Grant limit for 2005/2006 and future years should be £13,000 per year*
- *Groups can only apply for a grant 2 years in succession e.g. can apply for 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 but can not apply in 2007/2008*
- *Grant application will continued to be made in November, with a decision being made in December or January.*
- *Those whose award is £1000 or more will be required to attend the Annual Town Meeting to report on the spending of the grant.*

was reworded as follows:

- *The Grant limit for 2005/2006 and future years should be the same percentage of the annual budget as that applying in 2004/2005*
- *Grant application will continued to be made in November, with a decision being made in December or January.*
- *Those whose award is £1000 or more will be required to attend the Annual Town Meeting to report on the spending of the grant.*

and **AGREED**.

Cllr. Mordue arrived

2427.5.2 Terms of Reference of the Planning Committee

Members felt the recommendation was too loosely worded and after discussion amended the clause from

“The Committee will consider all aspects of Planning within the Parish and make recommendation to Full Council where possible.”

to *“The Committee will consider all aspects of Planning within the Parish and make recommendation to Full Council in matters of major public interest.”*

A further contribution inserted further definition and the recommendation was **AGREED** with the following wording:

RECOMMENDED – that the Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee should be amended to the following wording (in italics); -

3. The Committee will consider all aspects of Planning within the Parish *and make recommendation to Full Council for wider issues and in matters of major public interest.*

Cllr. Saul arrived

2427.3 New Committees

Members felt that ‘designated’ was an inappropriate word, as Chairmen did not have designated authority, and that the Vice Chairmen of these Committees should be asked to consider certain matters as their particular remit to relieve the burden on their Chairmen.

With these alterations the notes of the Chairman’s Working Group meeting were accepted.

2428 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE COMMUNITY OFFICER AWARD

Members decided to nominate all the Buckingham Beat Officers.

BCC TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR AYLESBURY NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

THAMES VALLEY POLICE CRIME REPORTS (CONFIDENTIAL)

AVREC – CONCERN ABOUT POLITICAL PARTIES IN BUCKINGHAM

Members discussed this briefly, but agreed that the party in question was a legal entity and no action was possible.

U OF G/SLCC SUMMER SEMINARS 15/16 JULY

No Councillors volunteered to attend the Seminars, but agreed that the Town Clerk could attend if she wished.

Cllr. Stevens raised the question of the letter from Gawcott Parish Council about the application for a caravan site in their parish; The Mayor said that the letter had provided no new information above what had accompanied the original letter and thus he felt this Council could not comment further. The letter would be circulated to Members and the matter referred to the Interim meeting on 19th July 2004.

2429 REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

2429.1 Bourton Meadow Governors Meeting

Minutes of the 24th May meeting had been received, in which the apologies of Cllr. Stuchbury had again been recorded as 'not accepted'. On 24th May the Mayor had chaired the Finance & Administration and Environment and Property meetings until the new Chairmen had been elected.

Members were of the opinion that valid apologies must be accepted; to do otherwise was discourteous. The Governing Body was aware that any representative of the Town Council would be unavailable for meetings held on Mondays, whether that representative was the Mayor or any other Councillor.

The Mayor thanked Members for their support; the Town Clerk will write to Ms. Sue Imbriano at BCC on the matter.

ACTION THE TOWN CLERK

2429.2 "Unlocking Buckinghamshire's Past"

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th April and attended by the Town Clerk had been circulated to Members. Members found them interesting and asked that Ms. Biddulph be thanked for her efforts.

ACTION THE TOWN CLERK

2429.3 Buckingham Twinning Association Minutes for 9th June meeting

Members were reminded that places on the coach and with host families were being filled rapidly, and those wishing to visit Mouvaux at the end of October should book as soon as possible.

2430 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members queried some items on the list which were related to the Mayor-making celebration and asked for clarification at the next meeting as to the reason these were presented as part of the Town Council accounts.

Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the remaining invoices per attached list be approved.

2431 ACCOUNTS FOR RETROSPECTIVE PAYMENT

Proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the payments made per the attached list be approved.

