

**MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
7TH MARCH 2005 AT BUCKINGHAM COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 7PM**

<u>PRESENT</u>	Councillor	J. Barnett H. Cadd P. Collins Mrs. P. Desorgher D. Isham R. Lehmann H. Lewis H. Mordue Ms. R. Newell Mrs. H. Saul Mrs. P. Stevens Mrs. C. Strain-Clark P. Strain-Clark R. Stuchbury	(Mayor)
	Town Clerk	Ms P. J. Heath	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor G. Loftus.

2557 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

2558 THE MINUTES OF BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

Proposed seconded and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2005, the Precept meeting on 24th February 2005 and Interim meeting held on 14th February 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2559 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS PER ATTACHED LIST

NEWSLETTERS/BROCHURES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE

NALC – LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW ISSUE MARCH 2005

BPFA – THE PLAYING FIELD ISSUE WINTER 2004/05

COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY – THE COUNTRYSIDE IN AND AROUND TOWNS

ODPM – VIBRANT LOCAL LEADERSHIP

ODPM – CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES: WHY NEIGHBOURHOODS MATTER

BTCV – INSPIRING PEOPLE IMPROVING PLACES

BCC – YOUR GUIDE TO ROAD SAFETY IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

BALC – MATTERS ARISING ISSUE NO 11

INVITATIONS AND NOTICES OF DIARY DATES (COPIES OF NOTICES ALREADY DISTRIBUTED)

4TH MARCH – COMMUNITY LIFE WORKSHOP –BCA

18TH MARCH 2005 - SEEDA RURAL TOWNS PROGRAMME LAUNCH

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ISSUE NUMBER 599

NEW LICENCES/TRANSFER OF LICENCES

THE LITTLE CHEF – TO CARL LENTON FROM GRAEME PRICE

TESCO EXPRESS – TO REBECCA O’CONNELL FROM GRAHAM CHAPMAN, DAVID KING

PREGO – TO ANDREW HINSLEY, SIMON CHAPMAN, CHRISTOPHER FOX

2560 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES/NOTES AND ADOPT ANY RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED THEREIN

2560.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE - 24/01/05 &14/02/05

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** that the above minutes, and any recommendations contained within, be confirmed.

2560.2 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - 07/02/05

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** that the above minutes, and any recommendations contained within, be confirmed.

2560.3 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY COMMITTEE - 31/01/05

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** that the above minutes, and any recommendations contained within, be confirmed.

(90.1 Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and RECOMMENDED that the Council joins the Cemetery Managers Liaison Group a networking and support group for those officers and departments directly dealing with Cemetery Management.)

AGREED the £100 cost of membership

2560.4 EVENTS COMMITTEE - 21/02/05

It was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED** that the above minutes, and any recommendations contained within, be confirmed.

(96.1 Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Lehmann, and RECOMMENDED that this Council oversee the Boules Tournament, delegating the organisation to the Twinning Association.)

AGREED Members confirmed the Council will accept the insurance implications of the event.

2560.5 NOTES RE LEISURE GROUP - 02/02/05

Members discussed recommendation number 1 which was being placed before the Council; recommendations 2 & 3 would be placed before the E & P Committee.

It was agreed that the following Members would assist in the recording of leisure facilities as per the notes.

Cllr. D. Isham -	Skate Park – Bridge Street
Cllr. H. Mordue -	Bourton Park
Cllr. P. Stevens -	Chandos Park
Cllr. P. Strain-Clark -	Ken Tagg Play Area, Meadway
Cllr. H. Saul -	Bourton Park with Cllr Mordue
Cllr H. Lewis -	Overn Crescent

2561 CORRESPONDENCE PER ATTACHED LIST, FOR INFORMATION AND FOR ACTION

ODPM FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000
AVDC LICENSING ACT 2003
BCC OBSTRUCTION OF VEHICULAR ACCESS TO NO 14 WELL STREET
ED GRIMSDALE WELL STREET VEHICULAR ACCESS

Members discussed the suggestions made by the County Council officer to alleviate the problems of parking in Well Street. Although members appreciated the problems experienced by number 14 Well Street the County Council's scheme would, in their opinion, exacerbate an already difficult parking problem for local residents. Members requested that BCC improve the signage at no 14 indicating that this was an entrance and to be kept clear.

AVDC NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER OF OPEN SPACE, HILLTOP AVENUE
NALC QUALITY PARISHES INVESTMENT FUND
AVDC LICENSING REFORM
TV POLICE CRIME FIGURES (CONFIDENTIAL)
AVDC PARISH REVIEW

Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr. C. Strain-Clark, seconded by Cllr. H. Lewis, and **RESOLVED** by 11 votes to 0 that the increase to 17 Councillors should take effect from May 2007 election.

AVDC QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL'S CHARTER
BCC TRADING STANDARDS THANK YOU
DEFRA LETTER FROM MR MICHAELS MINISTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS
BCC CHANDOS ROAD CONSULTATION

It was **AGREED** that this be placed on the planning agenda for discussion and decision as the deadline was 18th March 2005.

