MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL INTERIM MEETING HELD ON $11^{\rm TH}$ JULY 2005 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CORNWALLS MEADOW, BUCKINGHAM AT 7PM

PRESENT Councillors J Barnett

H Cadd

P Collins (Mayor)

Mrs P Desorgher

D Isham
R Lehmann
G Loftus
H Mordue
Ms R D Newell
Mrs H Saul
Mrs P Stevens
Mrs C Strain-Clark
P Strain-Clark
R Stuchbury

Town Clerk Ms P J Heath

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. H. Lewis.

<u>2611 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</u>

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda

Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and AGREED to suspend standing orders to allow Cllr. Mr.s Pearce of AVDC to speak to the Council.

Cllr Pearce spoke on the introduction of Shopmobility to Buckingham, should suitable premises become available, and asked for the Town Council's support in finding and securing those premises. The District Council can put a temporary cabin into Buckingham but unfortunately to date they have not found a suitable location. Members expressed their support for the scheme and agreed that a suitable location would be discussed at the next E & P Committee meeting. Members suggested the parking bays may be a suitable position especially close to the current disabled bays.

Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and AGREED to move item 6 to be heard next and continue to suspend standing orders to allow Mrs. Suggate from the Buckingham Hospital League of Friends to speak to the Council.

2612 REPRESENTATIVES FROM BUCK'HAM HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Mrs Suggett stated to the Council that there are no plans to shut Buckingham Hospital, in fact the opposite is the case with the Trustees planning to extend the facilities on offer at the hospital. She explained that the League had not sent a representative to the last meeting due to Holiday commitments; the meeting date had been changed from the original list plus it had not been known in advance that this was the last meeting. Mr Rees's comments to the Council had been his opinion and not the opinion of the Hospital. Mr Rees is employed by the Mental Health Trust and not the PCT, of which Buckingham Hospital is part.

The League of Friends had supported the Embleton Day Unit for the last 10 years and had guaranteed funding up to April 2006. MHT had not contacted the League or the Hospital prior to announcing the closing of the facility. The Hospital has looked at ways in which the area vacated can now be utilised for other facilities for the area.

The League of Friends funding comes from across the catchments area of the hospital the funds are then used to purchase equipment, furniture and fittings for the hospital. A list of the items purchased over the last 5 years would be supplied to the office.

Mrs Suggett reminded Members that she was Chairman of the League of Friends and not a member of the PCT therefore all her comments on the hospital are based on the situation as understood by the League.

Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **AGREED** to reinstate standing orders.

2613 TRANSFER OR NEW LICENCES

2613.1 Kings Head Application 10/08/05

It was AGREED that Cllr Collins should attend the hearing for the Kings Head variation of licence.

2613.2 Notification of application for variation of licence – The Whale

Members discussed the hours requested by the Whale , Members noted the hours but asked for clarification re Christmas Day which just shows 2.30 and no indication if it is am or pm; the application has a mixture of 24 and 12 hour clock times. Members would not object if the time was 2.30 pm.

2613.3 Travelodge London Road, to Mark Crockett from Diana Roberts Embers noted the application

2613.4 Budgens to Bernadette Ryan, Michelle Shaw from Gary Pritchard, Bernadette Ryan Members noted the application

2614 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE HEARING INTO AOP FOR LAND AT BURLEIGH PIECE AS PER MINUTE NO 4779.1

(4779.1(4694.1) 02/03028/AOP Land at Burleigh Piece: to agree a representative to attend the Appeal Hearing on 5th August 2005 in Aylesbury.

No Member present was available to attend and the matter was referred to the Interim Full Council meeting on 11^{th} July 2005 in case any other Member was able to do so. 5^{th} August is a Friday.).

It was agreed that Cllr. Mordue should attend the Planning Hearing on behalf of Buckingham Town Council

2615 YEAR END 31/03/05 ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL RETURN SUBJECT TO THE INTERNAL AUDITOR.

Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Lehmann, and **RESOLVED** to accept and agree the year end accounts to 31/03/05 subject to the internal auditors report.

Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Lehmann, and **RESOLVED** to agree and authorise signature of the annual return.

2616 MAYOR'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

2616.1 MAIDS MORETON HALL

Cllr. Stuchbury expressed concern that Maids Moreton Hall would be closed by Bucks County Council in 2008 and that he understood all the nursing homes run by or in conjunction with social services would close in the next few years thereby depriving residents a home within their own community. It was unclear to members if Maids Moreton Hall was in private ownership.

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and AGREED by 10 votes to 3 that this be placed on the next agenda and Cllr. Stuchbury was asked to obtain the facts concerning the closure for the meeting.

2616.2 COUNCILLORS' SURGERY

Cllr. Collins reported that the first Councillors' surgery had been a success with Cllr. Isham assisting the Mayor. The next surgery would be on 6^{th} August.

Meeting closed 8.15 pm	
CHAIRMAN	DATE