MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL INTERIM MEETING HELD ON 4TH APRIL 2005, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7 PM

PRESENT Councillors J. Barnett

Mrs. P. Desorgher

R. Lehmann G. Loftus H. Mordue Ms. R. Newell Mrs. P. Stevens Mrs. C. Strain-Clark

P. Strain-Clark

R. Stuchbury (Mayor)

Town Clerk Ms. P. J. Heath

Guest PC A. Stretton Police Community Support Officer

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. H. Cadd, P. Collins, D. Isham, H. Lewis, and Mrs. H. Saul.

The Mayor asked and received permission from the Members present to allow PC Stretton, the new Police Community Support Officer, to tell the Council about her role.

Proposed by Cllr. Loftus, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and AGREED to suspend Standing Orders to allow the Community Police Officer to address the Council.

2569 PC A. STRETTON

PC Stretton explained the role of the Police Community Support Officer who, whilst not having the full powers of a normal PC, can get involved in the Community aspect of policing often being able to talk to people before an incident gets out of hand or targetting the police resources at a specific area. The Police Community Support Officer can be tasked by the Parish/Town Council to investigate items of concern. The Members asked that the CPO investigate the litter and vandalism being caused by those using Chandos Park for antisocial drinking and smashing of the bottles. The park had recently been the target for an arsonist.

The PCSO has limited powers in relation to parking offences as the responsibility lies with AVDC; she has asked that the traffic wardens visit more often and for extended periods. The PCSO can be contacted via the Town Clerk

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and AGREED to reinstate the Standing Orders.

2570 TRANSFER OF LICENCES

Tesco Store London Road – Members had no comment on the proposed transfer of the licence.

Wine Rack, Market Square – Members had no comment on the proposed transfer of the licence.

2571 SOUTH EAST CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

A copy of the response proposed by the Planning Committee had been circulated with the agenda. Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **RATIFIED** to accept the response to the South East Plan Consultation Document submitted by the Planning Committee and attached to these minutes.

The Mayor queried if all members of the Public had been consulted, as he had not seen any leaflet.

2572 MAYORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

2572.1 Moreton Road toilets

The Clerk informed Members of a telephone conversation with Mr. T. Hobbs of AVDC concerning the non-completion of work relating to Moreton Road toilets. Mr Hobbs was of the opinion that the necessary work to the back storage area, which had originally been the gent's toilets, would not be done, i.e. there would be no deep cleaning, removal of any waste material, and the levelling of the floor. Mr Hobbs said the extractor fan had been fitted but the Clerk had been unable to verify this before the meeting. The Disabled Toilet door would be fitted with a new automatic opening system, which should assist with difficulties experienced by users in opening the door. There are no plans to amend the ramp access to the toilets, which had been built to the Centre for Accessible Environment criteria. The Clerk had suggested that representatives from AVDC meet with members from the Access for All Group to ascertain first hand the problems being experienced by those with electric wheelchairs. It was AGREED the Council would continue to monitor the situation and make a decision concerning payment when an invoice is received from AVDC.

2572.2 Traffic Review Area 12

Cllr. Stuchbury reported on the meeting held on 1st April 2005 to discuss the Traffic Review of Area 12. He understood from comments made that the Government had changed the criteria concerning the imposition of speed limits. It was **AGREED** the Clerk clarify the changes proposed for the Council Meeting on 25th April 2005.

The County Council representative at the meeting had also spoken about the flashing "speed indication" signs, which cost £2000. It was **AGREED** to get further information for the next Council meeting.

2572.3 Letter from resident re problems

The Mayor declared a personal interest and left the room.

With the agreement of all Members present Cllr. Mordue chaired the following item. A letter had been sent to the Mayor by a resident in Hare Close complaining about youngsters playing ball games on the green adjacent to her house. Members discussed the issue and felt this should be forwarded to the CPO to talk to both the resident and the youngsters involved.

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Cllr Stuchbury returned to the meeting and took the chair.	
Meeting closed at 7.30 pm	
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