2432 BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Members agreed the following alterations to the circulated list:

<u>AVALC</u>	Cllr. Isham
<u>Buckingham & Gawcott Charitable Trust</u>	The Mayor
	Cllr. Lehmann
	Cllr. Liverseidge
	Cllr. P. Strain-Clark

(Cllr. Liverseidge had indicated in writing his willingness to be considered; Cllr. Stevens was also proposed and seconded, but withdrew to render a vote unnecessary.)

Buckingham Arts Steering Group

Cllr. C. Strain-Clark has withdrawn

Buckingham Community Centre

Cllr. Desorgher

Cllr. P. Strain-Clark

(The remaining position could be taken by one of the absent Members if they so wished.)

C.A.B.

Cllr. C. Strain-Clark

School Governing Bodies: Grenville Combined School

Cllr. P. Strain-Clark had resigned during the year and was not replaced.

Buckingham Community Plan

The Mayor noted that, although listed as Town Council representative, he had not received copies of minutes or correspondence. This will be rectified

ACTION CLLR. NEWELL

2433 REQUEST FROM S^T. PETER & S^T. PAUL'S HOLIDAY CLUB

Members were happy to accede to the request from the Holiday club for permission to erect marquees on the grassed area beside the Church during the first week in August, provided the area was made good afterwards.

The Club was to be congratulated on organising such a necessary and popular activity.

2434 PARISH REVIEW, AND NUMBER OF TOWN COUNCILLORS

Members decided after discussion to request an expansion to 17 Councillors to give proper representation to an expanding population, and to distribute the increased work-load of the Council over as many Councillors as possible.

Cllr. Lehmann left the meeting

2435 BUCKINGHAM BY-PASS AND REQUIREMENT FOR A RING ROAD

Concern had been expressed that the dualling of the A422 and the projected expansion of Milton Keynes would overload an inadequate road and the resulting congestion would prove detrimental to the expansion of business opportunities in the town. The transport diagram in the MK & South Midlands study had shown Buckingham as having a ring road already and this error had been pointed out in our submission.

The internal traffic flow in the town was already suffering from large vehicles using the Moreton and Brackley Roads, and the proposed new housing on the Moreton Road would add to the gridlock currently experienced at peak times. It was also suggested that the crossing at the London Road/by-pass roundabout, though necessary, contributed to traffic hold-ups and a footbridge might be preferable; however a footbridge is more difficult for the disabled to use.

It was suggested that BCC be asked to liase with Northamptonshire Highways to get the signage altered at Towcester and Brackley to direct heavy traffic via the A43/Evenley roundabout via the Tingewick by-pass to the Buckingham by-pass instead of via Whittlebury/Maids Moreton or Westbury and through the town centre; a weight restriction on the Buckingham road at Brackley would also help.

Information on public attitudes to traffic problems would be sought from the Community Plan Group, so that figures could be quoted in support of letters to County, District and MK Councils; the Partnership would also be asked to make it an agenda item.

2436 (2412) BOURTON MEADOW CENTRE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution had been copied to Members for their information. Cllr. Liverseidge had been asked to look over the proposed redrafting of the Constitution to ensure no diminution of public access to the Centre.

2437 COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Isham drew attention to the leaflet on the Aylesbury Vale in Bloom competition circulated to Members. Entry would be discussed by the Events Committee.

ACTION EVENTS COMMITTEE

2438 TOWN MAYOR'S ITEMS

2348.1 Growth in the river

Cllr. Stevens reported that the river along the rear of Well Street was very overgrown which could prove a problem if heavy rain fell suddenly. The Clerk would contact the Environment Agency to see if they had a definite date for the proposed dredging of the river yet.

ACTION THE CLERK

2348.2 Temporary Toilets

Complaints had been received from the Market Traders and Flea Market Traders about the lack of toilet facilities on Saturdays, when the Community Centre ones may not be available.

The suggestion was made that, as the Moreton Road toilets had been rendered unusable somewhat before the contractors started work, AVDC should be approached re setting up temporary facilities at the Cattle Pens.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

CHAIRMAN..... DATE.....