

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 18 February 2019** in the Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham at 7pm.

Present:

Cllr. P. Collins	
Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley	Chair
Cllr. J. Harvey	Town Mayor
Cllr. P. Hirons	
Cllr. D. Isham	
Cllr. A. Mahi	
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell	Vice-Chair
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. A. Ralph	
Cllr. M. Smith	
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	

In attendance: Mr. L. Phillips Green Spaces Manager
Mr P Hodson Town Clerk
Ms C Molyneux Deputy Town Clerk

730/18 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

731/18 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs. Newell, P. Collins and Hirons declared an interest in agenda item 9 (Defibrillator Units in town) as members of the AED project.

732/18 Minutes

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

733/18 Action Reports

Members received the report and noted the updated information.

Parent and child bays – Members were unhappy that they had nothing in writing from AVDC but noted that AVDC are arranging a parking review which will consider this.

Finger posts – The Estates Manager is awaiting costs for the installation of the final finger post at the Cattle Pens.

Benches - The Estates Manager reported that the bench on Cornwall's Meadow had been replaced and he had had no reply from the Royal British Legion. Members **AGREED** to remove the action from future reports.

Bowls club - Members **AGREED** to remove the action from future reports.

Grenville Garages – The Estates Manager reported that the garages were used for needed storage of barriers and signage. The rental cost is £600 a year.

Rights of Way – The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that evidence gathering was still ongoing and numerous evidence forms had been received.

Bourton Park – Members expressed a wish that the possibility of toilets in Bourton Park be investigated as part of the Bourton Park masterplan.

AGREED for the Bourton Park masterplan.

734/18 **Budgets**

Members received the latest figures and **AGREED** transfer of any unspent budget into reserves

Members discussed and **AGREED** that the Town Clerk would produce a report exploring options for the management of the Tingewick Triangle once developed.
ACTION TOWN CLERK

735/18 **River Wardens**

The Estates Manger reported a £6,500 grant had been secured from the LAF to fund the River Warden scheme. He explained that there would be a further meeting of the interested parties. It was also noted that 8,000 Chub had been released into the river. It is hoped they will eat the baby American crayfish.

736/18 **Access Awareness**

Cllr Strain-Clark reported that a request for toilets in Bourton Park and the future of Lace Hill Medical Centre had been raised at the previous Access for All meeting. Cllr Isham asked for help with promotion to attract new, ideally younger members for the group.

737/18 **Town Centre Audit (575/18)**

The Town Clerk reminded Members that funding for approximately 8 days of work to address minor highway defects had been secured from the County Council. A meeting will be held with the Local Area Technician to review the items identified by Councillors during the Fix my Street exercise and to compile a work programme. Cllr Harvey argued that the event had been rushed and suggested that a further audit be arranged for later in the year. **AGREED** The Town Clerk to prepare a short report on what we have achieved and how a second audit could be conducted and bring it back to this committee.
ACTION TOWN CLERK

AGREED to provide a press release when the work has been completed

ACTION TOWN CLERK

738/18 **Defibrillator Units in town**

Members received a written report from the Town Clerk recommending that the Town Council take on responsibility for maintaining and replacing six Automated External Defibrillators units (AEDs). Cllr. Collins raised concerns about taking responsibility for AEDs that were not on council buildings. Cllr. Harvey requested more information about the effectiveness of AEDs and clarification on the Council's liabilities.

An amendment to the recommendation was proposed by Cllr. P. Collins and seconded by Cllr. Strain-Clark that the Council takes on responsibility for the

AED units on the walls of the Lace Hill and Buckingham Community Centres.
There was a vote and the results were:

In favour: 8

Against: 3

Abstention: 1

Motion carried

The recommendation as amended was proposed by Cllr. Gateley, seconded by Cllr. Strain-Clark and **AGREED**: That subject to due diligence, the Council takes on responsibility for the AED units on the walls of the Lace Hill and Buckingham Community Centres.

There was a further vote

In favour: 10

Against: 1

Abstention: 1

Motion carried

ACTION TOWN CLERK

739/18 Lace Hill Medical Centre

Members were updated by the Town Clerk that a date for a public meeting had been arranged in March 2019 but there had been correspondence from the Practice Manager asking for the date to be put back.

Proposed by Cllr. Mahi and seconded by Cllr. Collins to postpone the meeting to a later date.

There was a vote:

In favour: 10

Against: 1

Abstention: 0

Motion carried

740/18 Cemetery Space expansion

Members received a written report from the Estates Manager and **AGREED** the report recommendation to plant a new 20m section of hedge following the new footpath and the installation of a new 24m section of Tarmacadam footpath. That the office investigates the possibility of using the remaining area for ashes interments with a memorial tree. Members **AGREED** for an update report to be brought back to a future committee.

ACTION ESTATES MANAGER

741/18 Buckingham United request to install railings and block built dugouts

Members received a proposal from Buckingham United to install team shelters and a spectator rail to the pitch at Lace Hill.

Proposed by Cllr. O'Donoghue, seconded by Cllr. Newell and unanimously **AGREED** to thank Buckingham United for their proposal and request that the Estates Manager investigate further and bring a report back to a future meeting of Environment Committee.

ACTION ESTATES MANAGER

742/18 Lace Hill Residents Association request for a litter bin

Members received a verbal report from the Estates Manager that some residents on Lace Hill had requested a litter bin near Lidl. Members discussed

and **AGREED** for the Estates Manager to investigate with AVDC and refer the item to Planning Committee for consideration **ACTION ESTATES MANAGER**

743/18 Hire contract for new Vehicle

Members received a written report from the Estates Manager and **AGREED** the report recommendation to proceed with the 36-month Hire Agreement with Company D – Evans Halshaw - with funds being used from the 2019/20 budget heading Vehicle Hire and Running (203/4063).

That the Council retains the current Cabstar tipper vehicle as this now has a low re-sale value, until such a time as repair costs become prohibitive.

744/18 Buckingham Community Wildlife Project

Cllr. Newell updated members that the Railway Walk Society had been working on butterfly conservation and chasing up right of way forms. Flowers had been planted in Bourton park and the Tree Wardens had been out planting trees. The Buckingham Society were collating information about their members’ favourite trees. The Canal Society were working to pull back non-invasive reeds to the bank and are hosting a wine and cheese social on the 3rd March at 7pm.

745/18 Chair’s Announcements

Members discussed and **AGREED** for Cllr. Gateley to represent the Council at a further meeting on the Homelessness agenda at AVDC on the 18th March 2019.

746/18 Press Releases

To provide a press release on the provision of additional plots in the current cemetery, noting that this is necessary because of the delay in permission being agreed for the new cemetery.

746/18 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 8th April.

Meeting closed at: 20:52hrs

Chair..... Date.....