

**MINUTES OF THE INTERIM BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2005 at 9.30pm following the Planning Meeting.**

PRESENT: Councillors J. Barnett  
P. Collins (Mayor)  
Mrs P. Desorgher  
D. Isham  
H. Lewis  
G. Loftus  
H. Mordue  
Ms. R. Newell  
Mrs. P. Stevens  
Mrs C. Strain-Clark  
P. Strain-Clark  
R. Stuchbury

For the Town Clerk Mrs K. W. McElligott

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. H. Cadd, R Lehmann, and Ms. H. Saul.

**2690 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

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

**2691 TRANSFER OF LICENCES**

(2674.4) Esso Garage hearing

Cllr. Mordue volunteered to represent the Council at the hearing.

**ACTION CLLR. MORDUE**

**2692 HOSPITAL SERVICES**

Cllr. Stuchbury expressed concern that the closure of 5 beds at Buckingham Hospital would lead to claims that the hospital was under-used and should be closed. Members discussed whether the Acting Chief Executive of the Health Authority should be invited to confirm to Members in person that no such course was contemplated, or whether a letter expressing these concerns would suffice.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **AGREED** unanimously that this Council write to the Acting Chief Executive, inviting her to attend the next meeting of the Council, and to the Secretary of State to inform him of Members dismay and concern at the decreasing health provision in the north of the County.

**ACTION THE CLERK**

**2693 PLASMA SCREEN**

The Mayor reported that the Town Clerk had discussed security measures with a security advisor from Thames Valley Police and Mr. Gadd, and that a suitable means of fixing the screen and marking it (and other office equipment) had been agreed. Cllr. Stuchbury was unhappy about making a decision with no supporting paperwork advising of the costs involved.

Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **AGREED**, Cllr. Stuchbury dissociating himself, that the screen and stand be replaced and suitable security measures taken.

In answer to a query, Members were assured that the replacement windows could be opened to serve as an escape in case of fire.

**2694 TOWN MAYOR'S ITEMS**

2694.1 Special Parking Areas

A letter had been circulated asking for Members' views. In view of the 22<sup>nd</sup> December response date Members agreed to reply individually.  
*[Town Clerk's note: By special arrangement, this matter will be dealt with at the 3<sup>rd</sup> January meeting]*

2694.2 Civic Lunch

A letter of thanks had been received from Mrs. Barbara Edmonson.

2694.3 Poppy Appeal

The collection in the Office and Chamber had raised £2.50.

2694.4 SLCC (Bucks. Branch) Clerk of the Year

Members agreed that this be referred to the Chairman's Group.

2694.5 Bourton Park Playground

Cllr. Mordue reported that the new equipment was very nice and work was progressing satisfactorily.

2694.6 Christmas – New Year Office Hours

The Mayor advised Members that the office would be closed, as usual, between Christmas and New Year.

Meeting Closed at 9.50pm.

**CHAIRMAN..... DATE.....**