

MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BUCKINGHAM COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 3rd JANUARY 2006 at
8 pm following the Planning Meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors	H. Cadd	
	P. Collins	(Mayor)
	Mrs P. Desorgher	
	D. Isham	
	R. Lehmann	
	H. Lewis	
	G. Loftus	
	H. Mordue	
	Ms. R. Newell	
	Mrs C. Strain-Clark	
	P. Strain-Clark	
	R. Stuchbury	
Town Clerk	Mrs P. J. Heath	

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors J. Barnett, Ms. H. Saul, and Mrs. P. Stevens

2695 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda, except Cllr. Collins declared a personal interest on agenda item 14 and declared his intention to vacate the chair for this item.

2696 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED**: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2005, and the interim meeting held on 5th December 2005 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Member queried the inclusion of the security of the plasma screen on the interim agenda feeling that the full cost of securing the screen should be known prior to expenditure; concern was expressed that the reinstatement may result in damage to the window during any future theft attempt.

2697 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were informed of the following items

2697.1 NEWSLETTERS/BROCHURES

THE PLAYING FIELD – ISSUE AUTUMN 2005

THE BIG TIMES ISSUE NO 2

CLERKS & COUNCILLORS DIRECT ISSUE NO 42

MATTERS ARISING ISSUE NO 15

BUCKINGHAM WATCH NEWS ISSUE NOVEMBER 2005
SAFER WINTER DRIVING 2005 FROM BCC
BCA – IN FOCUS ISSUE NO 31
LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW – ISSUE JANUARY 2006
ODPM - STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN ENGLISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT: THE FUTURE

2697.2 INVITATIONS AND NOTICES OF DIARY DATES
31ST JANUARY 2006 – BCC – TRANSPORT SYMPOSIUM –
No Member indicated they wished to attend.

2697.3 DIS
ISSUES NO. 619, 620, AND 621.

2697.5 NEW LICENCES/TRANSFER OF LICENCES
LICENSING HEARINGS – GRAND JUNCTION 11TH JANUARY 2006 AT 9.30 AM AND WHITE HART AT 11 AM
Members queried why a representative was required to attend the hearings. It was explained that as the Council had objected they were required to explain their objection to the Licensing Panel; Cllr Collins would attend.

BRITANNIA.

Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **AGREED** by 7 votes to 1 to object to the hours applied for, but support the same hours that had been agreed for other Buckingham pubs namely 10.00 – 23.00 Mon. – Thurs., 10.00 – midnight Friday/Saturday and 11.00 – 23.00 on Sunday; on the grounds of the antisocial behaviour in the residential area.

2698 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

2698.1 PLANNING - 14/11/05 & 05/12/05

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

In response to a query Members were told that the Buckingham Buildbase application for continued use had been allowed at a recent Development Control Committee. Although not a normal procedure Cllr. Stevens had been allowed to speak to the item on behalf of the Council; concern was expressed at the comments made by an officer of AVDC before and at the meeting which the Council feels were incorrect and misleading to the Development Control Committee. It was **AGREED** that the Council looks at the failure by AVDC to follow proper procedures in the enforcement of planning contravention by Buckingham Buildbase.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

2698.2 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION 28/11/05

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

*(150/2005 Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Lehmann, and **RECOMMENDED** that the Clerk should be placed on spine code 39 which is at the bottom of LC3 on a spot point basis; this requires the Council to carry out an evaluation every year.)*

Due to the sensitivity of the discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **AGREED** to move this resolution into the confidential section at the end of the meeting.

(149.2/2005 Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Barnett, and **AGREED** that this Committee recommend that the Chairmen of Events and Environment & Property not increase their budget by more than 4%.)

It was **AGREED** by the meeting to amend the wording by the substitution of “advise” for “recommend”.

2698.3 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY .21/11/05

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

2698.4 EVENTS .12/12/05

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

(190/2005 **BUCKINGHAM SUMMER FESTIVAL**)

It was **AGREED** to include this item in the precept discussion on 23rd January 2006.

(193/2005 Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **RECOMMENDED** that this Council purchase sufficient barriers for its own requirements.)

AGREED

(195/2005 (4107: Pride of Place) Proposed by Cllr. Cadd, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **RECOMMENDED** that the total be increased by more than 4% to allow for paid advertisements for the competition.

(1001: Street and Flea Markets) Proposed by Cllr. Cadd, seconded by Cllr. Collins, and **RECOMMENDED** that the estimated income under 1001 be reduced to £25,000 to suit the decrease in market trade.)

It was **AGREED** to amend the wording from “Recommended” to “Agreed” for both recommendations.

(197/2005 Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Cadd, and **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Clerk, as Proper Officer of the Council, should carry out the Risk Assessments necessary, and that the Chairman should sign them off when completed.)

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Lewis, and **AGREED** by 9 votes to 0 to amend the recommendation to include the words “...Council, and the Chairman should ...”

(199/2005 Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Strain-Clark, and **RECOMMENDED** that £1000 of market income be allocated for promotion of the markets.)

AGREED following the amendment of recommended to agreed.

(203/2005 Proposed by Cllr. Strain-Clark, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **RECOMMENDED** that this Council organise a public meeting, inviting the representatives of the various entities involved in public health and social care provision to discuss the overall decline in services.)

