

**MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
BUCKINGHAM COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 30th MAY 2006 AT 7 PM.**

PRESENT:

Councillors	J. Barnett	
	P. Collins	(Mayor)
	Mrs. P. Desorgher	
	D. Isham	
	G. Loftus	
	H. Mordue	
	Mrs. P. Stevens	
	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 H. Cadd, R. Lehmann, H. Lewis, Mrs. R. Newell, and Mrs. H. Saul.

2774 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda, except Cllr. C. Strain-Clark who declared a personal interest in item 13 as a user of the IT centre, item 14 as a Buckingham Middle School Governor. Cllr Mordue declared a personal interest in item no 14 as a Buckingham Middle School Governor.

2775 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2006, the interim meeting held on 2nd May 2006 and the Annual Statutory Meeting held on 19th May 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2776 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were informed of the following items

2776.1 NEWSLETTERS/BROCHURES

BCC TRAVEL PLANNING TEAM	SUMMER TERM 06
OPTIONS NEWSLETTER	MAY 2006
BCC MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2006 -2009	
CLERKS AND COUNCILS DIRECT	ISSUE NO 45
BALC MATTERS ARISING	ISSUE NO 17
NALC LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW	ISSUE No 58.1
AVDC – THE VIBE	ISSUE NO 9
BPFA – THE PLAYING FIELD	ISSUE SPRING 2006
BCC – GETTING CLOSER TO COMMUNITIES	

2776.2 INVITATIONS AND NOTICES OF DIARY DATES

27.05.06 CPRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
02.09.06 FRIENDS OF MAIDS MORETON AVENUE/HOLLOWAY SPINNEY
22.06.06 CLUSTER MEETING – CLLR CADD

15.07.06 LIVING STREETS ANNUAL CONFERENCE –

No Member indicated they wished to attend the Living Streets conference in Southampton.

25.06.06 AVDC CIVIC SERVICE ST MARY'S CHURCH

Cllr Isham would be attending on behalf of the Town Council.

2776.3 DIS

ISSUES NUMBER 629, 630, 631

2777 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

2777.1 PLANNING - 18.04.06 & 02.05.06

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

A query was raised on minute no 4899.1 from 27th February 2006 meeting, as to whether the Town Council had received an answer; as this was raised without prior notice no response could be given.

2777.2 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY .24.04.06

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

*(261 Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council agree in principle to accepting and using the powers under the Cleaner Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005, and the Council agrees to the Environment & Property Committee investigating fully the powers, possible implementation and full costing, reporting to the Council for final approval before implementing the powers)*

AGREED

259 Community Plan

Comment was made that the article referred to in the meeting had clearly mentioned the Town Council as a full partner.

Bus Shelter

A query was raised as to when the installation date of the shelter would be known; as this was raised without prior notice no response could be given.

254 Cemetery Lodge Doors

The Chairman confirmed that this issue had been resolved; a report would be made to the E & P Committee.

2777.3 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION 08.05.06

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

*(183 Proposed by Cllr. Cadd, seconded by Cllr. Barnett, and **RECOMMENDED** that this Council employ a full time Deputy Town Clerk as detailed in the report.)*

AGREED

*(186 Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Lehmann, and **AGREED** that each Committee should designate a Councillor as 'Press and Public Relations officer' who will have the responsibility, with the*

Chairman, of promoting the work of that committee at every opportunity both in the press and on the radio; and that the Council should appoint a PR company to assist in the production of the December newsletter to promote the Council and highlight the May 2007 election.)

Members discussed this minute and felt that it should have been a recommended item and not for Committee agreement.

Members accepted the recommendation.

Members felt that the Community Plan Group AGM would prove an ideal opportunity to promote the Town Council and advertise the elections in May 2007.

2777.4 EVENTS 15.05.06

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

*(238.6 Proposed by Cllr. Desorgher, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **RECOMMENDED** that this Council write to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry advocating no increase in Sunday trading hours as this would be detrimental to the social and economic environment of market towns.)*

AGREED

*(249 Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **RECOMMENDED** that the money collected at the Bonfire Event be paid to local children's charities.)*

AGREED

245 Street Market Refuse

The Chairman was asked how far the discussions had got with the Town Clerk as per the Members understanding from the meeting; no discussions were mentioned in the minutes. The Chairman of Events explained that the removal of the contract had a knock on effect on the railway walk and the Charter Fair.

The Chairman, Cllr. Collins, was reminded by the Clerk that the item was for the agreement of the accuracy of the minutes and not an opportunity to re-discuss a decision taken.

In response to a question Cllr Stuchbury confirmed that the decision taken was within the terms of reference of the Committee and therefore was an agreed action and not put as a recommendation.

[Amended at Full Council, 17/07/06 to add "The Chairman and Committee were unaware of the effect on other Committees of the decision taken."]

The Town Clerk reminded Members that the item was for the approval of the minutes and not to discuss the decisions taken.

Members continued to discuss the merits of the decision taken and its implications on other events and committees. An amendment to the decision was proposed that the item should be placed on the next Full Council agenda for discussion before any action is taken.

