

Minutes of an Extra-ordinary meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 30th August 2016** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr. Ms. J. Bates
 Cllr. T. Bloomfield
 Cllr. M. Cole
 Cllr. J. Harvey
 Cllr. P. Hirons
 Cllr. D. Isham
 Cllr. A. Mahi Mayor
 Cllr. Ms. R. Newell
 Cllr. L. O'Donoghue
 Cllr. M. Smith
 Cllr. R. Stuchbury

In attendance: Mr. C. P. Wayman Town Clerk
 Mrs. N. Stockill Committee Clerk
 Mrs. A. Brubaker Events Co-ordinator

328/16 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to note that there were apologies from Cllr. Strain-Clark, Gateley, P. Collins, G. Collins and Try.

329/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

330/16 VALP

To discuss Buckingham Town Council's response to the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP).

Members recorded special thanks to the officers and Town Clerk for their work on this document. Members held an in-depth discussion on the various sections of the response and the agreed amendments are listed below:

- Page 1. (Housing 1.1 p12) Members **AGREED** that the Open University in Milton Keynes should be included within this section.
- The Town Clerk stated that in legislation the Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan policies don't have to be mentioned in VALP they are separate parts of the framework and VALP has to be in general conformity with any current BNDP apart from housing allocation. So therefore, nothing in VALP would contravene the BNDP.
- Page 3. (Homes 1.0 p17) Typo 'nor to' should read 'nor too'.
- Page 4. (Housing Economic Needs) Members **AGREED** that section 3.10 p29 needed to be expanded.
- Page 5. (3.25 p35) Remove section.
- Green belt (3.36 p.41) Members **AGREED** the new wording should be "BTC supports the revision to the Green Belt around Wendover"
- Protected Transport Schemes (3.64 p48) Members **AGREED** to remove the following sentence "then states somewhat ambiguously "it is unlikely that anything will be available before Autumn 2016". Cllr. Stuchbury **PROPOSED** including the

wording of the Council's agreement to support the A421 option for the East-West Expressway. Members **AGREED** for the wording to be included within the protected Transport Schemes section of the response.

- Page 6. (Delivering Through Neighbourhood Planning p54) The first paragraph should be changed to read: "This makes an incorrect assertion. Therefore "adhere" should be removed and the correct term "in general conformity" should be used."
- Members **AGREED** to include a section stating the regulations on Neighbourhood plans and reaffirming that the BNDP is our strategic plan for the future of Buckingham.
- Page 7. (Sites adjacent to Milton Keynes D3 P71) Members **AGREED** to remove the entire paragraph at D3 pg71.
- The Town Clerk explained that AVDC's new settlement proposal is larger than it could be perceived. In the long-term 6000+ houses are to be built but, only 4500 houses are to be built within the period of this plan.
- (4.56 page 72) Members **AGREED** to delete the first sentence and change the second sentence to read "This highlights that the work behind AVDC is arbitrary and that no thought has gone into the housing number distribution.
- Page 8. (Assessing Proposal at Other Settlements D8 p97) the paragraph should refer to the BNDP and not the 'Neighbourhood Plans'.

Cllr Harvey declared an Interest in the following section as a resident of Maids Moreton.

- (4.78 p84) Include a question mark at the end of the first sentence. Members **AGREED** to include a quote from the Planning Inspector's 2002 report on Moreton Road Phase 2. Cllr Stuchbury asked for a copy of the Inspector's report to be circulated to Members **ACTION TOWN CLERK**
- (Provision of new employment Land 4.95 p98) Members had a discussion on the provision on new employment land and would like to have seen a site allocated for Buckingham Cllr. Cole suggested including some wording on Silverstone and Milton Keynes demonstrating that many residents go out of the County to work. Cllr. Hirons said that we should be making a stronger point of how unsustainable it is for large numbers to be commuting out of Aylesbury Vale. Adding that in order for it to be a sustainable community more jobs need to be developed.
- Page 12. (Other Comments) Delete "in my view" from the last sentence of the first paragraph. Then next three paragraphs could come out.
- Page 13. (Flooding P192) This paragraph should refer to the 'Great Ouse' instead of the 'River Ouse'.
- Green Infrastructure – To be reworded to "Whaddon Chase should be made Green Belt".
- Members **AGREED** for the Town Clerk to include the following concluding statement: "Buckingham Town Council reserve the right to review the plan and make subsequent allocations based on sustainability.

Meeting closed at: 8.30pm

Signed Date

Town Mayor