

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 21st November 2016** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7:20pm following a Public Session.

Present:

Cllr. Ms. J. Bates	
Cllr. T. Bloomfield	
Cllr. M. Cole	
Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley	
Cllr. P. Hirons	
Cllr. D. Isham	
Cllr. A. Mahi	Mayor
Cllr. H. Mordue	
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell	
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. M. Smith	
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	
Cllr. M. Try	

In attendance:

Mr. C. P. Wayman	Town Clerk
Mrs. N. Stockill	Committee Clerk
Ms. J. Everett	Transport Strategy Officer, BCC
Mrs Cumming	Buckingham Society
Mr. C. Clare	Conservative Group
Cllr. W. Whyte	County Councillor
Dr. G. Gavriel	Swan Practice
Dr. J. Pryce	Swan Practice
Mr. N. Hardy	GVA, Lidl
Mr. S. Brooker	Walson Planning
Mr. J. Horsman	Montpellier Estates

560/16 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Harvey, G. Collins and P. Collins

561/16 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs. Newell, Smith and Hirons declared an interest in agenda item 11 as a friend of Buckingham Library. Cllr. Stuchbury declared an interest in agenda item 9 as a County Councillor.

562/16 **Minutes**

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2016 (**BTC/07/16**).

Minutes had not been issued, so could not be agreed and would be carried forward to the next Full Council meeting.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK/ JANUARY AGENDA

Members **AGREED** to take agenda item 9 next for the benefit of visitors present.

563/16 **Buckingham Transport Strategy**

To receive a presentation from Jess Everett, Transport Strategy Officer at Buckinghamshire County Council.

Ms. Everett explained the Strategy was created to understand the potential impact of growth on transport in and around Buckingham. The report outlines mitigations such as new roads and behavioural changes and provides an evidence base to support the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP). The report's study area was extended to incorporate Silverstone and Winslow, to recognising the impact of the East/West Rail link on Winslow's future growth and the area of high employment in Silverstone. Stakeholder workshops were held on the 18th October and background analysis from the event is underway. The public consultation was underway and will close on the 3rd January 2017. Ms Everett encouraged Members to feedback comments into the consultation and publicise it to their constituents.

Ms Everett highlighted current levels of traffic flow through Buckingham and indicated that mitigation measures will be focussed in high growth areas such as the proposed housing development on the Tingewick Road. Noting the following objectives of the Transport Strategy:

- Make it easier and more attractive to travel by active travel and public transport in particular within Buckingham
- Reduce the risk of death or injury on the transport network
- Minimise the impact of future growth on traffic levels, congestion and air quality
- Improve journey time reliability
- Improve accessibility into Buckingham and to other urban centres / new growth areas
- Improve transport access and movement in the town centre

Ms. Everett outlined the following proposed highway schemes:

- A421 roundabout capacity enhancements at Gawcott and London Road
- Left hand turn slip for the westbound A422
- New Junction for western link road off the A422 Brackley Road
- Junction redesign for western link road where the Tingewick Road meets the A421
- Duelling of the A421 between the Tingewick bypass and the point where the old Bletchley Road meets the A421
- Duelling of the Buckingham Bypass (A413) between the Bletchley A421 roundabout and the Page Hill roundabout
- Downgrading West Street so that Sat Navs will re-divert HGVs onto the new link road

Ms. Everett highlighted the current walking and cycling routes through Buckingham and explained there were proposals for links to Brackley, Milton Keynes and Silverstone. Ms. Everett said the initial mitigation package had been tested against the VALP growth figures and suggests the proposals will reduce traffic flow in the town centre. A final draft is yet to be modelled, completed and reviewed. Full consultation of the Buckingham Transport Strategy is to be launched in January 2017 to enable the strategy to be adopted.

Members asked the following question, replies are in italics.

