

Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

**Present:**

Cllr. T. Bloomfield	
Cllr. M. Cole	Deputy Mayor
Cllr. Mrs. G. Collins	
Cllr. P. Collins	
Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley	
Cllr. J. Harvey	Mayor
Cllr. P. Hirons	
Cllr. D. Isham	
Cllr. A. Mahi	
Cllr. H. Mordue	
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	

<b>In attendance:</b> Mrs. K. McElligott	Planning Clerk
Mrs. N. Stockill	Committee Clerk
Cllr. W. Whyte	County Councillor
Cllr. C. Clare	County Councillor
Cllr. P. Hardcastle	Maids Moreton Parish Councillor
Cllr. M. Burn	Maids Moreton Parish Councillor
Cllr. C. McCall	Maids Moreton Parish Councillor

**263/18 Apologies for Absence**

**RESOLVED** to note there were apologies from District Councillor Mills.

**264/18 Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4. Cllr Harvey declared a personal interest in item 15 as a near neighbour to the development.

**265/18 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and recommendations therein of the Full Council Meetings held on:

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (ASM)  
**AGREED**
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
(152/17) Members **AGREED** to amend the final sentence to read: "Other Councillors felt that the speeches need not be verbatim, and that a summary including mention of thanks was acceptable." Cllr. Stuchbury called to move to the next item business **AGREED**.

**266/18 Interim Minutes**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018  
**AGREED**

**267/18 Planning Committee**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and recommendations therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on:

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

Cllr. Stuchbury proposed a Recommendation to Council, seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue (and agreed unanimously) that a Judicial Review should be pursued by the Council if required, working with the developers of the Lace Hill Care Home.

16/0302/APP - Cllr. Cole explained that a call in had been requested and the Secretary of State was satisfied that although it was of local concern the decision did not warrant a call in. The Interim Town Clerk was obtaining advice from Junior Counsel on whether Buckingham Town Council should pursue the matter. A vote was taken on the recommendation and the results were:

In favour: 15

Abstentions: 2

Motion carried.

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

**AGREED**

**268/18 Town Centre and Events Committee**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and recommendations therein of the Town Centre and Events Committee meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

To recommend to Full Council that all Members consider the Event Ownership spreadsheet and inform the Events Coordinator if they wish to lead or deputise at any of the forthcoming events.

**AGREED**

**269/18 Environment Committee**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and recommendations therein of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Proposed by Cllr. P. Collins, seconded Cllr Harvey and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council That the Council agrees to arrange a public works loans board loan for £47,413 for the cost of the photovoltaic panels and their installation.

216/18 (Photovoltaic Panels) Cllr. P. Collins felt the minute was inaccurate and the following amendment was **AGREED**: "Members **AGREED** for the Town Clerk to submit a revised Business Case to Full Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018."

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

**270/18 Resources Committee**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes and recommendations therein of the Resources Committee meetings held on:

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Members **RECOMMEND** Cllr. Harvey's motion for agreement by Full Council and further **RECOMMEND** that Councillors consider attending any appropriate and available courses.

**AGREED**

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**AGREED**

Members AGREED to suspend Standing Order and take agenda item 15 (16/00151/AOP – Land off Walnut Drive and Foscoote Road, Maids Moreton) next for the benefit of Maids Moreton Parish Councillors present.

**271/18 MAJOR APPLICATION – NOT IN OUR PARISH 16/00151/AOP – AMENDED AND ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS**

Land off Walnut Drive and Foscoote Road, Maids Moreton

Outline application with all matters reserved except access for up to 170 dwellings, public open space and associated infrastructure

Additional document: Highways Technical note [this was accessible in June but without any of the necessary drawings, which have been added recently]

Amended plans

- 1158-01 Proposed Mini-roundabout Main Street/Walnut Drive
- 1158-02 Potential Highway Improvements
- 1158-F07 Potential Traffic Calming Works to College Road/Church Street
- 1158-F08 Proposed A422 Stratford Road Improvements
- 1158-F09 Potential College Road Improvements

It was noted that of the 498 documents listed, over 400 of these were ‘Oppose’ comments, almost half of which had been posted since 1st August in response to the new documents.

