

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment and Property Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on **Tuesday 31st May 2011** in the Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr. T. Bloomfield
Cllr. H. Cadd
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. D. Isham
Cllr. R. Lehmann
Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell - Chair
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. R. Stuchbury
Cllr. W. Whyte

In attendance: Anita Simonds (Deputy Clerk), Liz Campbell (Committee Clerk)

Cllr. Isham took the chair for the first item.

79/11 Election of Chairman

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield, and **AGREED** unanimously that Cllr. Newell be Chairman of the Environment and Property Committee.

Cllr. Newell took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

80/11 Election of Vice Chairman

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Cadd, and **AGREED** unanimously that Cllr. Isham be Vice Chairman of the Environment and Property Committee.

Cllr. A. Mahi joined the meeting.

81/11 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllr. M. Smith, Cllr. P. Hirons and Cllr. M. Try and from Cllr. A. Mahi for late arrival.

82/11 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Stuchbury declared a personal interest in Buckingham Rugby Club (his son plays there) – item 87/11.1 Cllr Whyte declared a personal interest in the War Memorial because he produced a scheme for the War Memorial.

83/11 Minutes

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Environment and Property Committee meeting held on Monday 21st March 2011, which had been ratified at Full Council on the 9th May 2011.

84/11 Action Reports

The report was noted.

85/11 Motion to adopt the Green Fair

Concerns were expressed by Members that the Town Council had not budgeted for expenses connected to the Green Fair. Cllr Newell reported that it had recently been agreed to raise the cost of stands from £25 to £50 each, and that therefore the event should be self-financing.

Members **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the Green Fair is formally adopted by the Town Council, with a preliminary budget of £100 allocated to it, and that it would fall under the remit of the Environment and Property Committee, with a view to precepting for the event next year.

86/11 Chandos Park

86/11.1 Letter of complaint from resident

Members recognised that anti-social behaviour in Chandos Park was an ongoing problem, and that there had been particular problems with alcohol-related ASB, and that the Town Council had supported the designation of the park as a Drinking Control Zone by Thames Valley Police.

It was **AGREED** that the Town Council would request extra foot patrols by the Police in the park, and that Cllr. Smith would raise the issue with the NAG.

ACTION TOWN CLERK/CLLR. SMITH

Cllr Whyte raised the issue of litter clearance and bin emptying at the park, which he felt was inadequate, particularly during the summer months.

Cllr. P. Collins joined the meeting.

It was **AGREED** to ask the Green Spaces Manager to get costings for varying the existing contract for litter clearance to increase the frequency, particularly at weekends.

ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER

It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk would reply to the resident on behalf of the Town Council.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

86/11.2 Report on vandalism at the park

Members **AGREED** to note the report, but asked for clarification on the budget heading for repairs to the park. Members asked for assurance that vandalism incurring significant costs (over £100) was being claimed for under the Council's insurance policy. Cllr Whyte asked that the Town Council made sure that all vandalism was being reported to TVP and given a crime reference number.

ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER

87/11 Cemetery

It was **AGREED** to accept the recommendations in the report to update the cemetery handbook, documentation and website.

88/11 Request from Planning Committee (11/00668/APP)

Members requested a copy of the Bowls Club extension plans and details of materials to be used for the next meeting. Members **AGREED** to defer seeking legal advice until a later date.

89/11 Section 106 monies

89/11.1 Support of Section 106 application

Members **AGREED** to seek more information on the total Section 106 monies available before making a decision on support.

ACTION GREEN SPACES MANAGER

89/11.2 To consider two letters of support for two play areas

Members **RESOLVED** to ask the Town Clerk to write two letters of support.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

89/11.3 Otters Brook Play Area Ownership

Members **AGREED** to defer this decision until they had seen a copy of the original agreement, and it was known whether the WREN money for the refurbishment was forthcoming.

90/11 Roundabout Agreements

Members **AGREED** that the Town Clerk could draw up a new agreement, but that there was no need to take legal advice at this point.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

91/11 AVDC "Play Around the Parishes" events – Chandos Park

Members **AGREED** to support the events, but to suggest that AVDC considers other locations in the parish.

ACTION DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

92/11 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr. Newell informed councillors that the seat in North End Square will not be moved, and that the seat will be cleaned.

93/11 Date of Next Meeting.

Next meeting to be held Monday 18th July 2011.

Meeting finished at 7:55pm.

Chair.....

Date.....