

**MINUTES OF THE PRECEPT MEETING OF BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON 21st JANUARY 2008 at 7 pm.**

PRESENT

Councillors	T. Bloomfield
	Mrs. G. Collins
	P. Collins
	Mrs. P. Desorgher
	P. Hirons
	D. Isham
	A. Mahi
	H. Mordue (Chairman)
	Ms R. Newell
	M. Smith
	Mrs. P. Stevens
	R. Stuchbury
	M. Try
	W. Whyte
Town Clerk	Ms. P. J. Heath
Deputy Town Clerk	Miss L. Fahey

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors H. Cadd and G. Loftus.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members noted that this had not been shown as a separate item on the agenda as Members were asked to declare their interest at the appropriate time.

**TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM BUCKINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE IN RESPECT OF
GRANT APPLICATION TO WREN AND AGREE LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Pecuniary interest was declared by Councillors Isham, P. Collins, Mrs G. Collins, Bloomfield, Desorgher and Try; Members did not leave the room.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Stevens, and **AGREED** that a letter of support would be sent to WREN for the Community Centre's grant application.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2008/2009

Member discussed at great length and in detail, the figures sent with the agenda

account code	account title	<u>BUDGET EXP 2008/2009</u>	<u>BUDGET INCOME 2008/2009</u>
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION			
101	WAGES		
4001	TOWN CLERK	31515.00	
4040	DEPUTY CLERK	20701.00	
4002	CLERICAL ASSISTANT	10261.00	
4003	CARETAKER	19474.00	
4003	CARETAKER P/T	6771.00	
4005	ERS NATIONAL INS	6419.00	
4006	ERS PENSION CONT	14891.00	
4007	STAFF TRAVEL	800.00	
4008	FEES FOR WAGES	50.00	
	COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCE	8988.00	
102	OFFICE EXPENSES		
4010	STATIONERY	1030.00	
4011	POSTAGE	618.00	
4012	PHOTOCOPIER	412.00	
4013	EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	1545.00	
4014	AUDIT FEE	2200.00	
4015	ADVERTISEMENT	2060.00	
4017	SUBSCRIPTIONS	2100.00	
4018	TELEPHONE	1236.00	
4019	HIRE OF HALL	515.00	
4020	MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE	2800.00	
4021	HOSPITALITY & CIVIC FUNCTIONS	103.00	
4022	INSURANCE	11330.00	
4023 & 4026	TRAINING & CONFERENCE	5300.00	
4024	BANK CHARGES	361.00	
4025	LEGAL FEES	2060.00	
4028	COUNCILLORS MILEAGE	206.00	
4029	INFORMATION SERVICE	113.00	
4030	Petty Cash Cheque/Exps.	258.00	
4031	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	258.00	
4032	NEWSLETTERS	1545.00	
	WEB SITE PROVISION / OPERATION	3000.00	
4080	MAY ELECTION FEES	1200.00	
203	MAINTENANCE		
4038	COMPUTER REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	550.00	
4051	REPAIRS AND RENEWALS (OFFICE)	600.00	
4052 (4602)	HEAT LIGHT POWER	1700.00	
4055	ALARM	231.00	

120	GRANTS		
4070	GRANTS -SECTION 137	10764.00	
125	SECTION 137		
4504	REMEMBRANCE DAY WREATH	21.00	
4505	MAYORS SALVER	100.00	
130	ADMIN RESERVES		
1190	INTEREST RECEIVED		7000.00
131	MAJOR PROJECTS		
4084	COMMUNITY CENTRE-CAPITAL	10000.00	
4085	COMMUNITY CENTRE	6000.00	
4077	OLD GAOL FUNDING	3000.00	
4096	ALL WEATHER PITCH	700.00	
407	MAJOR BUILDING WORKS		
4025	FEEES AND PROFESSIONAL CHARGES	50000.00	
132	CONTINGENCIES		
4500	CONTINGENCIES	20000.00	
PLANNING			
601	PLANNING		
4019	HALL HIRE	125.00	
4023	TRAINING	300.00	
	PARISH PLAN	2000.00	
ENVIRONMENT & PROPERTY			
201	PROPERTY PURCHASE		
4112	EQUIPMENT	1250.00	
4101	SEATS AND BINS	1050.00	
202	ROUNDAABOUTS		
1051	ROUNDAABOUT SPONSORSHIP		8250.00
4108	MAINTENANCE	6090.00	
203	MAINTENANCE		
4057	WAR MEMORIAL	2000.00	
4058	CAR PARK	26250.00	
4063	VEHICLE HIRE & RUNNING COSTS	2000.00	
4082	ALLOTMENTS R & R	650.00	
4102	DOG BINS	7000.00	
204	DEVOLVED SERVICES		
	WAGES	0.00	13000.00
4050	MATERIALS	0.00	2000.00
401	CHANDOS PARK		
1030	BOWLS INCOME		0.00
1035	TENNIS CLUB RENT		750.00
4225	RATES	1533.00	
4601	REPAIRS & MAINT FUND	10000.00	
	PLAY AREAS MAINTENANCE	2000.00	
4602	ELECTRICITY	1050.00	
4603	WATER	1050.00	
4616	PAVILION & GREEN	0.00	
4610	REPAIR OF FOOTPATHS	19000.00	
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	14280.00	

