

brought to the meeting: the Cattle Pens fence was suggested and Mr. East would be asked to put it up each day and take it down at night. The Clerk was asked to check that an advertisement would appear in the *Buckingham Advertiser* this week.

Costs: the main cost would be the marquee (£1300) – this would be pitched in the kickwall area – and generators (£300).

Park maintenance: Trees had been trimmed as necessary. Concerns had been expressed about the possible damage to the grassed areas in the event of wet weather leading up to the event, the tug-of-war and the vehicles necessary to bring in the marquee and staging being the most likely causes.

Power: the Town Clerk was contacting the Bowls Club about the possibility of a power supply for the Acoustic Club's show on the Sunday.

Parking: the University had offered its car park for the use of stallholders at the Craft Fair.

17.2 (5.2) Welcome to Buckingham signs

The County Council would be drawing up a design and obtaining quotations from manufacturers.

Cllr. Strain-Clark left the meeting.

17.3 (TC&E 479) Accident at the Fair

Zurich Municipal had written to say that the file had been closed and the claim withdrawn with no payment having been made.

Members noted that as a result of the accident the Nichols Brothers had agreed that, as a safety measure, there should be two people present when cables were being laid.

Cllr. Strain-Clark returned to the meeting.

17.4 (TC&E 527) Reproduction of the Charters

One of the Charter photographs was shown to Members, with samples of frames and mounts. £120 had been quoted for framing and mounting. Members selected a frame type, but felt that it should be wider than the sample shown – 50mm – and the mount should be a light olive colour.

Doubts were expressed about the suitability of the photograph for reproduction as a card; later in the meeting Cllr. Mordue was asked his professional opinion and agreed. The Clerk was asked to find out if a transparency was available for the purposes of producing the card, and whether a translation of the Charter wording was available from the County Archivist.

Additional note: according to the latest Buckingham Society Newsletter received since the meeting, the Old Gaol has on display a copy of the Charter and possesses a transcript of it.

ACTION THE CLERK

Members felt that the Charter should be displayed where the public could see it; the Old Gaol over the Heritage Weekend, and offering to loan it to the schools a week at a time were suggested. The schools would be contacted after the holidays.

17.5 (7) Responsibility for Pancake Race

The Chairman had not yet been in contact with Rotaract.

18/2004 SAVE 2004

18.1 (11) Further report on SAVE 2004 events

Cllr. Newell reported that the Open Day at the Sandpit had been very successful and that a reasonable number of people had joined the Botanical Walk. Mr. Maycock had made a preliminary visit to the Walk to provide material for his talk, and Cllr. Newell felt that he should be reimbursed for this trouble. She had provided a £20 token.

Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury and **AGREED** unanimously that Cllr. Newell be reimbursed for this expense (budget head 4107).

18.2 SAVE website

A news release about the SAVEaylesburyvale.org.uk site had been circulated to all Members.

19/2004 MARKETS

19.1 Street, Flea and Farmers' Markets

There was no report on the markets due to Cllr. Stevens' absence.

19.2 (6) Electricity supply cable

Quotes for the repair of the cable system were being sought.

Members discussed the promotion of the markets with respect to the proposed introduction of parking charges. The Chairman would discuss the matter with Cllr. Stevens and consider setting up a meeting with the market supervisors/representatives. Budget for market promotion could also be considered in the next Precept discussions.

ACTION CHAIRMAN/CLLR.STEVENS

19.3 Craft Fair

Cllr. Strain-Clark reported that, though he had had some cancellations for the 12th June market, 19 of the 22 possible tables had been taken eventually. For September and November all 22 were taken and he had a waiting list of 10. Cllr. Desorgher noted that some £100 had been taken for refreshments at the June event.

Members discussed the future organisation of the Craft Fairs, for which the Council acts effectively as a facilitator.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Desorgher, and **RECOMMENDED** that the Council enter negotiations with the Community Centre management with the aim of the Community Centre taking over the running of the Craft Markets.

20/2004 ENTERTAINMENT IN THE MARKET

Members regretted the lack of entertainment booked for the market in the summer months.

It was agreed that Buckingham Acoustic Club be booked for Bonfire Night as in previous years, and that the possibilities of booking a steel band, a jazz band, or children's entertainers be looked into, subject to budget.

ACTION THE CHAIRMAN/THE CLERK

21/2004 COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The Chairman reported that he had three articles planned, on the Conservation Area, the various websites giving local information and the financial breakdown of the Events Committee budget. Members suggested an item on Mouvaux might stimulate interest in the

twinning activities. It had been suggested that co-operation with the Community Plan would enable the Newsletter to be distributed to all households; this will be discussed at the Interim Meeting on 19th July.

