

**MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
BUCKINGHAM COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 17th JULY 2006
following the special meeting.**

PRESENT:

Councillors	J. Barnett
	H. Cadd
	P. Collins (Mayor)
	Mrs. P. Desorgher
	D. Isham
	R. Lehmann
	H. Lewis
	H. Mordue
	Mrs. R Newell
	Mrs. P. Stevens
	R. Stuchbury
Guest	Mr. H. Jones, Buckinghamshire County Council
Town Clerk	Mrs P. J. Heath

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors G. Loftus, Mrs C. Strain-Clark, P. Strain-Clark, and Mrs. H. Saul.

2800 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

*Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **AGREED** to suspend standing orders to enable Mr. H. Jones from Buckinghamshire County Council to address the Council.*

**2801 PRESENTATION FROM HUW JONES, BUCKS. COUNTY COUNCIL, ON THE
EXPANSION OF MILTON KEYNES AND AYLESBURY VALE – SM & MK
STUDY CONSULTATION**

During the following item Cllr. Mordue and Cllr. Lehmann left the meeting for a short time.

Mr Jones presented the Members with copies of the consultation leaflet produced by the Milton Keynes Partnership in respect of the housing growth until 2026; this is part of the 2031 agenda. The proposal put forward by the Partnership is their choice from the 6 original options (*Clerk's note: minute no 4883.1 - planning meeting 3rd January 2006 - ratified at the Council meeting which followed*); there had been concern expressed that the Partnership had not considered all the responses before making their decision. The option preferred by the Partnership has already been communicated to GOSE as the option for Milton Keynes prior to this consultation. There will be 3 public exhibitions at Newton Longville (26th July at the Village Hall, 31st July and 1st August at the Church of England School) with an invited meeting in the evening of the 1st. Mr Jones explained the details of the option and the proposed growth timescale.

AVDC have opposed the proposed option and Bucks.CC will make a decision after the consultation results are known.

Members questioned Mr. Jones on the option and the apparent lack of infrastructure both in and adjacent to Milton Keynes. It was noted that the consultants' supporting papers did not show any road improvements to the A421 and A422 beyond Milton Keynes boundaries. It was further noted that the employment areas were away from the proposed housing growth. Members were informed that the Council would be invited to the 1st August Meeting to put their points of view, as well as making a written response to the Partnership.

Mr. Jones left the meeting.

*Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **AGREED** to reinstate Standing Orders.*

2802 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED**: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2006, and the interim meeting held on 19th June 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Following their agreement Cllr. Stuchbury asked for the minutes to be amended.

The Chairman was reminded that the Minutes had been agreed

Minute Number 2777.4 in respect of Events minute no 245 Members **AGREED** that the minutes could be amended to include the words "The Chairman and Committee were unaware of the effect on other Committees of the decision taken".

2803 TOWN CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were informed of the following items

NEWSLETTERS/BROCHURES

OPTIONS NEWSLETTER	JUNE AND JULY 2006
CLERKS AND COUNCILS DIRECT	ISSUE NO 46
NALC LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW	ISSUE NO 58.2
ANGLIAN WATER – DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT 2005	
BUCKS COMMUNITY ACTION – IN FOCUS	ISSUE NO 33
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN – JUNE 2006	
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN – SPG NOTES	
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ISSUES NUMBER 633,634, 635	

2804 RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

2804.1 PLANNING - 05.06.06 & 19.06.06

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

2804.2 ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY 12.06.06

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

Before being agreed Cllr. Newell asked for the following addition to be made to the minutes. This was **AGREED** by Members and the Minutes confirmed.

"2006/283.3 Litter Bins

Cllr. Newell asked for an update on the new litter bins that had been agreed by this committee a year ago, but were still not in place.

The Clerk explained that there had been difficulties finding a contractor and the Chairman offered to look into it with the Caretaker."

~~(The Clerk's notes from the meeting do not record the above item)~~ AMENDED ON 4/9/06

2006/270.2 Bus Shelter

Cllr. Stuchbury queried the priority of work done in the office and who decides the order in which action items are undertaken. The Chairman of E & P confirmed there was no list and that action items were undertaken as soon as reasonably possible.

2804.3 FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION .26.06.06

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

2804.4 EVENTS .03.07.06

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

*(266 Proposed by Cllr.. Collins, seconded by Cllr.. Cadd, and **RECOMMENDED** that the additional cost of refuse clearance after 2006 Charter Fair be paid from the contingency budget.)*

AGREED

2805 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

AVDC	Trees at Wharfside Place – update
TV Police	Crime Figures – Confidential
Environment Agency	Gt. Ouse Flood management consultation – responses
BCC	Temporary closure Maids Moreton Avenue
SLCC	October Conference

Proposed by Cllr. Mordue, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk could attend the Annual Society of Local Council Clerks Conference in Plymouth at a cost of £265 + £75 additional night plus travel.

2806 REPORTS FROM BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

2806.1 Buckingham Community Plan Steering Group

Cllr. Barnett reported on behalf of the Town Council representative that the Community Plan Steering Group is still waiting to hear if it had got the funding from SEEDA for the Circular Walk.