402	BOURTON PARK		
4601	REPAIRS & MAINT FUND	15000.00	
	PLAY AREAS MAINTENANCE	2000.00	
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	39375.00	
403	CEMETERY		
1041 & 42	BURIAL FEES & PLOT PURCHASE		11600.00
1043	CEMETERY CHAPEL HIRE etc		300.00
1044	MEMORIAL FUND	0.00	500.00
4225	RATES	1500.00	
4601	REPAIRS & MAINT FUND	1000.00	
4602	ELECTRICITY	800.00	
4603	WATER	630.00	
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	16000.00	
4620	BURIAL EXPENSES	6300.00	
4617	MEMORIAL TESTING	1000.00	
4034/520	PWLB CAPITAL	2566.67	
4034/520	PWLB INTEREST	2137.33	
404	CHANDOS PARK TOILETS		
4612	TOILETS CHANDOS PARK	12600.00	
4225	RATES	1700.00	
405	GENERAL AREAS		
4095/4604	RIPARIAN OWNER RESPONSIBILITY	6000.00	
	PARKS POLICY GROUP	2000.00	
407	OPEN SPACES		
4650	HEARTLANDS/HOLLOWAY SPINNEY/OTHER	2000.00	
406	CEMETERY LODGE		
4609	REPAIRS/RUNNING EXPS LODGE	3000.00	
408	RAILWAY WALK		
4103	BTCV GRANT PAYMENT	1000.00	
4103	TREE WORKS	1200.00	
409	OVERN CRESCENT/GRENVILLE GARAGE		
4053	OVERN CRESCENT RENT	2000.00	
	GRENVILLE GARAGE RENT	400.00	
4053	REPAIRS		
4603	WATER	100.00	
4602	ELECTRICITY	100.00	
4022	INSURANCE	100.00	
410	KEN TAGG PLAY AREA		
4105	MEADWAY REPAIRS RENEWALS	1000.00	
EVENTS			
301	ANNUAL EVENTS		
4104	BASKETS & PLANTERS	8736.00	
4107	BUCKINGHAM IN BLOOM	150.00	
4115	RIVER RINSE	164.00	
4201	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	11865.00	
4202	FIREWORK DISPLAY	4316.00	

4203	COMMUNITY FAIR	198.00	
4204	CHARTER FAIR	945.00	
4205	CHRISTMAS PARADE	2625.00	
4206	WEEK IN THE PARK	2839.00	
4208	SPRING FESTIVAL	3691.00	
	BUCKINGHAM SUMMER FESTIVAL	500.00	
4228	ENTERTAINMENTS	950.00	
4232	BARRIERS PURCHASE	1050.00	
4078	NEW SIGNS	1575.00	
4211	BAND JAM	2575.00	
	MAY DAY EVENT	53.00	
	TEDDY BEARS PICNIC	200.00	
	EVENTS PA SYSTEM	500.00	
4094	YOUTH PROJECT	2000.00	
302	STREET MARKET		
1001	STREET & FLEA MARKET Rent		33600.00
1004	FARMERS MARKET RENT		1365.00
4225	RATES	5723.00	
4226	SUPERVISORS	1250.00	
4015(4227)	ADVERTISEMENTS	1092.00	
4229	SUNDRY EXPENDITURE	568.00	
4017	SUBSCRIPTION NAMBA	350.00	
	SUBSCRIPTION FIND A MARKET	195.00	
4602	FARMERS MARKET ELECT	455.00	
303	SPECIAL EVENTS		
4260	TWINNING	2000.00	
133	ADMIN RESERVES LONG TERM		
4083	CAPITAL RESERVE	90000.00	
4153	COUNCIL VEHICLE RESERVE	2000.00	0.00
	GRAND TOTAL	631488.00	78365.00

Account 4057 Memorial Project: Cllr. W. Whyte declared a personal interest.

Account 4077 Old Gaol Funding: Cllr. Whyte and Cllr. Smith declared a personal interest.

Account 4617 Memorial Testing: Members discussed whether testing was necessary. The Town Clerk explained the history and advised that the Town Council had a legal duty to safeguard the users of the cemetery and that the HSE were prosecuting Councils who had failed to undertake the necessary procedures. Members **AGREED** to reduce the budget from £5000 to £1000.

Account for 2012 Games: Proposed by Cllr. Smith that the amount of £5000 be included was defeated by 2 votes to 10.

Account 4260 Twinning: Cllr. Mordue declared a personal interest.

Account 4095 Flood Relief: it was agreed to move this to 405 cost code (General Areas) and amalgamate it with 4604 River and Pond Maintenance at an amount of £6000 and renamed 'riparian owner responsibility'.

Cllr. Stuchbury felt it was amiss that the Community Plan had not provided the figures for the purpose of the precept minutes so that Members could have taken them into account on the evening.

Members discussed the proposed budget. It was **AGREED** that the Chairman and Town Clerk, along with Cllr. Smith, would produce a press release.

TO PASS A RESOLUTION AGREEING THE PRECEPT REQUEST AMOUNT FOR 2008/2009 AS PER THE ABOVE DISCUSSIONS

Proposed by Cllr. Collins, seconded by Cllr. Newell, and **RESOLVED** that Buckingham Town Council would set a precept of £383123.00 which equates to £88.67 for a band D property.

CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Squash Courts

The Mayor informed Members of the AVDC Cabinet's decision concerning the squash courts; these would be retained and a feasibility study would be undertaken to provide additional crèche facilities, a mezzanine dance floor and a café.

BALC Training course on Accounts and Audit

It was **AGREED** that the Deputy Town Clerk would attend.

Mayor's Service

The Mayor informed Members that he would be holding an informal Civic Service on 17th February at S^t. Peters & S^t. Paul's Church. The service would form part of the normal service and would be highlighting, with the church, the plight of the homeless.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

CHAIRMAN DATE