

27TH JULY 2004 – UNIV. OF BUCK – LECTURE “HAS ‘LISTING’ GONE TOO FAR”
21ST JULY 2004 – NHS SHAPING HEALTH SERVICES DECISION MAKING EVENT.
19TH JULY 2004 – STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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The Clerk informed Members that she would be chairing a session on Quality Councils at the Society of Local Council Clerks’ annual conference and AGM in October. The Members congratulated the Clerk.

2450 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES.

2450.1 PLANNING – 28.06.04 & 19.07.04

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

*(4668.2 Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Desorgher, and **RECOMMENDED** that this Council open negotiations with AVDC with a view to taking over these areas of land.)*

AGREED by 10 votes to 0 with 1 abstention

2450.2 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY - 05.07.04

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

*(31.1/2004 letter from BTCV re funding Community Project Officer
Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. C. Strain-Clark, and **RECOMMENDED** that Buckingham Town Council support the BTCV Countryside Project Co-ordinator who is to work in Buckingham at a cost of £1000 over the next 5 years; 2004/05 to be taken from 4033/101.)*

AGREED by 10 votes to 0

2450.3 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION - 05.07.04

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

2450.4 EVENTS - 12.07.04

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

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr. Newell presented the minutes.

*(19.3/2004 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.)*

Cllr. D. Isham declared a personal interest as a member of the Community Centre and a family member involved with the Craft Fair.

*(28/2004 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.)*

This was deferred to the Interim Council meeting, as the information had not been received.

21/2004 NEWSLETTER

Members discussed the joint newsletter feeling that the presentation was in too small a font. Cllr. Saul explained that the recommendation from organisations representing those with a visual disability is a 14pt. Arial font, although Members felt that 14pt. would restrict the amount of text on the newsletter. The Clerk confirmed that the copy sent to the printers had been checked by the Office and Cllr. Lehmann, and that Cllr. Lehmann had proof-checked the printer's document; Cllr. Stevens reported that there were several spelling mistakes.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **RESOLVED** that the proof should be agreed by the Council before going to print.

2451 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.
AVDC – COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION ON THE CRIME AUDIT
TV POLICE – CRIME DETAILS

2452 REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

2452.1 Conservation Area Review – Cllr. P. Strain-Clark

Cllr. P. Strain-Clark reported that the next meeting would be on Thursday 5th August 2004; Cllr. Stevens agreed to attend in place of Cllr. P. Strain Clark who was not available. The review was looking at increasing the area covered by the Conservation control including some of the most notable of Buckingham buildings.

2452.2 Buckingham Twinning Association minutes 07/07/04

Members noted the minutes of the Buckingham Twinning Association minutes of 7th July 2004.

2452.3 Bourton Meadow School Governors – Letter of response

The members discussed the response from Bourton Meadow School Governors and felt that, although not satisfactory, it would be a waste of time and resources to continue writing.

2452.4 Grenville Combined School Governing Body – to ascertain if any Councillor is interested in nomination

No Member felt they had sufficient time to commit to undertaking this challenging role, but they welcomed the opportunity to put a representative forward.

2453 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

2454 ACCOUNTS FOR RETROSPECTIVE PAYMENT

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

2455 MOTION

Proposed by Cllr. Cadd, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **RESOLVED** by 13 votes to 0 to accept the motion.

“This Council, having received and accepted apologies from Cllr. K. Liverseidge due to ill health, agrees to extend the period of non-attendance, as per Local Government Act 1972s85 (1). The Council will continue to accept Cllr. Liverseidge’s apologies, and will review the situation at the Council meeting to be held on 6th December 2004”.

2456 WHETHER THE COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT AVDC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE TRIALS THE MOVING OF ITS MEETINGS INTO REGIONAL AREAS; E.G. PLANNING NORTH TO BE HEARD IN BUCKINGHAM

Cllr. Cadd and Cllr. Isham declared a personal interest in the following item as members of the Development Control Committee and took no part in the discussions.

Members discussed the advantages of the Development Control Committee meeting on a regional basis. These were primarily the increased accessibility for both applicants and objectors to attend, the greater control over timing of the meetings as only the local regions would be discussed, and increasing the feeling of local control and open government. Members thought the principle a good idea and AVDC should be encouraged to explore the possibility, if not for all meetings then those that are for “items of particular public interest”.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **RESOLVED** by 11 votes to 0 that Buckingham Town Council asks AVDC to consider and investigate the possibility of holding Development Control Committee meetings in regional areas e.g. Buckingham for Planning North.

