

Minutes of an **Interim Council Meeting** of Buckingham Town Council held at 7pm.  
on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow,  
Buckingham.

Present: Cllr. T. Bloomfield  
Cllr. H. Cadd  
Cllr. P. Collins  
Cllr. J. Harvey  
Cllr. P. Hirons  
Cllr. D. Isham  
Cllr. R. Lehmann  
Cllr. A. Mahi  
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell (Mayor)  
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue  
Cllr. M. Smith  
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark  
Cllr. R. Stuchbury  
Cllr. M. Try  
Cllr. W. Whyte

For the Town Clerk: Mrs. K. McElligott  
Committee Clerk: Mrs. C. Bolton

#### 588/14 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors G Collins and Mordue.

#### 589/14 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Bloomfield, P Collins and Isham declared a prejudicial interest in item 7, Community Centre. Cllr O'Donoghue declared a personal interest in item 6, planning application **14/03450/APP**.

#### 590/14 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 ratified at Full Council on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were received and accepted, there were no matters arising.

#### 591/14 Recommendation from Environment Committee

Minute No. 582/14

Proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr Stuchbury, and **RECOMMENDED** that this Council identify a source of match funding of £2000 for the promotion of Access Awareness.

Councillor Smith reported that following the very successful access awareness day Destination Buckingham had set aside £2,000 to assist local traders in making changes to their premises to facilitate easier access for those with mobility issues. Members expressed their support that the Town Council do the same. Unanimously **AGREED**. The Town Clerk was requested to find the funds from an appropriate budget. **ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

*Members agreed to suspend standing orders*

#### 592/14 Land at Brackley Rd – Developer presentation – Swan Architects

To receive a presentation from Mr R. Swan

*Members were referred to Min.136.2 (Full Council 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014) for a record of Mr. Swan's previous presentation on the site.*

Mr Swan reported to Members that the presentation had been updated since his last meeting with the Town Council in June. The mix of housing and housing type had changed for the proposed development, now inclusive of detached and some 2 bedroom terraced properties; there was also the introduction of some 1 bedroom apartments units at the end of each square. Allotments were shown with properly planned in glass houses, parking was both formal and informal with the potential for 250 spaces overall.

Mr Swan advised Members reported that the development was predominantly detached housing; 2,3 and 4 bedrooms with some 1 beds in apartments. There were a total of 100 dwellings bounded by two streams and a road. The developer had designed the site to emphasis landscaping and open space for residents, making best use of a southern facing aspect. Access to the dwellings would be from the rear, with a focus on amenity and green space to the front. Mr Swan stated that profit was not the driving force for the development, rather making the housing affordable, sustainable and taking advantage of the solar perspective; Mr Swan said that the density of the development was not particularly high.

The next step would be a full level survey of the site to finalise the layout before a full planning application to be made in March 2015. Mr Swan expressed the desire to return to the Town Council with a full presentation before submission to Aylesbury Vale District Council.

Members thanked Mr Swan for his presentation and raised questions/comments – Concern over the location of the site, there was no bus service, no footpath to the town and poor visibility for traffic exiting the development. Members commented a car would definitely be needed for trips to any resources of the town.

Members questioned what the ownership profile would be; would there be shared ownership available?

Mr Swan did not yet know what the profile would be.

Would there be broadband to the site?

Mr Swan stated there would be broadband.

How would maintenance of the shared area be managed?

Mr Swan said there would be a service charge applied to all residents for the maintenance and upkeep of the site.

Cllr Harvey suggested that a cooperative by the house owners may be a better way to service a maintenance charge.

Members commented that there should be a good mix of social housing.

Mr Swan stated that the site was aimed at a mix of the communities including families, the elderly those looking for affordable housing.

Cllr Stuchbury urged Mr Swan to ensure a proper traffic management plan was submitted, officers at Bucks County Council should be contacted for assistance.

Cllr Whyte commented on the emphasis for a need for connection into the town centre; the proposed access was currently a dangerous corner, it would be critical to have suitable cycle and footpath links.

Cllr Strain-Clark said that whilst she welcomed the imaginative design of the development it would be better to see proposals for a safe footway.

Cllr Whyte commented on the wooden bridge in the south west of the site which did not appear to lead to anywhere.

The one way traffic system would also be rather awkward for both refuse collection vehicles and cyclists.

Members thanked Mr Swan for his presentation.

*Standing Orders were re-instated*

**593/14 Major Planning Application – 14/03450/APP**

**OPPOSE AND ATTEND**

Hamilton Precision Ltd., Tingewick Road, Buckingham MK18 1EE

Demolition of existing B2 warehouse and construction of 59 dwellings

Members were disappointed that the site demonstrated such poor design, poor supporting documentation and had ignored the previous constructive comments of the Town Council. The Planning Clerk's report would be amended and submitted as the response.

**ACTION: PLANNING CLERK**

Members also felt it pertinent to write to both AVDC and the developer expressing their concerns, asking for a delay to the application and re-design of the site.

**ACTION: PLANNING CLERK**

**594/14 Community Centre Management Committee**

To receive a request for a reduction of the annual underwriting of £5,000 2015/16 to 2017/18 per the attached request.

Proposed by Cllr Whyte, seconded by Cllr Harvey and **AGREED** that the annual underwriting be £5,000 for 2015/16-2017/18

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

**595/14 2015 Royal Garden Parties**

To receive an email from the Lieutenancy Office, and discuss and agree any nominations.

The Mayor nominated Cllr Mahi, unanimously **AGREED**.

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

**596/14 Chair's Announcements**

Members **AGREED** to send Cllr Smith and Cllr Hirons to a conference run by the Department for Communities and Local Government – Parish Councils Delivering More and working together with principal authorities.

The Mayor closed the meeting by wishing all Councillors and Staff a Merry Christmas

**597/14 Dates of next meetings:**

Precept	12 <sup>th</sup> January 2015
Full Council	19 <sup>th</sup> January 2015
Interim Council	16 <sup>th</sup> February 2015

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....