



Members hoped that an alternative name to 'Big Bash' might be instituted to reflect the amalgamation with the Summer Festival. Mr. Barham said that he was open to suggestions. A proposal to incorporate a Beer Festival involving local pubs had come too late for this year, but early action for next year's was possible as the Summer Festival dates were fixed. The fortnight, being now within term-time, would also allow the schools to become involved.

Buckingham Town Council was organising a stilt man for 8<sup>th</sup> July who would be able to hand out flyers in the town centre; Mr. Barham had organised publicity at Tesco's for the same day. He also hoped to have some material available for distribution at the Music Festival on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

The next meeting would be held at the Community Centre on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

Mr. Barham was thanked for attending, and left the meeting.

*Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **AGREED** to reinstate Standing Orders.*

### **2006/223 ACTION REPORTS AND UPDATES**

#### 223.1 (201.6) Parking, Community Fair

The Needle and Thread Society had asked if parking bays could be set aside for unloading, as the car park was so busy on the day of the Fair and Christmas Parade.

Mrs. Baxter of AVDC had responded that she would liaise with Mr. Betts over the possibility of roping off the 5 bays alongside the Community Centre just for unloading, the vehicle then to be moved to the car park proper.

Cllr. Lehmann said that he had been unaware of any problems. It was decided to put the matter on to the 9<sup>th</sup> October agenda.

#### **OCTOBER AGENDA**

#### 223.2 (215) Christmas Lights ceremony

Winslow Concert Band had accepted the invitation to play for the carol singing on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **2006/224 (210) CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Blachere had supplied a quotation of £1241.42, being half the cost to remove the icicle lights and re-install at eaves level; the company would meet the remainder of the cost. In view of the response from the property owners, who did not want the lights left permanently in place, but were happy to have them up during the Christmas period, Blachere had been asked to quote for removal and storage.

Proposed by Cllr. Cadd, seconded by Cllr. Strain-Clark, and **AGREED** that the Chairman & Cllr. Lehmann were permitted to agree a quotation for removal and storage up to the amount of £1000 to expedite the matter.

### **2006/225 (211.3) CINEMA PROJECT SPONSORSHIP SIGN**

The Cinema Project was happy to display a plaque recording the Town Council's support. Funding was agreed; the Committee Clerk would investigate costs for the May meeting when wording would be agreed.

## **ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK**

### **2006/226 (212.1) HANGING BASKETS AND PLANTERS**

Members had been circulated with a summary of the quotations received with the agenda, and copies of two further quotations received that day at the meeting. Buckingham Horticultural Society had declined to quote this year, but would be pleased to be considered in future years.

Members discussed the matter and decided to take up the following quotations:

Amethyst Horticulture Ltd. to supply and install hanging baskets

Darthuizer UK Ltd. to supply, install and remove as directed, summer and winter planters for the Bull Ring

Plantscape – hire of 3 Manchester planters for the White Hart island, to be removed in time for the Fair.

Cllr. Newell agreed to choose appropriate plants and colour scheme for the baskets and let the office know so the order could be placed.

#### **ACTION CLLR. NEWELL/COMMITTEE CLERK**

The Committee Clerk reported that the new owners of Cornwall Place had been contacted and they had confirmed in writing that the previous owner's order was valid.

### **2006/227 SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL**

The Chairman reported that Buckingham Acoustic had the organisation in hand and that they would be doing promotion for the event. They had asked that the Town Council organise First Aid cover.

A request had been received from a trader wishing to have a jewellery stall at the event. Members discussed whether this, or any other commercial trader, should be accepted, and if so what charge should be made.

Proposed by Cllr. Cadd, seconded by Cllr. Strain-Clark, and **AGREED** that no commercial traders should be permitted at the Music Festival.

Cllr. Strain-Clark offered to book a face-painter if possible, as this had proved popular with children.

#### **ACTION CLLR. STRAIN-CLARK**

PSL would be contacted to offer a refreshment stall, as last year; Members also pointed out that for the early part of the festival, food would be available at the French Market.

#### **ACTION THE COMMITTEE CLERK**

### **2006/228 BARRIERS**

Cllr. Cadd had made available a sum from his Community Fund towards the provision of barriers.

Members decided to buy as many plastic clippable barriers as the budget would run to, bearing in mind that steel barriers would have to be hired in for road closure purposes for the Fair and Christmas Parade, and for safety at the bonfire.