Members reiterated their previous opposition to the mini-roundabout on Main Street – and the No Parking in its vicinity which would affect the customers of the forge and the pub and users of the Village Hall. There was still no footway, or possibility of one, east of Walnut Drive as far as The Pightle, so bus passengers would have to walk in the carriageway.

The description of the likely peak hour increase in queuing to turn on to the A422 by College Farm (10-18 vehicles) as ‘moderate’ was unrealistic and would cause motorists to divert either via the Moreton Road and the already over-capacity Old Gaol junction, or – possibly even worse – via the gated and unfenced road via Foscoote. Tailbacks on the A422 already could reach as far as the Lodge at the Foscoote turn and Members could not see how changing the colour of the road surface would aid traffic proceeding in any direction.

The narrowing of the Foscoote Road and Mill Lane carriageways with ‘Give Way to Oncoming Traffic’ signs found no support, nor the remodelling of the junction at the corner by the Church. A 2m footway along the Hall wall would eat into the already narrow carriageway. There seemed to be no proposal to light the Foscoote Road after the Manor Park junction, though at least the new footway would be continuous unlike the alternative access via Main Street.

In general, the Town Council opposes the application; it extends the envelope of Maids Moreton, increases the population by 2/3 most of whom will out-commute and thus not enhance ‘placemaking’ and village life; they will depend on Buckingham for virtually all their support needs – medical, cultural and educational – and exert pressure on overstrained traffic capacity and parking. The District has an adequate housing land supply without needing this field, in places with employment and transport provision.

Members voted to continue to OPPOSE & ATTEND.

**272/18 To receive and question reports from District and County Councillors  
Cllr. Clare**

HS2 Community & Environment Fund – Cllr. Clare reported that Buckingham could be eligible for two funding sources for local communities to help with the disruption that will be caused by the construction of Phase one of HS2.

Roundabouts – Cllr. Clare apologised for the recent traffic disruptions caused by construction of the new Tingewick Road roundabout. The contractor were under pressure to complete as much of the roundabout as possible during the summer break and the incorrect use of traffic lights. Cllr. Clare is meeting with the Developers on a fortnightly basis and assured Members there would not be repeat of last week's traffic chaos. Work will reconvene on the roundabout but Cllr Clare confirmed that the traffic lights will only be used for plant vehicle crossing and not during rush hour traffic.

Cllr. Mahi asked if Cllr. Clare was pursuing any Highways alterations to the Tesco roundabout. Cllr. Clare was in touch with the relevant Highway Officer and would feedback to the town Council as soon as there was anything to report.

#### **District Cllr. Stuchbury**

Cllr. Stuchbury was involved in an audit review of the independent report on AVBroadband.

Cornwall Meadows Toilets – Cllr Stuchbury had received a number of complaints regarding the condition of the public toilets and had placed an agenda item on the next meeting of the environment Committee to discuss and agree a way forward.

#### **District Cllr Mordue**

AVDC Customer Service Statistics– Within June 2018 AVDC handled 1200 calls with an average response time of 2.42 seconds; webchat handled 1625 calls with an average wait time of 45 sec and resolved within 8 mins.

#### **County Cllr. Whyte**

Environment Agency – Cllr. Whyte had met with the Environment Agency at the National Centre for Fisheries and informed the EA on how they could better respond to all three tiers of councils.

Transport for Bucks – The summer programme of work was under way across Buckinghamshire.

Phase II Cycleway linking London Road to Stratford Fields is underway and making successful progress.

Rural Buckingham Bus Service (BART) – Cllr. Whyte encouraged Members to promote the scheme and ask for volunteer drivers.

20mph speed limits – Cllr. Whyte stated that he was generally in support of 20mph zones outside of schools but was aware there was no County Council dedicated funding scheme for changes to speed limits.

Town Council Opening Ceremonies – Cllr. Whyte asked for a standard invitation to all future opening ceremonies of the Town Council.