Will the figures from the finalised VALP document have any bearing on modelling in this Strategy? *No, the difference is unlikely to have a great significance on the modelling.*

Cllr. Cole said he was dismayed to learn of the short time scales for the consultation. He expressed disappointment that BCC had been developing the Buckingham Transport Strategy since June 2016 and this was the first occasion (since 2013) they had spoken to Buckingham Town Council on the matter. Cllr. Cole stated there were numerous errors within the document that could've been avoided if Members and Officers of BTC had been consulted earlier. *Transport Officers had*

met with Cllr. Warren Whyte who is an elected representative of Buckingham. The draft document had not been available for circulation until yesterday and Members are reminded that this is not the final document.

Members **AGREED** to forward their comments to Cllr. Stuchbury who would meet with Officers at BCC and work through each of the concerns. Cllr. Stuchbury agreed to feedback to Members on the outcome. Members thanked Ms. Everett for coming to speak to them.

Ms. Everett left the meeting at 19.42

*Members **AGREED** to take agenda item 10 next for the benefit of visitors present.*

564/16 Land at Lace Hill

To receive a presentation from the Developer.

Mr. Horsman from Montpellier Estates spoke to members regarding the new proposals for the employment/health site at Lace Hill. He explained that since Sainsbury's withdrew interest in the site there have been planning designs from Whitbread, Lidl and the Swan Partnership. Mr. Horsman tabled a site plan of the proposed development noting the following elements:

- Realigned spine road from the Tesco roundabout (A413)
- Realigned bridle path, flanked by rows of trees and skirting the Eastern border of the site.
- Beefeater public house and restaurant (180 covers) to be located alongside the right hand side of the spine road.
- Costa Coffee shop (70 covers) and drive through to be located adjacent to the Beefeater public house. Both Costa and the Beefeater are to have frontages along the A413.
- Behind the Beefeater and alongside the right-hand side of the spine road is the Premier Inn Hotel (82 bedrooms)
- Lidl Discount Food store to be located on the left hand side of the spine road
- Behind the Lidl store is the new health centre and care home

Lidl Food Market

Mr S. Brooker explained that the Lidl food store will be similar in appearance to other Lidl store throughout the UK and offer a range of discount products comparable to Aldi. He explained they had completed sequential and impact assessments on the proposed development and believed there would be a low level of impact on the trade in Buckingham Town Centre. Mr Brooker said there would be a greater portion of turnover diverted from Tesco and Aldi rather than Waitrose or Sainsbury's Local.

Premier Inn

Mr Hardy explained that Whitbread had considered comments from AVDC and redesigned the frontage of the Premier Inn hotel. Mr Hardy noted the following elements of the current hotel design:

- Three storeys high and 82 bedrooms
- Tiered frontage, similar to the appearance of terraced houses
- Approximately 97 parking spaces
- Curved entrance canopy
- Illuminated purple signage (corporate branding)
- Tiers to be painted neutral shades of cream, white and brown

Mr Hardy explained that Whitbread estimates the Premier Inn, Costa and Beefeater will create 97 jobs in the local area. Noting, Whitbread had a track record of successful local employment, training and apprenticeships.

Cllr. Hirons questioned if it were usual for a town to have a Premier Inn and Travel Loge in close proximity. Mr Hardy said it was not usual to have two hotels so closely sited but it was a buoyant market.

Health Centre & Care Home

Dr. Gavriel and Dr. Pryce of the Swan Practice spoke to members about the proposed medical centre and highlighted the following elements of the design:

- The development site encompasses a hectare of land and has sufficient space for all of Buckingham's current GP surgeries, including other healthcare services such as a dialysis unit and dental clinics.
- The health Centre's design is a three storey building with 50% accommodation allocated to GP surgeries and the remaining ground floor to be allocated to commissioned healthcare services.

Dr. Price explained that the Swan Practice needed modern surgeries in which to meet their growing list of patients. The three existing surgeries in town centre have insufficient parking and small waiting rooms. Dr Pryce said they were reluctant to move out of the town centre entirely and would appreciate Members views on retaining a presence in the town centre. Members discussed and **AGREED** that they were in support of the Swan Practice retaining one of their existing GP surgeries in the town centre; to serve the residents of Buckingham that otherwise could not access the Lace Hill Medical Centre.