Designated authority was given to the Town Clerk to purchase the barriers with the assistance of the Chairman and Cllr. Lehmann.

**ACTION THE TOWN CLERK**

**2006/229                      BUCKINGHAM IN BLOOM 2006**

Members agreed that the classes and prizes should be the same as last year:

First Prize of £75, second and third prizes of certificates

x 6 classes –

Best Residential Frontage (Individual)

Best Residential Frontage (Group)

Best Hanging Basket or Planter Display

First Time Entry in the any of the above categories

Best School Bed, Border or Container

Business Class (awarded)

} as viewed from a  
public footpath

**2006/230 (213)                      SAVE MONTH**

Cllr. Newell reported that AVDC were not organising a SAVE month this year, feeling that the event had lost impetus. They would also be reformatting the SAVE awards.

Members decided to nevertheless support a Buckingham environment initiative during May, with the co-operation of BTCV, and publicity would be arranged by Cllr. Newell and the office.

The following events were confirmed:

1<sup>st</sup> May              Sandpit Open Day

6<sup>th</sup> May              Town Centre tree walk, and May lore – Mrs. U. Robinson

13<sup>th</sup> May             Road Safety/Sustrans stand in Market

20<sup>th</sup> May             Holloway Spinney task day.

The following are also suggested, to be confirmed

3<sup>rd</sup> May              Bats – Railway Walk

13<sup>th</sup> May             Dawn Chorus, Holloway Spinney (6am-7am)

Cllr. Newell also spoke of the need for a new co-ordinator of wildlife projects for the end of the year. It was decided to discuss this at the 27<sup>th</sup> November meeting.

**NOVEMBER AGENDA**

It was also decided to contact Mr. West, BTCV, to check when his contract expires, and to ensure information on the various projects was passed on.

**ACTION THE COMMITTEE CLERK**

**2006/231 (214.1)                      STREET MARKET – REFUSE COLLECTION**

Cllr. Stevens had provided her views to the Committee in writing; these were circulated at the meeting.

Cllr. Lehmann pointed out that it was the practice in many other markets for the traders to remove their own rubbish. He disagreed with Cllr. Stevens on a number of points. He felt that a reduction in rates charged would make the market more attractive to prospective traders.

Members noted that if traders were required to remove their rubbish, this would have to be policed each market day; Cllr. Lehmann volunteered to attend at the closing time of the markets to do this.

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Cadd, and **AGREED:**

1. To draft a letter to be sent to the traders so they could express their views on the matter; the Committee Clerk to send the draft to Cllrs. Stuchbury, Cadd, Lehmann and Strain-Clark for comment and amendment in time for the copying and distribution at the Tuesday market;
2. To obtain new quotations for rubbish clearance, as the current contract had run for some time;
3. To obtain an individual quote for the May French market to enable the contract to be agreed and signed.

**ACTION THE COMMITTEE CLERK**

**2006/232                      REPORTS ON THE MARKETS**

232.1 Street Market

232.2 Flea Market

232.3 Farmers' Market

No report was made in the absence of Cllr. Stevens. Figures had been supplied with the agenda on the number of traders at the Farmers' Market; average attendance was 12-13

232.4 French Market

There was nothing new to report.

232.5 Market Entertainment

There was the possibility of booking a marionette show in the summer.

Cllrs. Stuchbury and Strain-Clark had been discussing August Sunday dates with Bandjam and the Committee considered what would be an appropriate fee.

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Cadd, and **AGREED** to offer a fee of £400.

*Cllr. Cadd left the meeting*

**2006/233 (217) BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

The Committee Clerk had prepared the entry list and map. Members passed this round and agreed that there was nothing further to add.

**2006/234                      BUDGET**

Members discussed the £4900 balance remaining in 4104 and agreed that this could be spent on the remaining "Welcome to Buckingham" signs. The £1500 set aside for this at Precept for 2006/2007 could be better devoted to improving signage within the town centre. The Community Plan had conducted a sign survey and this could be used as a guide to what was required.

Proposed by Cllr. Newell, seconded by Cllr. Lehmann, and **AGREED** that the remaining 4 signs be ordered from BCC, to be paid for from Budget 4104.

**2006/235                      CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

Sunday Trading

The Chairman outlined a new Government ruling that could mean Tesco's would be open all day Sunday which might have an effect on town centre shops.

Members pointed out very few shops in the town centre opened on a Sunday, but that there were implications for the staff. The matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

**MAY AGENDA**

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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