*Members of the public left the chamber.*

#### **273/18 Action List**

**Noted**

#### **274/18 Motion – Cllr. Harvey**

For the Council and its officers, it is vital that all skills are refreshed on a regular basis. Whilst the Council Officers have had relevant training & development in recent times, very few councillors have, and some none at all over many years. As we move into a period of significant change with unitarisation looming and a new Town Clerk (among other matters), we resolve to ask every committee to consider what collective training & development its committee members need and report back to Full Council over the

coming weeks. The motion was proposed by Cllr. Harvey and seconded by Cllr. Newell. A vote was taken and the results were:

In favour: 14  
Abstentions: 3  
Motion carried

## **ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK**

### **275/18 Motion – Cllr. Harvey**

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey and seconded by Cllr. Isham that this Council resolves to continue the practice of producing minutes that are accurate, legal and which provide a reasonably fulsome record of all the decisions made and the debate running up to such resolutions, combined with the occasional exercise of discretion to allow speeches of thanks, praise and appreciation to be appended.

Cllr. Strain-Clark proposed the following amendment “This Council resolves...reasonably **concise** record of all the decisions..” This was accepted by the proposer and seconder and became the substantive motion.

Cllr. P Collins proposed the following amendment “that this Council resolves to continue the practice of producing minutes that are accurate, legal and which provide a reasonably concise record of all the decisions made and the debate running up to such resolutions, combined with the occasional exercise of discretion to allow mention of thanks, praise and appreciation to be appended.”

Cllr. Stuchbury criticised the practice of creating policy without it having gone through a Committee first. Cllr. Stuchbury called for the item to be referred to Resources Committee and for Members to move onto the next item of business. A vote was taken and the results were: In favour: 10 Against: 5 Abstentions: 2 Motion carried

### **276/18 Motion – Cllr. Stuchbury**

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury and seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue to ascertain Buckingham Town Council opinion on 20 mph speed limits.

A) I propose that Members discuss a policy to support 20 mph speed Limits out side of schools and other similar sections of highway.

B) Once agreed by councillors the policy is to be incorporated, where appropriate, into the refresh of the Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan.

C) If a policy is agreed then the council publicise the sensible and appropriate use of 20mph speed limits in Buckingham and lobby authorities to adopt a similar approach.

Members were in general agreement with the spirit of the motion but acknowledged a 20mph speed zone would be problematic to enforce. Cllr. Stuchbury said the enforcement difficulties were known but the Town Council should still make a statement to inform decision makers with the responsibility for Highways. Cllr. Stuchbury asked for a recorded vote.

In favour: Cllrs. Newell, Strain-Clark, Smith, O'Donoghue, Cole, Bloomfield, Stuchbury, Harvey and Gateley. 9

Against: Cllrs. Hirons, Isham and Try. 3

Abstentions: Cllrs. Mordue, P. Collins, Ralph, Mahi and G. Collins. 5

Motion carried

### **277/18 MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATION – ADDITIONAL PLANS 17/04668/ADP**

Land north of A421 Tingewick Road [actually Land north of A421 and both sides of Tingewick Road]

Approval of the details of the external appearance of the buildings, the landscaping of the site, layout and scale for each phase or part of the development together with discharge of conditions 2 (phasing) and 6 (design code)

Additional documents:

- s278 Agreement
- bypass roundabout white lining and signage drawings
- Environment Impact Assessment Statement of Conformity
- Rights of Way Officer comments
- Crime Prevention Design Advisor comments

And, listed and advised separately,  
15/1242/AOP

Land south of the A421 Tingewick Road [actually land south of the A421]

Application for Outline Permission with access to provide Allotments, Cemetery, Associated Buildings, Landscaping, New Vehicular and Pedestrian Access, Engineering (including Ground Modelling) Works, Infrastructure Works (including Drainage Works and utilities Provision), Demolition, Car Parking and Lighting

BDW North Thames

- Additional document: Construction Method Statement and Traffic Management Plan incorporating Construction Environmental Management Plan

Though the new Design Code was an improvement, it was inconsistent inasmuch as it referenced various street scenes in Buckingham and then failed to use them as models; there was still no indication of familiarity with the Vision & Design Statement. There was little difference in materials between the various 'character areas' and almost no landmarks where visitors could get their bearings. A photograph from the site towards the Church would be of advantage to see if the 'view corridors' were practicable, given the contours of the land and intervening trees.

