

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 28th January 2019** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

Present:

Cllr. T. Bloomfield	
Cllr. M. Cole	Deputy Mayor
Cllr. J. Harvey	Mayor
Cllr. P. Hirons	
Cllr. D. Isham	
Cllr. A. Mahi	
Cllr. H. Mordue (from minute 687/18)	
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell	
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. A. Ralph	
Cllr. M. Smith	
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	
Cllr. M. Try	

In attendance: Mr. P. Hodson	Town Clerk
Mrs. N. Stockill	Committee Clerk
Ms. C. Molyneux	Deputy Town Clerk
Cllr. C. Clare	County Councillor (until minute 683/18)

The meeting was preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Order 3.f.

Mr R. Bissell of Gawcott Road attended the public session to ask Member's position on the planned works on land South East of Osier Way, Buckingham. Mr. Bissell said that many residents of Gawcott Fields were extremely concerned by the proposals and they hoped the Town Council would support them in their opposition to the development. Cllr. Harvey explained that Members would be discussing the application at an Extra-Ordinary meeting of Full Council at 7pm on the 4th February 2019 and encouraged Mr Bissell to attend the Public Session.

673/18 Apologies for Absence

Members received and accepted apologies from Cllrs. P. Collins, G. Collins, Gateley, Mordue and District Councillor. T. Mills

674/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this point in the agenda.

675/18 Minutes

Members received and **AGREED** the minutes and confirmed the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meetings held on:

- Monday 19th November 2018
- Monday 14th January 2019 (Precept)

676/18 Interim Minutes

Members received and **AGREED** the minutes of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 17th December 2018

677/18 Planning Committee

Members received and noted the minutes and confirmed the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on:

- Monday 26th November 2018
- Monday 17th December 2018

678/18 Town Centre and Events Committee

Members received and noted the minutes and confirmed the recommendations therein of the Town Centre and Events Committee meeting held on Monday 3rd December 2018. An amendment was proposed by Cllr. Strain-Clark, seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield and unanimously **AGREED** to insert the word 'fair' within the first paragraph of minute 543/18.

ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK

679/18 Environment Committee

Members received the minutes and recommendations therein of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 10th December 2018

Proposed by Cllr. Strain-Clark, seconded by Cllr. Smith and **AGREED to RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the Council reaffirm their commitment to the Buckingham Dementia Action Alliance.

An amendment to the recommendation was proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Newell and unanimously **AGREED** to insert 'Buckingham' before 'Dementia Action Alliance'.

ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK

680/18 Resources Committee

Members received and noted the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on Monday 7th January 2019.

681/18 To receive and question reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr. Clare

Cllr. Clare gave Members an update on County's Capital Maintenance Scheme programme that will fund resurfacing the stretch the A421 carriageway from the Tingewick bypass roundabout to the Aldi roundabout.

Unitary council - Cllr. Clare expressed frustration at the lack of joined up working between the five councils and hoped the Councils could work more collaboratively in their transition toward unitary status. Cllr. Clare expressed his personal view on South Bucks, Chiltern District I and Wycombe District Councils' legal challenge regarding the way in which the new unitary council will be set up, in particular the imposition of the leader of Buckinghamshire County Council as its leader. Cllr. Clare said the basis of the legal challenge was spurious and a waste of tax payers' money.

Cllrs. Smith and Try reported numerous damaged signs along the A421 between the Aldi and Bletchley roundabouts and significant amounts of mud on the road alongside the Tingewick Road development. Cllr. Clare noted Councillors concerns and explained that both issues were already being investigated. Cllr. Cole highlighted an error in County's online Fix my street reporting tool. Cllr. Clare acknowledged there were issues with the system and agreed to pursue concerns, particularly relating to damaged bollards.

Cllr. Stuchbury

Cllr Stuchbury raised concerns that a local sports team had raised with him about the potential impact on their current lease from the unitary changes. Cllr. Stuchbury informed Members he had successfully negotiated padlocks to secure the drainage

tunnels within Lace Hill's balancing ponds and would be meeting with Planning Officers to discuss resident's noise complaints from the industrial development site.

Cllr. Stuchbury informed Members that the Planning Clerk was writing to Chamonix Estates Management Service expressing concern over Lace Hill Employment Area's use of the balancing lakes seeking confirmation that resident's management fees are not being adversely affected.

682/18 Appointments to the General Charities

Members discussed the following Trustee appointments to The Buckingham General Charities:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Renewal</u>
The Mayor	Term of Office	Ex officio
Cllr. T. Bloomfield	4 years	14 November 2021
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins	4 years	14 November 2021
Cllr. R. Newell	4 years	19 January 2019

The representatives were agreed with the following changes:

Cllr. Newell's term as Trustee came to an end on the 19th January 2019 and Members **AGREED** for Cllr. Mahi to be appointment from the 28th January 2019 for a term of 4 years.

ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK

683/18 Unitary Council

The Town Clerk reported on the issues raised at the Councillors' workshop in early December 2018 and confirmed he was liaising with other Clerks to gain a shared understanding across the County. The next Unitary workshop is scheduled for Friday 1st March 2019 at 10-12pm in the Council Chamber.