2806.2 Buckingham Partnership

Members were informed that the next meeting would be on 20th July.

2806.3 Buckingham Community Wildlife Project

Members noted the minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2006 which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. Isham reported on the subsequent meeting which he had

attended on behalf of Cllr. Newell; he reminded Members they had been invited to the official opening of Maids Moreton Avenue friends group on 2nd September 2006.

2807 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

2808 ACCOUNTS FOR RETROSPECTIVE PAYMENT

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

In response to a question the Clerk explained that a letter had been sent to Dr. Brown following the Annual Town Meeting in respect of the presentation of the “Friend of Buckingham” award; the Clerk would chase this.

2809 PAPERS FROM CLLR. STUCHBURY CONCERNING THE A421

This had been linked on the agenda to the presentation by Mr. Jones.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **RESOLVED** that the Council accepts the report and undertakes those actions listed:

1. To ask BCC to upgrade all route signs to signify the importance of the A421 as a major route.
2. To seek support from Milton Keynes Chamber of Trade, Buckingham Business Club and Buckingham Traders’ Association for the upgrade of the A421.
3. To seek support from Mr. J. Bercow, MP for Buckingham, Mr. Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes South, and Dr. Phyllis Starkey, MP for Milton Keynes North, for the upgrading of the A421.
4. To discuss with Milton Keynes Council the importance of upgrading this major route.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

2810 MOTION SIGNED BY 6 COUNCILLORS CONCERNING THE DECISION TO CEASE THE STREET MARKET REFUSE CONTRACT

Members discussed at great length whether there was sufficient new information for the Council to accept the motion. The motion fell by 8 votes to 2.

2811 UNPAID INVOICES OUTSTANDING WITH AVDC

Cllr. Lehmann asked that the Council make the policy that all disputes or discussions that may affect the working relationship with the principal authorities be discussed and action agreed by the Council and not a Committee.

In respect of the disputed invoices with AVDC, Cllr. Mordue confirmed that the original invoice had been agreed by Council to be deferred pending discussions with AVDC on its contents; the discussions had been taking place over the past year, with a final meeting last Thursday. Cllr. Mordue explained some of the reasons for the dispute and the problems

experienced in obtaining the necessary information. He reported to the Council that of the disputed items AVDC had agreed to remove the painting and maintenance of the seats from the invoice and the others had been explained; the matter was referred to the E & P Committee.

Members expressed concern that the transfer of Public Open Space to the Town Council was being held up pending the resolution of the invoice.

2812 COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO AV LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CONSULTATION – AS PER PLANNING MINUTE NO 4933.1

Members received the response compiled by Cllr. P. Strain-Clark and Cllr. Stuchbury and **RESOLVED** to accept the response on behalf of the Council.

2813 THE RECOGNITION OF MR EAST'S CONTRIBUTION TO BUCKINGHAM.

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **RESOLVED** to provide a silver salver to Mr. East in recognition of his service to the Town; the Chairman and Town Clerk to agree the wording.

2814 BUCKS. COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO MINUTE NUMBER 2761

Members noted the contents of the letter from Bucks County Council and **AGREED** to request a pedestrian crossing in Nelson Street; the Chairman to do a press release with the Town Clerk.

2815 THE COMMUNITY PLAN NOTICE BOARD AND ITS CONTENTS

Members discussed the plasma screen notice board and noted the lack of information other than the Community Plan. It was **AGREED** that Town Council notices and posters be given electronically to Mr. Gadd for inclusion on the screen.

2816 THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 – LICENSING POLICY STATEMENT AND AGREE FORMAT OF THE CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Members noted the above document which had been circulated prior to the meeting and decided to make no comment.

2817 RECEIVE FOR APPROVAL THE UN-AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2006

Proposed by Cllr. Isham, seconded by Cllr. Collins, and **RESOLVED** by 9 votes to 1 to accept the un-audited accounts subject to approval and signing off by the Internal and External Auditor.

2818 COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Cadd as a County Councillor brought to Members' notice BCC Press Release no 644; it was agreed to copy it to all Members.

2819 TOWN MAYOR'S ITEMS

2819.1 Anglian Water Clean-up grant funding

Members noted the comments on an article in the Buckingham Advertiser which stated that Anglian Water provides grants and funding to assist with cleaning the river; the Clerk confirmed that an information request had been made to Anglian Water.

2819.2 Mayor Making

The Chairman reported on conversations with Aylesbury Town Council in respect of clashing of the Annual Statutory Meeting Dates. Many Members indicated that they would not want to move ours from its traditional date.

2819.3 Old Gaol Finances

Members noted that the finance officer from the Old Gaol would be invited to an F & A Meeting before the setting of the 2007/2008 budget.

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

The following items 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

2817 THE MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

To receive for approval the confidential minutes of Buckingham Town Council meetings held on 30th May 2006 and 5th June 2006.

2818 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 9.45 pm.