22/2004 GIFT FOR MOUVAUX

The Mayor appealed for suggestions for a suitable gift to take from Buckingham Town Council to their counterpart in Mouvaux.

Members suggested a picture of a similar size and framing to the old photograph given on a previous occasion.

23/2004 YOUTH ENTERTAINMENT

Cllr. Stuchbury had received a booklet via his son's school listing activities in the Vale over the summer holidays. None of these activities was in Buckingham; the only other scheme he knew of was provided by the Church.

It was reported that all the Primary Schools have holiday clubs organised during the summer break.

The possible use of the new Buckingham School facilities, and those at the Youth Centre would be investigated, with a view to providing some activity, e.g. a film club, during the autumn or Christmas holidays; contact would also be made with the University where a similar project had been mooted.

ACTION THE MAYOR

24/2004 BUCKINGHAM IN BLOOM

24.1 2004 Competition update

The Chairman reported that he, Cllr. Desorgher and Mr. Pendred had visited the Schools that day, and the School and Business Competitions had been judged. The Residential entrants were in the process of being viewed.

Cllr. Mordue arrived

24.2 Hanging Baskets and Planters

As the Bull Ring planters had been installed a month later than agreed, the suppliers had offered 5% discount for this summer and additional 5% discount for summer 2005, making the 2005 hire cost £240.

The floral planters would be collected before 15th October 2004 and replaced with winter displays during the first week of November.

The Clerk reported that some of the hanging baskets in Meadow Walk had been sprayed with defoliant by vandals; these and a damaged hanging bracket would be replaced by the contractor. The basket on the corner of Toombs Yard had been removed at the request of the householder as it was too close to the building; this basket had been used as a replacement elsewhere in the town.

The public reaction to the Bull Ring planters had generally been very favourable.

25/2004 RIVER RINSE

The Environment Agency's plans for dredging the river in the summer did not include the Chandos Park stretch. Members therefore decided to conduct the River Rinse here (19th September; 10.30 – midday). The co-operating organisations will be so advised, and a skip organised. As many Councillors as possible are invited to help with transferring gleanings to the skip.

ACTION THE CLERK

26/2004 BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

Cllr. Mordue reported that he was liaising with Cllr Saul over the bonfire and fireworks event which was to take place on November 6th.

Cllr. Mordue then described the problem with the Town Clerk's laptop; the technicians had asked for access to the Accounts package as they suspected a conflict between the anti-virus software and the accounts software. The Town Clerk could not sanction this without Councillors' approval and Cllr. Mordue sought this approval from this Committee, as comprising a majority of the Council and including the Mayor and three of the four Committee Chairmen. The Town Clerk will communicate with Cllr. Collins, Chairman of Finance and Administration over the matter.

Cllr. Mordue left the meeting

27/2004 CHARTER FAIRS

The Chairman was assured that a prefatory meeting with Nichols Brothers and the police was planned; Cllrs. Isham and Stuchbury will be available for the setting-up Fridays.

28/2004 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

28.1 Revised Lights scheme

A new scheme had been telephoned through late that afternoon to include lighting and supports for the Christmas trees in the budget figure of £11,000. The formal quotation was promised within the week.

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **RECOMMENDED** that the Chairman discuss the new quotation with the Clerk and put the matter before the Council at the August 2nd 2004 meeting.

28.2 (TC&E 438.2) Babbie quotation for installation of feeder pillars

Babbie had sent a quotation for feeder pillar installation in the Town Centre. This had been originally requested in June 2003 and provision had been made at Precept for this money to have been spent by 31st March when it was reasonable to have expected the quotation to have arrived.

The quotation for five feeder pillars was for £6650.99 excl. VAT, £1261 more than had been allocated. Members discussed whether to leave one pillar to a future date and ask for the remaining four at pro-rata cost or ask Babbie to install five and invoice four this financial year and one next. It was decided to ask the Town Clerk to negotiate the latter if possible.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

29/2004 CHRISTMAS PARADE

Mr. & Mrs. Heywood had been invited to the October 4th meeting of this Committee; a meeting would also be set up with the police to discuss the Parade.

30/2004 REVIEW OF THE BUDGET

It was felt unnecessary to review the budget at this point.
Members wished to be reminded about the decision arrived at over distribution of monies from the Bonfire night collection, for information.

ACTION THE CLERK

31/2004 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

31.1 District Link

Members were asked to think about Buckingham-based items for inclusion in *District Link* and *The Vibe*. (A list of Events is already submitted for inclusion on the back page).

ACTION ALL COUNCILLORS

31.2

A letter from a resident was read out, praising the new planters and asking if seats could also be provided, possibly as memorial items.

ACTION ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

CHAIRMAN DATE