Cllr. Clare left the meeting at 19.33

684/18 GDPR

Members received a written report from the Town Clerk

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury and seconded by Cllr. Hirons that the Town Council invests in the development of a bespoke application for Councillors to manage their emails. A vote was taken and the results were:

In favour: 3

Against: 9

Abstentions: 1

Motion fell

Proposed by Cllr. Newell, seconded by Cllr. Harvey and unanimously **AGREED** that councillors adopt mailbox option 3 and usage option A. I.e. that councillors are provided with a @cllr.buckingham-tc.gov.uk email address via VisionICT at a total annual cost of £306, and that councillors are allowed to download council emails to personal devices, provided they have signed a suitable security agreement beforehand.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

685/18 Annual Town Meeting

The Town Clerk reported that a virtual Annual Town meeting would be held during week beginning Monday 4th March. Residents will be invited, via a variety of media, to post questions or comment under discussion topics with responses from the Town and Council Officers, with comments being fed into the Annual Town Meeting on the evening of the 20th March 2019. The Town Clerk asked Member to forward on any issues they felt should be highlighted for discussion. Cllr. Harvey explained the meeting will be arranged with tables for each partner e.g. TVP, BCC or AVDC and residents can

gravitate to which ever table they wish. Partners will be sked to capture key themes from their table discussions which will be summarised at the end of the meeting. Cllr. Stuchbury said he was concerned residents may not have the opportunity to put their questions to the relevant authority representatives. Cllr. Harvey confirmed that (subject to attendance) leaders from the various authorities would be available to engage with residents and listen to their concerns.

686/18 Screens in the Council Chamber

The Town Clerk reported that the Chamber's current audio visual equipment needed updating and following investigation there were two options that could be explored:

1. The purchase of a pull down screen and project mounted on the ceiling.
2. The purchase of 2 Smart 75" Televisions, to be installed on either side of the Chamber walls.

Members discussed and **AGREED** for the Town Clerk to bring a full report to Planning Committee with costs. **ACTION TOWN CLERK**

687/18 New Homes Bonus funding

Members received a written report from the Town Clerk

Cllr. Harvey explained that Members were being asked to review the list previously agreed to clarify whether any additions should be made, or the order of priority amended, before draft bids were written. Members discussed and **AGREED** the following changes to the Council's list of priorities to be funded from New Homes Bonus Funding:

- Removal of priorities B-G (Missing footpaths on Moreton road, Safer crossing at the bottom of Badgers across Bourton Road to circular walk, Moreton Road pedestrian refuge, Safer crossing at the bottom of Maids Moreton Avenue across from the Stratford Road car park, Enhanced cycling scheme) as considered to be the responsibility of other authorities
1. BMX track in Heartlands or Bourton Park
 2. Covered and secure bike racks in the town centre
 3. Support of The Buckingham General Charities' bid for the refurbishment of Church Street Alms-houses.
 4. Funding toward the improvement of the Council's room at the Community Centre.

20.15 Cllr Mordue entered the chamber and declared an interest in the current agenda item as a District Councillor.

Members unanimously **AGREED** to support the West End Bowls Club's bid.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

688/18 Action List

Members noted the report.

689/18 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members received and noted the following sets of minutes:

689.1/19 Pontio 15th October 2018

689.2/18 Access for All 10th October 2018

689.3/18 Access for All 12th November 2018

689.4/18 Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group 11th December 2018

690/18 Mayoral Engagements

Members received and noted the following list of events attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Functions the Mayor has attended:

29 November 2018 Mary Poppins at RLS
29 November 2018 General Charities board meeting
1 December 2018 Bourton Meadow Christmas Fayre
1 December 2018 Age Concern Christmas get together
2 December 2018 Aylesbury Town Mayor's Carol Service
5 December 2018 Christmas Lunch at Well Street Church
6 December 2018 Celebration Evening at Buckingham School
11 December 2018 Trefoil Guild Celebration Tea Party
11 December 2018 Singing in the rain at Buckingham School
12 December 2018 Older person Xmas party at Buckingham School
12 December 2018 Milton Keynes Mayor & Mayoress' Christmas Carol Service
15 December 2018 Christmas Parade
15 December 2018 Community Fair
16 December 2018 Christmas Drinks with the VC of UoB
18 December 2018 Friends of the UoB meeting
25 December 2018 Christmas lunch Churches Together
11 January 2019 Funeral of Theodore Connor in Stowe Church
18 January 2019 UoB Matriculation to welcome new students
25 January 2019 Buckingham & Gawcott Charitable Trust

Functions the Deputy Mayor has attended:

Weds 28 Nov Vinson Centre Opening, University
Weds 5 Dec Unitary Council meeting, Buckingham
Thurs 6 Dec Buckingham Economic Group Meeting, Buckingham
Sun 16 Dec Vice-Chancellor Reception, University
Tues 15 Jan Enfest Meeting, Vinson Centre

691/18 Chair's Announcements

There were no announcements.

692/18 Date of the next meeting:

Extraordinary Full Council – Monday 4th February 2019
Unitary workshop Friday 1st March 2019 10-12pm
Informal Full Council – Monday 25th February 2019 (prior to Interim)
Interim Council – Monday 25th February 2019
Full Council - Monday 18th March 2019

Meeting closed at: 8.35pm

Signed Date
Town Mayor