

**MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL INTERIM COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES ON 30th JULY 2007 AT 7.15PM**

PRESENT Councillors T. Bloomfield
H. Cadd
G. Collins
P. Collins
P. Desorgher
P. Hirons
H. Lewis
G. Loftus
A. Mahi
P. Stevens
R. Stuchbury
W. Whyte
Town Clerk Ms. P. J. Heath

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Loftus, and **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Collins should chair the Interim Council Meeting in the absence of the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. M. Smith, D. Isham, M. Try, H. Mordue (Mayor).

2972 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

2973 TRANSFER OR NEW LICENCES

There had been no new applications for licences or transfer of licences on the AVDC web site.

2974 RATIFY THE 31ST MARCH 2007 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS SUBJECT TO INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDITORS, AS PER COPY SENT WITH THE 23RD JULY 2007 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Collins, seconded by Cllr. R. Stuchbury, and **RESOLVED** to ratify the Annual Accounts and Return for 31st March 2007 subject to Audit.

2975 TO RECEIVE INTERIM INFORMATION AND REPORTS RE THE FLOODING OF BUCKINGHAM 20TH-22ND JULY.

Members received the interim report on the floods in Buckingham circulated at the meeting. Cllr. Stevens, whose home was flooded, questioned the accuracy of the report which was based on information from Bucks County Council, Aylesbury Vale

District Council, the Environment Agency and the Clerk's recollection of a conversation with Mr. Stevens. Mrs. Stevens read a list of questions for the Council, District Council and County Council to answer in respect of events over the weekend of 20th – 23rd and in particular Well Street and Ford Street; these would be circulated to Members and answers obtained where possible before the Full Council meeting.

Members discussed the alleviation scheme proposed by the Environment Agency which was for the protection of all vulnerable areas in Buckingham. A query was raised as to which Councillor had taken over from Cllr. Weidmann, when he resigned from the Council, as the representative on the working group looking at alleviation; the Clerk would check the records.

Members felt that contact should be made with other local authorities downstream of Buckingham who would benefit from the Alleviation scheme and request their support.

ACTION THE CLERK

The Town Clerk informed Members that a quotation had been received to power-wash the play areas. Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Stevens and **RESOLVED** by 12 votes to 0 that the Town Council accept the quotation for £1800 payable from contingencies.

Members were informed that the matting from the marquee had been left in the park; the company or AVDC would remove the matting this week.

It was reported that there were blockages in the river caused by the flood. Members were requested to email the Clerk with details to enable action to be taken to remove them. One blockage reported by the Mayor was in Bourton Park; a contractor was being sought.

MAYOR'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION.

There were no Chairman's items for information.

Members asked that their congratulations and best wishes are passed to the Mayor and Mayoress on their marriage.

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm

CHAIRMAN DATE