Dr Gavriel explained that he was the Swan Practice's representative on the North Buckinghamshire Locality Federation. This was a group of five local practices working towards delivering the NHS' five year forward view for integrating secondary care, otherwise delivered at hospitals, into the community. A pilot Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) service is being delivered at GP surgeries in Milton Keynes via the Milton Keynes Hospital. Dr Pryce said that Buckingham needed a hub in which to deliver GP services alongside various outpatient services, including diabetes clinics, health visitors, community nurses, and physiotherapy. Dr Gavriel explained that, at this stage, they could only produce an aspirational list services as everything would need to be commissioned and have the approval of the CCG.

Cllr. Mordue left the meeting at 20.09

Dr Pryce observed that as Buckingham Hospital was under the control of the Buckinghamshire Health Trust it could not be considered as an alternative site for the Healthcare centre.

Cllr. Stuchbury requested that the site's entrance and spine road is completed as a matter of priority as traffic in and out of Lace Hill was already at capacity. He added that the bridle way should have noise screening and tree planting alongside the border with the estate houses. Cllr. Stuchbury added that the Swan Practice should consider implementing noise screening alongside the border of the bypass to minimise disruption to patients. Mr. Brooker explained the bridal path was a 7m corridor that included planting on either side and he confirmed that the spine road was ready for construction in the early stages of the development.

Cllr. Smith asked if Verney Close Surgery would move up to the Lace Hill Health Centre. Dr Pryce said it was not yet clear which of the Partnership's buildings would close but they would be retaining the surgery at Steeple Claydon.

Cllr. Smith questioned whether it was appropriate to locate a large Health Centre out of town, forcing many residents to cross back and forth across a busy road. Mr. Brooker explained that this parcel of land had always been allocated for a health and employment site and would service not only Buckingham residents but the

northern part of the locality. People would have a choice whether to travel to Milton Keynes, High Wycombe or Buckingham for treatment.

Members questioned whether there were plans for a minor injuries unit to be located within the Health Centre. Dr Pryce explained it was unlikely they would have a 24 hour minor injuries unit but perhaps a more reduced model could be of interest to service commissioners.

Cllr. Strain-Clark made a plea to ensure the dimensions for the disabled toilets were of adequate proportions. Cllr. Strain-Clark questioned whether there would be provision for a hoist and adult changing facilities within the Health Centre. Dr Pryce said the floorplans were only indicative and they would take on board Member's comments when creating the final designs.

Cllr. Hiron asked whether treatments would be delivered by visiting Consultants or Technicians following a treatment plan. Dr Gavriel said it would most likely be a mixture of scenarios. However, the current ENT pilot in Milton Keynes had seen a Consultant visiting surgeries. Dr Gavriel stressed that some treatments have to be delivered within a hospital setting but there is provision for the Health Centre to have a recovery room so there maybe potential to deliver treatment that require sedation such as colonoscopies and endoscopies.

Cllr. Bates asked if there were any plans to house Social Services within the Health Centre. Dr Pryce said it was a sensible idea and they could be added to the list of aspirations for service delivery from the site.

Cllr. Gateley questioned who would be managing the Care Home. Dr Pryce said it was unlikely that the care home would be run by the Swan Practice. The building would have capacity to house 60 patients across the spectrum a dementia care needs.

Mr. Hardy stated there would three separate planning applications submitted to Council before Christmas 2016 and he would be happy to address any further questions at a future Committee meeting.

Messrs. Hardy, Brooker, Pryce and Gavriel left the meeting at 20.36

*Members **AGREED** to reinstated Standing Orders and the normal agenda order was resumed.*

563/16 Interim Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 31st October 2016 (**IM/04/16**).

