

**MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> September 2004 at 8.10pm.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors	P. Collins	
	Mrs. P. Desorgher	
	D. Isham	
	H. Mordue	
	Ms. R. Newell	
	G. Loftus	
	Mrs. C. Strain-Clark	
	P. Strain-Clark	
	R. Stuchbury	(Mayor)
Town Clerk	Ms. P. J. Heath	

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors H. Cadd, J. Barnett, R. Lehmann, Mrs. H. Saul, and Mrs. P. Stevens

Members stood for a minute's silence for Cllr. Ken Liverseidge who died recently. The Mayor and Cllr. Newell spoke of the loss to the Council of his wisdom and advice.

**2475 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

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

**2476 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED**: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2004 and the interim meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**2477 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2477.1 NEWSLETTERS/BROCHURES

LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW VOLUME 56 NO 3

BALC – MATTERS ARISING AUGUST 2004 ISSUE

BCC – ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2003-2004; LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN AND EXECUTIVE REPORT

CAB – ANNUAL REPORT 2003 – 2004

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DRUG ACTION TEAM.-ANNUAL REPORT 2002/03

2477.2 INVITATIONS AND NOTICES OF DIARY DATES (COPIES OF NOTICES ALREADY DISTRIBUTED)

19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2004 – STANDARDS COMMITTEE

9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2004 – AVALC AGM – CLLR ISHAM WOULD BE ATTENDING.

20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2004 – CANAL SOCIETY MEETING

2477.3 DIS

ISSUE NO 585, 586, 587, 588, MEMO'S 586/26 "MINISTER LAUNCHES REVIEW OF PLANNING POLICY ON FLOODING", 587/5 "ODPM UNVEILS BLUEPRINT FOR WORLD CLASS E-PLANNING SERVICE"

2477.4 ROAD CLOSURES

15/10/04 – 17/10/04 & 22/10/04 & 24/10/04 – BUCKINGHAM CHARTER FAIR

2477.5.1 TRANSFER OF LICENCE

THE GEORGE (FORMALLY THE BRITANNIA) FROM DAVID WESTWOOD TO EMMA PRASHER

**2478 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES.**

**2478.1 PLANNING – 02.08.04 & 23.08.04**

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

**2478.2 NOTES ON PARKING MEETING HELD 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2004**

Copies of the notes had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was explained that AVDC had not sent the report as agreed for the members to consider prior to the AVDC meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr. Mordue explained that at the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Town Council had made it very clear that we wished to retain free of charge parking, but that should AVDC decide to instigate charging then we would prefer a reasonable cost based on the current parking orders. This Council had already considered the taking over of the Car Parks but due to the excessive costs involved both to bring the area up to a reasonable condition and to maintain them it had been decided that this was too great a burden for the ratepayers of Buckingham. Cllr. Stuchbury reported on the AVDC meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> when the recommendation to full Cabinet was to instigate parking charges in Buckingham at a rate of 20p for two hours, £1 per day, season ticket at £100 per year plus scratch cards. Members noted that the District Council were considering the removal of charges from Greyhound Lane car park in Winslow due to the drop in users and the parking problems it created elsewhere in the Town.

Proposed by Cllr. C. Strain-Clark, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **RESOLVED** that a letter be sent to Cllr. V. Baxter of AVDC expressing once again the view that Buckingham will also have the same problem as Winslow in that the on-street parking in Buckingham following the introduction of charges will be a major problem and asking that AVDC reconsiders its decision.

**2479 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

BLAKE LAPHORN LINNELL – TO NOTE CHANGE OF NAME FROM “THE BRITANNIA” TO “THE GEORGE”

Cllr. Isham objected to the change of the name which was of historical significance. Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **AGREED** that the Clerk write to the Buckingham Society to inform them of the name change and also write to the Landlord asking for the name Britannia to remain.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMUNITY OFFICER OF THE YEAR RESULT

THAMES VALLEY POLICE – CONFIDENTIAL CRIME REPORTS FOR JULY

MAIDS MORETON PARISH PLAN – FOR MEMBERS’ INFORMATION

BCC – INDEPENDENT APPEAL PANEL MEMBERS FOR EDUCATION APPEALS

**2480 REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.**

**2480.1 BUCKINGHAM COMMUNITY PLAN**

Cllr. Newell gave members a short report on the progress of the Community Plan Group's action plan. It was AGREED that this would appear as a regular item on the agenda.

**2480.2 GRENVILLE JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Members were reminded that Grenville School were looking for a Local Authority Governor to serve until 2006 when they will reconstitute the governing body; Cllr. C. Strain-Clark volunteered.

**2481 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

**2482 ACCOUNTS FOR RETROSPECTIVE PAYMENT**

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

**2483 "LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT: CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE LICENSING ACT 2003" - AGREE THE METHOD OF FORMING THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE.**

It was agreed this would be passed to the Chairman of Finance and Administration to formulate a response for Council to agree.

**ACTION CLLR. COLLINS**

**2484 LETTER FROM AVDC RE PARISH REVIEW (AMENDMENT TO PARISH BOUNDARY) AND FORMULATE A RESPONSE.**

Following discussion members agreed that the Parish Boundary should not be moved.

**2485 DISCUSS AND AGREE CONTENTS OF THE INTERIM COUNCIL AGENDA AS PER MINUTE NO. 2474.4**

Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Collins, and **RESOLVED** that the contents of the Interim Council agenda should be a matter of judgement between the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

**2486 COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

There were no comments for the District Councillors present.

**2487 TOWN MAYOR'S ITEMS**

2487.1 River Rinse

Members were reminded that Buckingham River Rinse would be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 10am in Chandos Park.

The following items were 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

**2488 VERNEY CLOSE – TO DISCUSS THE COUNCIL'S WISHES IN RESPECT OF THE EXTENDED TIME TAKEN AND THE ASSOCIATED COST TO THIS COUNCIL OF THE PURCHASE OF VERNEY CLOSE (CLLR. MORDUE)**

**2489 MAYOR'S ITEM FOR INFORMATION**

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