2457 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF THE NEXT PHASE OF MEMORIAL STABILITY TESTING IN BRACKLEY ROAD CEMETERY

Members were informed that the next phase of the memorial stability testing would take place in September. Members asked that assurances be sought from AVDC that as much advance publicity as possible is undertaken and that specific notices are place within the cemetery areas.

It was agreed to place an item on the next E & P meeting to oversee the testing.

ACTION CHAIRMAN OF E & P

2458 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION AND DISCUSS THE PROPOSED DE-SILTING OF GT. OUSE AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS COUNCIL AS LANDOWNERS.

A letter had been received from the Environment Agency informing Members of the intention of de-silting work on the Gt. Ouse. The Clerk passed on the information given by the Agency in respect of the silt removed from the river and its disposal over the park. The E.A. could only spread to the length of the bucket arm and the Council will need to litter pick the area on a regular basis as the silt settles to remove foreign objects.

Cllr. Cadd informed members that the Clerk had not been given all the information and that the E.A. had to remove the spoil off site. The Clerk is to ask for a written statement from the E.A. outlining the powers under which they are undertaking the work and their responsibilities in respect of the silt and reinstatement work.

2459 TO PRIORITISE THE 106 WISH LIST E & P MINUTE 18/2004

Members discussed the wish list in the E & P minutes (no 18/2004) and agreed the following priority items

- a) Play and Leisure Plan – to pay for the necessary consultation and then to undertake the resulting action plan to upgrade, install new or enhance play and leisure facilities for all ages.
- b) Tennis Courts and floodlights – to resurface the tennis courts in Chandos Park and provide floodlighting so extending the usage time.
- c) New Footbridge – to create a footbridge and associated paths between the Heartland and Bourton Park at the corner adjacent to the Cricket Club.
- d) Skate Park – to provide enhanced lighting and improves facilities at the Skate Park.

The Clerk was asked to investigate what the current situation was re Chandos Road Traffic Calming.

2460 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE IF THE COUNCIL WISHES TO AMEND MINUTE NO. 1703.3

Proposed by Cllr. Newell, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **RESOLVED** that the resolution taken under minute no 1703.3 should stand with the following amendment to the wording:
*- Proposed by Cllr Isham, seconded by Cllr. Fogden, and **RESOLVED** that this council retains the tradition of new Councillors being seated at the base of the table, with Councillors then being seated in order of length of service with the longest serving Councillors at the head of the table either side of the Mayor, unless due to exceptional circumstances or disability the Council chooses to allow a member to sit out of sequence.*

2461 TO RECEIVE, IF REQUIRED, COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

No comment was made.

2462 TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF THE “PROPOSED PLANNING OBLIGATION AGREEMENT” FOR LAND AT BROOKFIELD LANE AND CHANDOS ROAD; AND AGREE FOR THE TOWN CLERK TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

Proposed by Cllr. Mordue, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk could sign the Planning Obligation Agreement with AVDC & WE Black. The agreement places the Council responsible for the off site provision monies which have to be spent or committed in 5 years on either Bourton Park, Chandos Park or the Riverside Walk.

2463 TOWN MAYOR’S ITEMS

2463.1 Charters

The wording for the caption on the Charter was agreed as 'Buckingham Borough: Charter of Mary 1 - 1554'.

2463.2 Charity Collection at Council Events

Cllr. Lehmann queried if the Council had given permission for the collection for the Mayor’s Charity at the Music Festival; this had happened for the last 3 years at the request of the Acoustic Club. Cllr. Lehmann felt that no charity collections should be made at Council events and it was agreed that this should be discussed by the Events Committee.

ACTION CHAIRMAN OF EVENTS

2463.3 Minutes of the Public Session

Cllr. Lehmann queried the wording of the Public Session minutes in that in 4 of the examples members of the public said or reported but in the 5th the member of the public “argued eloquently”. Cllr. Lehmann felt this was not appropriate. The Clerk informed members that these were notes and not minutes and that it described the candour of the meeting.

The following item will be heard under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960 which excludes members of the Public due to the confidential and financial nature of the business to be discussed.

2464 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES/NOTES AND ADOPT ANY RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED THEREIN

Environment & Property Committee	dated	05/7/04
Finance & Administration Committee	dated	05/7/04

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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