AGREED

Mrs Cumming left the meeting at 20.40

564/16 Planning Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on Monday 10th October 2016 (**PL/07/16**) and Monday 31st October 2016 (**PL/08/16**).

AGREED

Proposed by Cllr. Smith and seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council to invite all District and County Councillors to Committee meetings as appropriate.

Members **AGREED** the recommendation unanimously

565/16 Town Centre and Events Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Town Centre & Events Committee meeting held on Monday 17th October 2016 (TCE/04/16).

AGREED

566/16 Environment Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 24th October 2016 (E/2416).

AGREED

567/16 Resources Committee

RESOLVED to receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Resources Committee meeting held on Monday 7th November 2016 (R/04/16)

552/16 Members held a lengthy debated on the accuracy of the minutes. They **AGREED** the minutes did not reflect the acrimonious tone of the debate and **AGREED** to send the minutes back to the Chairman and Clerk for amendment.

ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK

**570/16 Special Motion – Cllr. Stuchbury
(Friends of Buckingham Library: Motion to Council)**

To propose that Buckingham Town Council become a friend of Buckingham library and agree a contribution to the library; to appoint a Member of the council to Friends of Buckingham library group to attend their meetings and report back to the Town Council.

Discussion of proposal has been supported by Cllrs. Bates, Harvey, Cole, O'Donoghue, Strain-Clark, Smith and Mahi.

Cllr. Stuchbury spoke to his motion above, speaking of the important role the library plays within Buckingham and emphasising that by supporting the library the Council work with them and be party to any future discussions.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Smith and **AGREED** to support the motion. Vote was taken and the results of the voting were:

10 votes in favour of the motion

0 votes against

2 abstaining votes

Motion carried.

Members **AGREED** to support Cllr. Smith as the Buckingham Town Council representative within the Friends of Buckingham Library group.

571/16 Mace Bearer

Barbara Farmer will have been Mace Bearer for 30 years in November 2017. Request for a budget to mark the occasion.

Cllr. Isham informed Members on the history of Mrs. Farmer's appointment and proposed that the Town Council recognises her long service with the award of a silver salver at the Mayor Making ceremony in 2017. [*Salver budget*]

Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue and **AGREED** unanimously to recognise Mrs. Farmer's long service to the town with the award of a silver salver at the Mayor Making ceremony in 2017.

Members asked for the Town Clerk to make suitable arrangements with the Events Coordinator.
ACTION TOWN CLERK

572/16 Future of Local Government in Buckinghamshire Consultation

To receive and discuss the District Council's Stakeholder Engagement Survey
Cllr. Smith referred to minute 454/16 of Full Council on the 3rd October 2016:

*"Proposal by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Harvey and **AGREED** that Members wait to receive all of the options from District, County Council and Bucks Business First before setting up a working group to respond.*

Members voted 11 in favour, 1 against and 3 abstentions"

Cllr. Smith proposed to move discussion of the agenda item into a workshop environment. Members **AGREED** to form a working group of the following councillors: Cllrs. Hirons, Stuchbury, Harvey, Isham, Newell, Bates and Smith. Town Clerk to arrange an appropriate date for the workshop.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

573/16 Working Together for Buckinghamshire Conference

To discuss and agree representation

Members **AGREED** to move discussion of the agenda item to the workshop – as discussed above.

Members **AGREED** for the Mayor and Town Clerk to attend the conference and feedback to Full Council.
ACTION TOWN CLERK

574/16 Action List

716/15 Community Centre Lease – Cllr. Smith asked the Town Clerk to chase Aylesbury Vale Estates for a response.
ACTION TOWN CLERK

444/16 Buckingham Partnership – Cllr. Smith asked for the wording of the action list to be amended to reflect the minutes. The Town Clerk explained that he had been in contact with the University but wait for a response. Cllr. Stuchbury stressed that the Town Council were keen to have a strong working relationship with the University but was concerned that perhaps there was some misconception of the Council's legal obligations to consider planning application. Members were in agreement that they welcomed any future discussions with the University that helped build on the relationship between the two organisations.