AGREED by 6 votes to 3 following a discussion; it was noted that there was insufficient information in the resolution and that it would be placed on the next full Council agenda to decide on the format of the public meeting, the remit and specifics of the meeting agenda, and participants to be invited.

2699 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Mrs Grace Thank you for message of sympathy

AVDC News for the Parishes

AVDC Decision of Licensing Committee 7/12/05

CAB	Annual Report
TV Police	Crime Figures Confidential
NHS	Developing Mental Health Services – Analysis and Recommendations
BCC	Buckingham –Local Community Area Profile
BCC	Information from Cllr. Colston as requested
Dept. of Health	Response on behalf of Mrs. Hewitt
TV Police	Change of Telephone Numbers
Email PCT	Putting people first decisions on 16 th December
Vale of Aylesbury NHS	re Buckingham Hospital
AVDC	Regional Economic Strategy Consultation

2700 REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

2700.1 Buckingham Community Plan Steering Group

In the absence of John Barnett no report was given.

2700.2 Buckingham Twinning Association Minutes

Members noted the minutes of the Buckingham Twinning Association meeting dated 23/11/2005.

2700.3 Buckingham Partnership

It was noted this had not been included on the agenda as a standard item; it was pointed out there were no minutes available and that no Town Council representative attended the last meeting.

2701 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the invoices per attached list be approved.

The Town Clerk explained that the Tiscali invoice related to the broadband provider who changed from Applica.

2702 ACCOUNTS FOR RETROSPECTIVE PAYMENT

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the payments made per the attached list be approved.

2703 RATIFY DECISION ON THE MILTON KEYNES STUDY OPTIONS.

Cllr. Cadd and Cllr. Isham declared a personal interest in respect of their involvement at District Council with the Study options.

The Town Clerk read the minute of the discussion which had taken place during the previous planning meeting and the details of the recommendation.

This was **AGREED** by 8 votes to 0

2704 RESPONSE ON “VOLUNTEERING THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COMPACT CODE GOOD PRACTICE” A CONSULTATION

Members noted the document.

2705 RESPONSE “REVIEW OF AYLESBURY VALE SPECIAL PARKING AREAS”

Members discussed the responses which had been circulated prior to the meeting and noted the proposals for Chandos Road and Bourton Road. Cllr. Collins reported on a request from the owner of the Londis shop in Nelson Street to have the 1 hour restriction lifted. After a discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Lehmann, and **AGREED** by 6 votes to 5 to request the removal of the 1 hour parking restriction in the car parking spaces on Nelson Street at the junction to Tingewick Road; no alteration is requested for the loading bay.

2706 RESPONSE “GT. OUSE CATCHMENT FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN”

Members noted the scoping report, the link for which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members were pleased to accept the report.

2707 LETTER FROM AVDC RE ELM AT CASTLE STREET AND DISCUSS THE REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP FUNDING APPLICATION.

Cllr. Collins vacated the Chair due to the proximity of the tree to his property.

Cllr. Mordue as senior Councillor took the Chair.

Members discussed the scheme. It was proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **AGREED** to support the replacement of the Elm, with the inclusion of a bin.

Proposed by Cllr. Newell, seconded by Cllr. Lewis, and **AGREED** to support a partnership in principle subject to further details being available.

2708 DETAILS OF LONDON LUTON AIRPORT CONSULTATION

Members had been circulated with the link to the London Luton airport extension prior to the meeting. Members noted the document and the maps which indicate the flight paths do not affect Buckingham.

2709 CREATION OF A CIVIL AWARD FOR M. BERNARD RUSSELL OF THE MOUVAUX TWINNING COMMITTEE

Members discussed the awarding of a civic honour such as the Freedom of the Town to M. Bernard Russell of the Mouvaux Twinning Committee for all his work in creating and sustaining the twinning link. Although the Freedom of the Town was not felt appropriate it was agreed to investigate what award could be presented and report back to the next Council Meeting.

ACTION CLLR. MORDUE

2710 EMAIL FROM E. A. REFERENCE THE DREDGING OF THE GT. OUSE

Members discussed the details of the email which had been circulated prior to the meeting along with the cost of the skips. The Clerk informed Members that as part of the land was in AVDC ownership they had been approached to fund 50 % of the cost of the skips. Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Lewis, and **RESOLVED** to fund 50% the cost of the skips with AVDC, but 100% of the cost for those skips for the Town Council land only if AVDC decide not to fund the other 50%.

2711 TO RECEIVE, IF REQUIRED, COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Isham and Cllr. Lewis commented on the College Farm application, informing Members that the County Council had deferred its decision until 21/02/06 to allow for further consultation.

Cllr. Stuchbury raised the issue of Maids Moreton Hall. It was noted that the response letter from the County Council which had been requested by the Council had been listed under agenda item 6.8. It was **AGREED** that Members give further consideration to this item and that it be placed on the next Council agenda.

2712 TOWN MAYOR’S ITEMS

The Mayor’s Civil Service

Members were informed that the Mayor’s Civil Service would be held on 26th February 2006 at 10 am in St. Peter and St. Paul’s Church, Buckingham.

CHAIRMAN..... DATE.....

The following item was 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

2713 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES/NOTES AND ADOPT ANY RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED THEREIN

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| 2713.1 | Finance & Administration | dated | 28/11/05 |
| 2713.2 | Environment & Property Committee | dated | 21/11/05 |