



adults, with walkie-talkie communication. The Council would see if help could be arranged with putting them out and collecting up after the Parade. It was confirmed that farmers would see to insurance for children travelling on their trailers. The Town Clerk would advise the current contact name at Thames Valley Police. The Town Council would send the usual advisory letter to residents.

The contact/procedure list would be revised and corrected as necessary and supplied to the office

**ACTION MR. & MRS. HEYWOOD**

The Chairman thanked Mr. & Mrs. Heywood for their continued hard work on an ever more successful event.

*Mr. & Mrs Heywood left the meeting.*

*Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **AGREED** that Standing Orders and agenda order be resumed.*

**2005/171 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Members accepted the minutes of the last meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2005, which were ratified at the Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

**2005/172 ACTION REPORTS AND UPDATES**

172.1 (151.1) Welcome to Buckingham signs

The budget will cover three signs; Members decided that these would be best placed

1. On the bypass, eastbound, before the turning for Tingewick Road;
2. On the London Road;
3. On the Bletchley Road.

The older signs removed from these sites could be used to replace missing signs at other entrances to the town. BCC would expedite the manufacture of the signs, and if only one could be delivered and installed before the Twinning Visit, this should be put at site No. 1.

Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Collins, and **RECOMMENDED** that provision be made at Precept for buying the 4 remaining signs necessary.

172.2 (156) Best Kept Village sign

The sign had been replaced.

172.3 (158) Christmas Tree

AVDC would be providing and installing a Christmas Tree as usual.

A letter of thanks would be sent and an installation date requested.

**ACTION THE CLERK**

**2005/173 (157) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The large displays in store had been checked and found to be unserviceable. 27 of the longer lengths of festoon lighting had been found to be in good order and had been green-

tagged accordingly. These would be offered to the Traders Association to install as they chose, and to keep.

The Cattle Pens pea lights would be connected and lit, and left on (as per Min. 122). Any remaining budget this year would be used to extend the pea light coverage into trees currently undressed.

The Mayor and Mayor's Chaplain would attend the ceremony at 5pm on 27<sup>th</sup> November; the Town Crier would also be invited. Bourton Meadow School had confirmed attendance of the Youth Choir, and offered an item performed by their handbell group. The same carols in the same order as those used in 2004 were considered satisfactory, and this would be confirmed to the band.

**ACTION THE CLERK**

### **2005/174 (152) BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS**

Cllr. Mordue reported that the Air Force Cadets would install the barriers and help build the bonfire on the Saturday morning, and together with the Army Cadets and Moretonville would steward the event in the evening for a contribution to their funds. St John Ambulance had also now said they could attend. A collection would be made for the Mayor's Charity.

The Round Table would collect wood for the bonfire, sell lightsticks, etc. on the night, and litterpick the paddock area on the Sunday. The Friends of the Lions and the Guides would sell hotdogs.

A descendant of the conspirator Robert Catesby would light the bonfire, with a suitable preceding ceremony to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Guy competition would be judged at 1pm by the Old Gaol; prizes to be available in cash.

The Police would be advised of details of the event, and a press release prepared.

**ACTION THE CLERK**

### **2005/175 (153) BUCKINGHAM SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Members had considered Town Council sponsorship of a particular event during the festival.

Mrs. Richardson would be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss details.

**ACTION THE CLERK**

### **2005/176 (151.4) CIVIC LUNCH**

The Sponsorship of the wine for the lunch had been confirmed; numbers attending were estimated at 120. A letter of invitation would be sent out, emphasising that response was required. The Town Crier and Mace Bearer would be invited.

The Chairman was planning a top table, plus round tables in the remaining space.

The engraving for the base of the decanter chosen at Interim Council was decided as the Town Crest + Cllr. P.N.E. Collins/Mayor/2005 if this could all be fitted on.

Remaining details would be decided by the designated Councillors.

**ACTION CLLRS. STUCHBURY/ISHAM/MORDUE**

Members thanked Cllr. Mordue for his continued hard work on behalf of a Committee he was not formally a member of.

*Cllr. Mordue left the meeting.*

## **2005/177      MARKETS**

### 177.1 Street Market

Two new traders had joined the Tuesday market, one as a result of the advertisement placed in the *Market Trader*. A new trader for the Saturday market was likely to join now that the relocation due to the Fair had passed.

It was noted that not all traders were displaying contact details; they would be reminded.

**ACTION CLLR. STEVENS**

Members discussed the revenue raised by the market, which was down this year on last, although Buckingham Market is one of the most successful in the area.

Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **RECOMMENDED** that the Street Market pitch rate be increased by 5p to £1.20 per linear foot from April 2006.

### 177.2 Flea Market

The Flea Market was now fully booked by regular traders, although this was likely to diminish with the winter weather. Traders would be restricted to pitch sizes if the market was full, and those requiring larger stalls charged extra (previously traders have been encouraged to spread into empty space at no extra charge.) There was generally a better quality of goods for sale.

### 177.3 Farmers' Market

One, possibly two, new traders were expected to attend in November.

### 177.4 French Market

The Traders Association and the *Advertiser* would be notified of the French market so that shops could stay open on the Sunday if they wished. If the shops could retain the tricolour window dressing from the Twinning Weekend, it would be appreciated and add to the atmosphere.

## **2005/178      MARKET REVENUES**

Members discussed the advantages of retaining the revenue from the markets for the purposes of promotion of the markets and the town, recalling that it used to be the case that market revenue was kept in a separate account and used for Special Projects, for example statuary in the Town Centre. It should also be possible to roll revenue remaining at the year-end over into the next year to even out dips in the economic cycle.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Collins, and **RECOMMENDED** that income from the markets should be rolled over from year to year to the economic benefit of the markets and the community and other projects.

**2005/179 (160) REVIEW OF 2005 CHARTER FAIR**

There had been no major problems once the Fair had been set up on either weekend. A comment that the safety covers over the cables needed to be more visible – yellow or striped – would be passed on to the Nicholls Brothers. A meeting with the Nicholls would be arranged after the meeting with the Police to discuss any concerns.

**ACTION THE CLERK**

Mr. East would be asked to report on the condition of the bollards when he replaced them, in case any maintenance work was required.

*Cllr. Stevens left the meeting*

**2005/180 (151.2) YOUTH CINEMA**

In addition to the programmes already reported, the Cinema was liaising with the Schools over the showing of films related to syllabus work. Until the Cinema was financially stable, Members felt that the Youth Cinema should be subsidised to keep prices low enough to encourage young people to attend.

Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Collins, and **RECOMMENDED** that a further £1000 from the Youth Budget be allocated to the Youth Cinema Project to subsidise seat prices.

**2005/181 OTHER YOUTH PROJECTS**

A proposal from the Community Plan Group that lighting at the Skate Park be improved had received support from the Police. A scheme needed to be worked up so that funding from other sources could be applied for.

Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Collins, and **RECOMMENDED** that £700 from the Youth Budget be allocated to the Community Plan to pay for the preparation of a lighting design specification.

**2005/182 (164) STREET BARRIERS**

The barriers and signs for the Christmas Parade would be hired in. Quotations for the hire and purchase of barriers and signs would be obtained and put before the next meeting.

**ACTION THE CLERK**

**2005/183 (151.5) SAVE 2006**

Cllr. Newell had provided suggestions: a Sandpit Open Day and liaison with BTCV to incorporate their programme of work into SAVE month; to not have the park cycle event (a Road Safety event at Bourton Meadow was suggested instead); to not have the Botanical Walk (Mrs Robinson would be asked for a suggestion of an alternative). There were no suggestions of an item for recycling.

The Clerk would liaise with Cllr. Newell and Jason West over the event.

**ACTION CLLR. NEWELL/THE CLERK**

**2005/184 “WORKING TOGETHER – EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP FOR RURAL YOUTH WORK” November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2005**

Members suggested forwarding the details to the Community Plan Group as no-one was available to represent the Town Council.

**ACTION THE CLERK**

**2005/185 ‘THEATRE IN THE VILLAGES’**

The scheme was inappropriate to Buckingham for various reasons, not the least being that the town had a thriving and popular theatre group already.

**2005/186 AVDC TOURING ARTS PROGRAMME**

The details of ‘Flicks in the Sticks’ had been forwarded to the Cinema Group who had investigated the possibility of taking advantage of the offer, but this had not been possible. The other aspects (Perfect Village Sunday, Music in Quiet Places) were deemed inappropriate to a community the size of Buckingham

**2005/187 BUDGET**

187.1 Current Budget

Members had no comments on the budget to date.

187.2 Target amount for Precept

The suggestion was made that an increase of 4% to cover inflation should be considered. Members pointed out that it mattered whether the market revenues were to be included or not.

Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Isham and **AGREED** that the budget to be proposed at Precept for this Committee be the 2005 Budget total, less the Market section (subject to the Recommendation at 2005/178 being carried), plus 4%.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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