Members particularly noted that not all roads would be adopted, leaving their maintenance to the management company and cost to residents, and the block paving at busy road junctions would not survive well. There was no guarantee of the 20mph speed limit stated to be necessary to keep the paving intact. The access road had been reduced in width yet again.

The very short response time was criticised; this is a large development, with developers seemingly immune to the critical comments of consultees, and required thought and consideration to achieve a worthwhile result.

Ward Members and BTC would be meeting the developers on 22nd August, and attempting to resolve some of the difficulties. The Case Officer was asked to wait for the results of this meeting before progressing this application.

Members saw no reason to change their response of OPPOSE & ATTEND.

## **278/18 Licensing Policy Review 2019-22**

To receive and discuss AVDC Licensing Policy Review 2019-22

Proposed by Cllr. P. Collins and seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue to oppose the growth of gambling shops within Buckingham Town Centre.

Cllr. Stuchbury proposed the following amendment which was seconded by Cllr. Hirons: "to oppose any increase in the number of gambling shops within Buckingham Town Centre."

A vote was taken and the results were:

In favour unanimous.

**279/18 Financial Risk Assessment**

To review and approve the Financial Risk Assessment (*min 128/18 refers*)

**AGREED**

**280/18 University of Buckingham opening of the Vinson Building**

To receive and discuss a request for publicity material from the University's Head of Development Services.

Proposed by Cllr. Hirons, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury and unanimously **AGREED** to remit the item to the next TC&E committee. **ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK**

**281/18 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Members are asked to note the reports listed below:

281.1/18 Access for All 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Noted**

281.2/18 Access for All 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Noted**

281.3/18 Lace Hill Health Hub Development Focus Group 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Members discussed and **AGREED** for Cllr. Try to enquire (on behalf of the Town Council) as to whether to Focus Group require a formal Town Council representative and report back at Full Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018. **ACTION CLLR TRY**

**282/18 Mayoral Engagements**

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

Functions the Mayor has attended:

Thu 21 Jun Buckingham Primary School - Art Exhibition

Thu 21 June Young Enterprise Regional Event

Tue 10 Jul Bourton Road Allotments Association judging awards

Tue 10 July Buckingham School Sports Presentation Evening

Wed 11 Jul Bourton Meadow Teacher Graduation.

Thu 12 Jul Prize Giving at Purbrook Park School (Portsmouth)

Mon 16 Jul Lace Hill Steps Opening Ceremony.

Mon 16 July Rotary Lunch.

Tue 17 Jul Mr Andrew McGinnes, Head Teacher, Buckingham School: meeting

Thu 19 Jul RLS/Buckingham School Youth Project (Fringe)

Fri 20 Jul Mary's Meals Backpacks (Rotary Club) at Buckingham Primary School

Fri 20 July Age Concern & Buckingham Primary School get together

Fri 20 July Summer Quiz (Fringe).

Sat 21 Jul Picnic in the Park - Hamilton House.

Sat 21 July Family camp out day (Fringe)

Wed 25 Jul Pontio Group (first meeting).

Wed 25 July UoB Medical School Charity Concert.

Wed 8 Aug Unveiling of Silent Soldier

Sat 11 Aug PK Kids Zone - Charity Event.

Mon 13 Aug Thames Valley Partnership visit

Mon 13 Aug Opening of Bourton Park otter statues

**Noted**

Functions the Deputy Mayor has attended:

Wed 8 Aug Unveiling of Silent Soldier

**Noted**

**283/18 Chair's Announcements**

180813 Full Council Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 Draft minutes

*EQUALITIES ACT 2010/CRIME AND DISORDER ACT, 1988: the decisions made during the course of the meeting were duly considered and it was decided that there were no resulting direct or indirect implications in respect of crime and disorder, racial equality or diversity.*

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Cllr. Harvey explained that unfortunately the Interim Town Clerk had been held up in traffic and missed the evening's meeting.

**284/18      Date of the next meeting:**  
Interim Council – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Full Council - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

Meeting closed at: 9.46pm

Signed ..... Date .....

Town Mayor

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