840/15 Chamber – Cllr. Cole complained about the cramped conditions in which the Town Council had to receive visitors to Committee. Cllrs. Cole and Smith suggested using the Sports and Community Centre at Lace Hill for any future committee meetings that are likely to attract a number of attendees.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

Members **AGREED** (on the Town Clerk's recommendation) the quotation for updating the entrance to the Town Council Chamber.
ACTION TOWN

CLERK

Cllr. Strain-Clark declared an interest as a Friend of Buckingham University.

575/16 To receive reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillor Stuchbury

Cllr. Stuchbury reported briefly on the unitary proposals that would shortly be reviewed by Full Council in AVDC.

County Councillor Stuchbury

Cllr. Stuchbury informed Members of the numerous meeting that he had recently attended regarding the Lace Hill development. He added that he would be attending a resident association meeting on the 8th December and would circulate action points to all Members.

Cllr. Stuchbury advised Members that he had been in consultation with the developers of the proposed Tingewick Road site and was confident that the new roundabout would be in place before construction of houses begins.

County Councillor Warren Whyte

Cllr. Whyte reported there was a flood alert on the River Ouse and at the Padbury Twins. He asked Members to feedback any anecdotes or photographs from the Buckingham floods in March 2016.

Cllr. Whyte informed Members there were 2300 signatures on the petition for a junction on the A421 at Thornborough and he hoped that there would be provision in the 2017/18 budget.

576/16 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Members are asked to note the reports listed below:

576.1 Aylesbury Vale Association of Local Councils 6th September 2016

Noted

576.2 Buckingham & Maids Moreton Neighbourhood Action Group

Noted

It was therefore agreed by all present that Buckingham & Maids Moreton Neighbourhood Action Group be wound-up. It was further agreed that the Annual Public Meeting not now take place and that Cllr Bloomfield cancel the provisional booking at Buckingham Community Centre; and that any residual funds be transferred to the Buckingham Activities Group.

576.3

Access for All meeting minutes 10/10/16

Noted

577/16 Mayoral Engagements

To receive a list of events attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Functions the Mayor has attended:

11/10/16 - Lord-Lieutenant's Awards Ceremony in Aylesbury

14/10/16 - Democracy week at Buckingham School

15/10/16 - Open the Charter Fair

16/10/16 - High Sheriff's Justice Service at Waddesdon

24/10/16 - VIP line-up to welcome The Duke of York to Buckingham

28/10/16 - Visit Slade Indoor Bowling Club

05/11/16 - Present 'Trader of the Year Awards' in Buckingham

05/11/16 - Judge 'best craved pumpkin' outside the Gaol.

05/11/16 - Open the Bonfire & Fireworks event

10/11/16 - Attend the Royal Latin School Remembrance Service

11/11/16 - Open the BAFA art exhibition at the Community Centre

13/11/16 - Remembrance Day Parade

Functions the Deputy Mayor has attended:

7-9/10/16 Neukirken Vlyn Twinning Celebration, Germany

13/10/16 Welcome to new Bishop of Oxford, High Wycombe

28/10/16 Opening of Slade Bowling Club
11/11/16 War Memorial Service
11/11/16 Opening of BAFA exhibition
13/11/16 Remembrance Parade

578/16 News Releases

Members **AGREED** the following press releases:

Lace Hill Health/Employment Site – Issue a statement on the developer’s aspirations for the site. Three planning applications will be considered by the Town Council in due course.

Buckingham Transport Strategy – Issue a statement explaining that the Town Council have considered the strategy and will be robustly feeding back their comments into the consultation. Members are to encourage residents of Buckingham to read the consultation and feedback appropriately.

579/16 Chair’s Announcements

There were none.

580/16 Date of the next meeting:

Interim Council - Monday 19th December 2016

Precept - Monday 9th January 2017

Full Council - Monday 23rd January 2017

Meeting closed at: 21.33

Signed Date

Town Mayor

