

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 21st May 2004
AT BUCKINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE.

PRESENT

Councillors J. Barnett
P. Collins
Mrs. P. Desorgher
D. Isham
G. Loftus
H. Mordue
Ms. R. Newell
Mrs. H. Saul
Mrs. P. Stevens
Mrs. C. Strain-Clark
P. Strain-Clark
R. Stuchbury (The Mayor)
Town Clerk Ms. P. Heath
In Attendance Cllr. H. Cadd as Chairman of AVDC
Guests of Buckingham Town Council and Cllr. R. Stuchbury

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. R. Lehmann, and Cllr. K. Liverseidge. The meeting was also informed of the following apologies received from the Guests of Buckingham Town Council: - Sir Nigel Mobbs, Lord Lieutenant; Mr. P. Phillips, High Sheriff; Mr. J. Bercow, MP for Buckingham; Mayor of Aylesbury; Mayor of Banbury; Mayor of Olney; Mayor of Wendover; Mr. C. Williams, Bucks County Council; Mr. P. Lawrence, Mr. R. Pushman, Chairman and Former Chairman of BCC; and Mr. D. Shakespeare, Leader of BCC.

TOWN MAYOR'S WELCOME

Councillor R. Stuchbury welcomed all the guests to the Annual Statutory Meeting generally referred to as the Mayor Making Ceremony.

Cllr. G. Loftus as senior Councillor took the Chair for the Election and appointment of the Mayor

ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR

Proposed by Cllr. H. Saul, seconded by Cllr. D. Isham, and **RESOLVED** that the Mayor of Buckingham and Chairman of Buckingham Town Council shall be Cllr. R. Stuchbury. In their speeches Councillors Saul and Isham spoke about Cllr. Stuchbury's passion and love of Buckingham and his dedication to highlighting the profile of the town, to the extent of a two page article in the "Farmers Weekly" and "the White Stuff".

THE ROBINING OF THE MAYOR

The Mayor was robed by Cllr Loftus; Cllr Mordue read the history of each item.

TOWN MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF OFFICE

The Mayor read and signed the declaration of office witnessed by the Proper Officer of the Council – the Town Clerk, Ms. P. J. Heath.

Cllr. R. Stuchbury as the Chairman of the Council took over as Chairman of the meeting.

TOWN MAYOR'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

Cllr. R. Stuchbury thanked the Council for their support and in particular Councillors Saul and Isham for proposing and seconding him as Mayor for another year. The Mayor also thanked the staff for their hard work and he was pleased the Town Clerk had been able to attend despite her illness. Cllr. Stuchbury warmly thanked his wife, two boys, family and friends, for all their support and for providing the reception.

During his previous year of office many events had stuck in his mind, a visit to his former school, the awarding of the Quality Parish Status to the Council, the Music Festival and his own charity birthday party; he thanked Buckingham Acoustic Club for their help and for allowing him to sing. In the forthcoming year even more delights await with the Music Festival on 30th May when he would again sing, the opening of the new toilets in Moreton Road and working closely with AVDC and BCC to improve facilities for the residents of Buckingham, and also taking on the full maintenance of all the parks.

The Mace was presented by Cllr. Loftus and the history read by Cllr. Mordue.

NOMINATION BY THE TOWN MAYOR OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor nominated Cllr. P. Collins as the Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year and presented the badge of office. The Mayor thanked Cllr. P. Desorgher who had been his deputy in the preceding year.

NOMINATION BY THE TOWN MAYOR OF THE MAYORESS

The Mayor nominated his wife Claire Stuchbury as Mayoress and presented the badge of office; the Mayor also presented badges to his two sons.

PRESENTATION OF CHEQUES FROM THE MAYOR'S CHARITY

The Mayor presented a cheque to Buckingham Hospital League of Friends. The other recipients - Childline - were unable to be present as the evening clashed with a major fundraising event.

TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor had no formal announcements and hoped that everyone would enjoy the remaining part of the evening, the Mayor's Reception.

CHAIRMAN DATE