

**MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL INTERIM MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 12th MAY 2008 AT 7.05pm,
following the Annual Statutory Meeting.**

<u>PRESENT</u>	Councillor	T. Bloomfield Mrs G. Collins P. Collins Mrs P. Desorgher P. Hirons R. Lehmann A. Mahi H. Mordue (Mayor) Ms R. Newell M. Smith R. Stuchbury M. Try W. Whyte
	Town Clerk	Ms. P. J. Heath

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors H. Cadd, D. Isham, and Mrs P. Stevens.

3114 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

**3115 TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM AVDC RE AGREEMENT FOR CORNWALL'S
MEADOW CAR PARK AND WESTERN AVENUE CAR PARK FOLLOWING THE
END OF THE CURRENT AGREEMENT 2009/2010 AND AGREE A RESPONSE.**

Members discussed at great length the letter from AVDC and the implications to Buckingham of both the options offered by the District Council. Concern was expressed that the overall parking problems in Buckingham were not being addressed and that the instigation of charges in the car park would lead to more vehicles being parked in the surrounding streets and more shoppers using Tesco on the outskirts of the town as its parking is free.

Members disagreed with the comments made in the letter in respect of the timescales, believing that the Council had at least 12 months before making any final decision.

Members felt that the residents of Buckingham should not bear the full cost of the car park as Buckingham is the centre for many of the parishes and residents in the North of the County; this had been recognised by the District Council in the past which is why the total cost of the Maintenance / Operation was not expected from the Town Council.

Members noted the costs received from the District Council but expressed concern that the income from enforcement and the enforcement costs had not been included.

It was felt that the Council had a duty to explain to the residents and users of Buckingham's facilities what the Council were doing in respect of the Car Park; the Mayor would talk to Waitrose.

Members believed that there should be an overall parking strategy for Buckingham keeping, if possible, free-at-the-point-of-use parking in Buckingham.

The following actions were **AGREED**:

The Chairman and Clerk would respond to AVDC and would send a press release to the *Advertiser*, a copy of the letter to be sent to Buckingham's District Councillors.

The Clerk would contact the surrounding parishes and explain the negotiations concerning the future of Cornwall's Meadow Car Park and Western Avenue Car Park.

The Chairman would discuss the future of Cornwall's Meadow Car Park with Waitrose.

Cllr. Smith to discuss the future of charging in the Buckingham Car Parks with the Traders' Association.

3116 TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM AVALC AND DECIDE IF ANY MEMBER WISHED TO BE NOMINATED AS A PARISH REPRESENTATIVE ON AV STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Smith, that Cllr. Isham should be nominated was defeated by 5 votes to 2

Proposed by Cllr. Newell, seconded by Cllr. Hirons, that Cllr. Whyte should be nominated was agreed by 8 votes 0.

3117 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

3117.1 Barbecue – Twinning Association

Members were reminded that the Twinning Association was hosting a barbecue on 14th June 2008.

3117.2 Council's Social

The Mayor asked for comments from Members on a proposed Council Members and staff social – it was agreed that a barbecue in the summer and a brewery visit in the autumn be organised.

CHAIRMAN DATE