The Town Clerk reminded Members of standing order no 12, and informed them that as the item was a Committee decision the letters had already been sent.

A motion signed by 6 members was received by the Clerk at the meeting and would be placed on the next Full Council Agenda.

Music in the Market

Members congratulated the Chairman of Events on the successful music festival and wished their vote of thanks to be recorded

2778 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Bucks County Council Mineral and Waste Development Consultation

Members were reminded that they were required to do an individual response as per the previous aspects of this consultation.

Zurich Insurance LCAS Seminars

Proposed by Cllr. Mordue, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **AGREED** that the Town Clerk attend the LCAS seminar in Banbury on 22nd June 2006.

D Brian Wright Save Open Spaces

TV Police Crime Figures

BCC Minutes Cluster Meeting – D Polhill

SLCC Summer Seminar 12th/13th July Training

Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Barnett, and **AGREED** that this be placed on the Finance and Administration Committee agenda for discussion and a decision as to whether the Town Clerk could attend.

2779 REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

2779.1 Buckingham Community Plan Steering Group

Cllr. Barnett reported on behalf of the Town Council representative highlighting the forthcoming public meeting on 6th July and the impending bid to SEEDA for the circular walk; this is being held up by the land valuation officer. Cllr. Barnett brought Members' attention to the plasma screen which has now been replaced; it was noted that when the sun was shining directly on the window the screen is not legible. The Community Plan Group would investigate if this effect can be minimised.

2779.2 Buckingham Partnership

Cllrs. Isham, Collins, Stevens and Stuchbury were present at the meeting. Cllr. Stuchbury spoke about the A421 and the apparent decision by Bucks. County Council not to do any maintenance or upgrade until 2011, according to information from Mr Huw Jones at the meeting. Members discussed the comments made by Cllr. Stuchbury but in the absence of factual information in advance could not make a formal comment. It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Stuchbury produce paperwork on the decision made by BCC for the Members; the Mayor will decide when he has read the paperwork if the item is sufficiently urgent to go on to the Interim Agenda, or wait to Full Council for a response. It was further **AGREED** to invite the BCC Area Highways Manager to present an overview of all roads in and around Buckingham.

ACTION CLLR. STUCHBURY

Chairman of the Partnership: with the impending change of Chief Executive at AVDC, this had been discussed at the Partnership Meeting and agreed to continue with the tradition that the Chairmanship should continue with AVDC CEO and in his absence be chaired by the Mayor of Buckingham.

Cllr. Stevens reported on the Magistrates Court, whose new internal layout was shown at the Partnership Meeting. It was felt that the internet café was no longer a viable proposition and ideas were being sought for new uses of that area.

2779.3 Buckingham Twinning Association

Members noted the minutes of the Buckingham Twinning Association dated 3rd May 2006 which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

2779.4 Buckingham Licensing Forum

Members noted the minutes of the Buckingham Licensing Forum dated 21st March 2006 which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. Collins and Cllr. Isham had sat on the forum as observers and felt that the Council should be involved; this was agreed.

2779.5 Buckingham General Charities

Members noted the minutes of the Buckingham General Charities dated 3rd May 2006 which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

2780 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

2781 ACCOUNTS FOR RETROSPECTIVE PAYMENT

Proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the payments made per the attached list be approved. The Clerk confirmed following a query that the Community Centre had been paid in April 2006 for invoices due to that date.

2782 BUCKS. COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAY ALTERATIONS FOR CHANDOS ROAD AND PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING LOCATION

Members discussed at great length the suggested alterations by Bucks. County Council including the amended papers and letters received subsequent to the original document and following phone calls from the Council, Councillors, residents and Police. It was noted that the island had been removed but the high kerbs and fencing put on hold until such time as the traffic flow could be ascertained. Members expressed great concern on the dangers now been presented to pedestrians crossing the Chandos Road junction as the white lines had not been reinstated following the removal and resurfacing. The Town Clerk reported that vehicles now have no demarcation lines between Chandos Road and London Road nor are there white lines showing the lanes into and out of Chandos Road. Members noted that BCC had stated there were no traffic problems in Chandos Road when the planning application for the land to the rear of Chandos Close was being discussed, despite the current work which appears time critical. Members felt the loss of the island would not eliminate the parking and traffic problems in the area and in fact will create an additional danger for cyclists who now do not have a refuge or protection from vehicles. Members queried if the County Councillor for the area had been aware of the plans prior to their implementation; the Clerk to write and ask.

Proposed by Cllr. Mordue, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **AGREED** by 10 votes to 0 that this Council writes to BCC and request that the traffic island and original road markings be reinstated on health and safety grounds.

2783 COMMITTEE SELECTIONS AS PER FORMS SENT OUT

The following committee memberships were confirmed, in line with standing order 23 (d):-

Planning - P. Collins, P. Desorgher, G. Loftus, H. Mordue, P. Stevens, C. Strain-Clark, P. Strain-Clark, R. Stuchbury

Finance & Administration – J. Barnett, P. Collins, D. Isham, R. Newell, R. Stuchbury

Environment & Property – J. Barnett, P. Collins, P. Desorgher, D. Isham, G. Loftus, H. Mordue, R. Newell, P. Stevens, C. Strain-Clark, R. Stuchbury

Events – P. Collins, P. Desorgher, D. Isham, H. Mordue, R. Newell, P. Stevens, P. Strain-Clark, R. Stuchbury.

