

**MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL INTERIM MEETING HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY 18th AUGUST 2008 AT 7PM.**

PRESENT

Councillor	P. Collins Mrs. P. Desorgher D. Isham R. Lehmann A. Mahi H. Mordue (Mayor) Ms. R. Newell M. Smith Mrs. P. Stevens R. Stuchbury M. Try W. Whyte
Town Clerk	Ms. P. J. Heath

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors T. Bloomfield, H Cadd, Mrs. G. Collins, G. Loftus and P. Hiron.

3153 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Prejudicial interest was declared for item 6 "request from Buckingham Community Centre" by Cllr. Isham as a Trustee of the Community Centre, Cllr. P. Collins and Cllr. Try as Members of the Management Committee. There were no other declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

3154 TO DISCUSS CHARGING IN BUCKINGHAM CAR PARKS

Members noted the report circulated by email and a copy in the folders prior to the meeting; the Clerk summarised the contents of the report. Members were told the history of the provision of parking in Buckingham and the Council's payment to keep parking free at the point of use. The lack of capacity for additional parking was discussed, with Members being informed that this had been raised in the responses to the Buckingham Plan. The Market Hill development had originally included town centre parking but Members noted that the recent plans had removed that facility completely.

It was proposed and **AGREED** to arrange a meeting with officers and Members of the District Council to discuss the parking charges and future parking capacity.

The Council Members would be Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Stuchbury, Cllr. Whyte, Cllr. Lehmann, Cllr. Isham, and Cllr. Mordue. The Clerk would request that Cllr. Cartwright, Cllr. McPartland, the Head of Parking Services and Head of Forward Plans, attend the meeting.

ACTION THE TOWN CLERK

3155 TO RECEIVE & DISCUSS THE CHANGES TO THE STANDING ORDERS AS ISSUED FOR 14.04.08 MEETING [MINUTE NO 3105]

Copies of the Standing Orders and proposed changes had been circulated with the agenda for 21.07.08 meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **RESOLVED** to accept the amended standing orders subject to the following adjustments:-

Standing order n^o: 11.

The Mayor explained the current system for the agreement and ratification of Committee and Council minutes. The Town Clerk confirmed that the wording of the law had been checked against the procedure and the system was legal; this had been confirmed with Tim Ricketts (BALC lecturer at a recent training event)

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **AGREED** by 12 votes to 0 not to change the wording of standing order 11. An additional explanation of the procedure would be added.

ACTION THE TOWN CLERK

Standing order n^o: 13

Proposed by Cllr. Lehmann, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and **AGREED** by 11 votes to 0 to retain the wording of 13 (a) and remove the new wording under 13.1 and 13.2

Standing order n^o: 15 (formerly n^o: 14.1)

Members discussed whether this should be restricted to standing committee; it was agreed to accept the new wording.

3156 TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PART-TIME GROUNDSMAN – CRAIG CALDER

It was formally **AGREED** to confirm the appointment of Mr. Craig Calder as part-time Groundsman.

3157 TO RECEIVE & DISCUSS REQUEST FROM BUCKINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE RE 50/50 FUNDING AS PER 2008 – 2011 AGREEMENT.

Cllr. Isham left the room having declared a prejudicial interest at the start of the meeting.

The Town Clerk explained in detail the ruling under the code of conduct 12.2 and the procedures the Council have to follow to allow those Councillors who have declared a prejudicial interest to speak on a subject giving such information as the Members would need to make an informed decision.

Members discussed at length the request from the Community Centre which had been sent under the terms of the agreement. In response to a question the Clerk informed Members that the previous work to the lights and flooring

had been undertaken under the old agreement which expired on 31st March 2008.

Cllr. P. Collins withdrew from the meeting having declared a prejudicial interest at the start of the meeting and having been reminded of the procedure under code of conduct 12.2.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Lehmann, and **AGREED** by 8 votes to 0 to accept the request by the Community Centre for the 50/50 funding of the small hall lights.

Cllr. Try who had declared a prejudicial interest at the start of the meeting did not take part in the meeting nor voted.

Cllr. Desorgher did not take part in the meeting nor voted.

Cllr. P. Collins and Cllr. Isham returned to the meeting.

**3158 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON THAMES VALLEY POLICE AUTHORITY:
“HAVE YOUR SAY” – CLLR. SMITH**

Members noted and accepted the report; there were no questions.

**3159 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM “THE FILM PLACE”
REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR ROAD SIGNS – TO DISCUSS AND AGREE
RESPONSE**

A copy of the paperwork had been circulated with the agenda for 21.07.08 meeting. Members were happy to support The Film Place in obtaining directional signs to the location of the Community Cinema.

**3160 TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM BCC CONCERNING THE “REVOCATION OF
WEIGHT LIMIT ORDERS ON WEAK BRIDGES”: CASTLE BRIDGE,
BUCKINGHAM.**

Members expressed concern that the removal of weight limit orders on Castle Bridge, Tingewick Road, would encourage heavy goods vehicles to attempt to access the Town Centre via Castle Street or School Lane neither of which is suitable for this type of traffic. It was **AGREED** to write and ask for weight limit signs to be clearly displayed on the Tingewick Road, and to request a uniform policy on limits and signage in the town to aid enforcement.

ACTION THE TOWN CLERK

3161 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON THE LARGER LOCAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE 24TH/25TH APRIL 2008 – ALREADY CIRCULATED WITH 02.06.08 AGENDA

A copy of the report had been circulated at the 02.06.08 meeting. The Town Clerk was thanked for the report and it was **AGREED** to place the action point on the Finance and Administration agenda.

ACTION THE TOWN CLERK

3162 TO RECEIVE ATTENDANCE REGISTER FOR 2007 – 2008

Members received and noted the 2007/2008 attendance register which had been circulated with 21.07.08 agenda.

3163 TO RECEIVE, IF REQUIRED, COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

There were no comments from the District Councillor present at the meeting.

3164 MAYOR'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION.

3164.1 High Sheriff Civic service

Members were informed by the Mayor that they had been invited to the High Sheriff's Civic Service on Sunday 12th October at 3pm in S^t Peter & S^t Paul's Church; the Chairman would circulate the email invitation. The Members were reminded that unless they formally respond there will be no allocated seat in the church.

The following item was heard under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 which excludes Members of the Public due to the confidential and financial nature of the business to be discussed.

3165 TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF THE COSTS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE CLIENT REPRESENTATIVE

CHAIRMAN DATE