ED GRIMSDALE MINUTES ACCESS FOR ALL
NALC ANNUAL CONFERENCE 23 – 25 SEPTEMBER 2005

Proposed and **AGREED** that Cllr. Mordue should attend the 2005 NALC conference and that a budget of £200 be allowed for the hotel.

THE STANDARDS BOARD CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW

It was **AGREED** to delegate the formulating of a response to the Chairman's Strategy Group.

BCC NATIONAL BYWAYS AND CYCLE LOOPS
SLCC LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS CONFERENCE 12/13 MAY
BCC SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

It was agreed that Cllr. Stevens and Cllr. Stuchbury would attend the speed limit review on 1st April; Cllr. Cadd would be attending as the District Council representative.

2562 REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

2562.1 Buckingham Community Wildlife Project

Members received the minutes of the Buckingham Community Wildlife project dated 11th February 2005.

2562.2 Buckingham General Charities – representatives

Members **AGREED** that Cllr. Isham and Cllr. Newell, who had expressed willingness, continue as the Town Council's representatives on the Buckingham General Charities.

2562.3 Youngsters Cinema

Members received the minutes of the Youth Cinema group dated 7th February and 28th February 2005. Cllr. Stuchbury explained the current position concerning the cinema

project and in particular the role of the University; this was being established in conjunction with the Buckingham Centre for the Arts main cinema project. There was some concern that it had been reported that the university would be charging £100 a time for the use of the equipment that will be purchased by the Buckingham Centre for the Arts Group. Neither representative was able to confirm the exact funding set up once the projects were in full use but would keep Members informed as they were unaware of the quoted £100 fee.

2562.4 Buckingham Twinning Association

Members received the minutes of the Twinning Association dated 2nd February and 2nd March 2005. All Councillors were urged to support the events run by the Twinning Association and in particular the annual visit on 4th – 6th November.

2562.5 Bourton Meadow School

Cllr. Stuchbury as the Minor Authority Governor reported on concerns he had over the financing and the management of the Bourton Centre. As a governor he is aware that the school intend using the Bourton Centre for the 3-year-old classes. The Bourton Centre was built as a community facility and not as an extension to the school facilities. Members expressed concern and asked the County Councillor to investigate; Cllr. Cadd agreed.

ACTION CLLR. CADD

2562.6 Buckingham Community Plan Working Group – Cllr. Barnett

Cllr. Barnett asked that the title be changed to the Buckingham Community Plan Steering Group. Over 30 people are now involved with the Steering Group and its Committees. It is intended that a public meeting will be held in June and with a newsletter being delivered around the same time.

2562.7 Buckingham Community Centre

Cllr. P. Strain-Clark as the Town Council representative reported that the Community Centre AGM would be held on Thursday 17th March at 7.30 pm; all Councillors were asked to attend.

2563 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Proposed seconded and **RESOLVED** that invoices per attached list are approved for payment

2564 RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL ACCOUNTS PAID

Proposed seconded and **RESOLVED** that the payments per attached list be ratified.

A question was asked in respect of the invoicing for the refurbishment of Moreton Road Toilets: the Clerk confirmed that no invoice from AVDC had been received although it is understood they had paid an amount to the contractors.

2565 REPORT AND DISCUSS THE ADMINISTRATION, DOCUMENTATION AND PROCEDURES AS A BURIAL AUTHORITY

Cllr. Mordue informed Members that since the taking over as the Burial Authority we have dealt with 11 burials, an average of 2 a week. The Town Clerk and the Contractors were thanked for all their work ensuring the smooth running of the Cemetery despite being given such short notice. Members discussed the legal documents required for the management of the Cemetery; these include the Burial Register, the Grave Register, Purchases Register and the Maps. Unfortunately not all the paperwork has been received yet from AVDC causing some temporary difficulties. Cllr. Mordue and the Clerk reported on the Cemetery Managers Liaison Group meeting they had attended in Rugby.

2566 COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr. H. Lewis informed members that the new budget for AVDC financial year 2005/2006 had been approved showing a 9.2% rise in the Council Tax.

Cllr. Cadd and Cllr. Isham spoke on the forthcoming speed review which deals with Gawcott Fields; both Councillors expressed support for the lowering of the speed limit in that area to 30 mph.

2567 MAYOR'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION.

Brookfield Lane and the development at Grenville Cottage

The Mayor explained that he had received a letter from a resident expressing concern over the works traffic at the Grenville Cottage site. They had written to Bucks. C. C. but had not received a reply. Members had also noted the comments made at the public session earlier in the evening.

It was **AGREED** to establish what if any conditions County and District Councils had placed on the developer; Cllr. Cadd as a County Councillor would obtain information and establish why no response had been sent to the complainant.

ACTION CLLR. CADD

The following item will be heard under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960 which excludes members of the Public due to the confidential and financial nature of the business to be discussed

2568 RECEIVE FOR APPROVAL THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2005

CHAIRMAN DATE