Cllrs. H. Cadd, R. Lehmann, H. Lewis and H. Saul had not informed the Council prior to the meeting of their committee choices.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Mordue, and **AGREED** that the remaining Councillors would have until noon on 5th June, first standing committee of the new year, to provide their committee choices, without being in breach of standing order 23 (c).

Members were informed that Councillor Cadd was away on holiday and the Clerk was unsure of his return date.

2784 TO AGREE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

ORGANISATION	COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE	TERM OF OFFICE	DUE FOR RENEWAL
AV Local Committees	Cllr. D. Isham	1 Year	May 2007
AV Association Local Councils	Cllr. D. Isham	1 Year	May 2007
AV North Sports Council	Cllr. D. Isham	1 year	May 2007
Bernwood Jigsaw	Cllr. R. Newell		
Buckingham & Gawcott Charitable Trust	The Mayor	2 years	July 2008
	Cllr. R. Stuchbury	2 years	July 2008
	Cllr. R. Lehmann	2 years	July 2008
	Cllr. P. Strain-Clark	2 years	July 2008
Buckingham Arts Steering Group	Cllr. H Cadd		
Buckingham Community Centre	Cllr. Mrs. P. Desorgher	1 year	May 2007
	Cllr. Mordue	1 year	May 2007
	Cllr. Collins	1 year	May 2007
Buckingham Community Plan	The Mayor	1 year	May 2007
Buckingham Community Wildlife Project	Cllr. Newell	1 year	May 2007
Buckingham General Charities	The Mayor	Term of office	Ex officio
	Cllr. D. Isham	4 years	4 January 2009
	Cllr. R. Newell	4 years	4 January 2009
	Cllr. Mrs. P. Desorgher	4 years	2 January 2007

Buckingham Partnership	The Mayor	1 year	May 2007
	Cllr. Mrs. P. Stevens	1 year	May 2007
	Cllr. R. Stuchbury	1 year	May 2007
DEPUTIES	Cllr. H. Mordue		
	Cllr. R. Newell		
Buckingham Youth Centre	Cllr. J. Barnett	1 year	May 2007
	Cllr. Mrs. P. Desorgher	1 year	May 2007
	Cllr. R. Stuchbury	1 year	May 2007
Bucks. Association of Local Councils	The Mayor	1 year	May 2007
CAB	The Mayor	1 year	May 2007
Licensing Forum	Cllr. Isham	1 year	May 2007
	Cllr. Stevens	1 year	May 2007
Neighbourhood Action Group	Town Clerk	1 year	May 2007
	Cllr. Stevens	1 year	May 2007
Public Transport Consultative	Cllr. R. Stuchbury	1 year	May 2007
Tree Warden	Cllr. R. Newell		
	Cllr. R. Stuchbury		
	Cllr. P. Strain-Clark		
	Cllr. H. Lewis		
	(Mr. D. Osbourne)		
Twinning Association	The Mayor		
	Cllr. H. Mordue		
	Cllr. R. Stuchbury		

2785 INFORMATION ON BUCKINGHAM IT CENTRE AND REASONS FOR CLOSURE.

Members discussed at length the closure of the IT centre caused by the withdrawal of central government funding. The centre was well used and provided opportunities for adult education in several aspects of computer usage.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **AGREED** by 10 votes to 0 that this council write to 1) Buckinghamshire County Council, asking them to fill the gap in adult education left by the closure - possibly using the new adult education centre at Verney Close; 2) Milton Keynes College, who facilitated the provision of the facility requesting a breakdown of the running costs of the facility; 3) Mr Bercow, requesting he question in the house the withdrawal of funding for these centres; 4) the Secretary of State for Education, asking why the funding was withdrawn.

2786 PRIMARY SCHOOL MERGERS AND ITS EFFECT ON THE 3 BUCKINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOLS – CLLR. STUCHBURY

Members discussed at length the proposed mergers of 4 schools in the surrounding villages to 2 schools; these would have a knock on effect on Buckingham Primary/Middle Schools. Cllrs. Mordue and C. Strain-Clark, having declared an interest, spoke on the relative effect on the schools of which they are governors.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr Isham, and **AGREED** by 6 votes to 3 that this council write to Buckinghamshire County Council education department 1) expressing

the Council's concern that all members of staff of the 4 schools are given priority in finding new jobs; 2) requesting that all class sizes are to be no higher than the government criterion; and 3) requesting assurances that neither of the schools will be selective schools and will retain the parental choice option.

2787 COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were no comments from District or County Councillors present.

2788 TOWN MAYOR'S ITEMS

The Mayor informed the Members of his booked holiday dates.

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

The following item were 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 discussed.

2789 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

To receive for approval the confidential minutes of Buckingham Town Council meeting held on 10th April 2006.

2790 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

To receive the following minutes/notes and adopt any recommendation contained therein
Environment & Property dated 24.04.06

Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm