

Minutes of a meeting of the **Resources Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on **Monday 21st September 2015** in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7pm.

Present: Cllr. J. Bates
 Cllr. T. Bloomfield
 Cllr. J. Harvey Chair
 Cllr. D. Isham
 Cllr. A. Mahi Town Mayor
 Cllr. H. Mordue
 Cllr. M. Smith
 Cllr. R. Stuchbury

Also present: Mr. C. Wayman Town Clerk
 Mrs. C. Bolton Committee Clerk

The Chair and Members extended their good health wishes to Cllr Paddy Collins who had recently been taken ill, and heartfelt support to his wife Cllr Geraldine Collins.

415/15 **Apologies for Absence**

RESOLVED to receive apologies from Councillors G and P Collins, Strain-Clark, Hirons, Try, O'Donoghue, Newell and Quayle.

416/15 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

417/15 **Minutes**

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on Monday 3rd August 2015 and ratified by Full Council on 17th August 2015.

R/02/15

There were no matters arising.

Members **AGREED** Cllr Stuchbury's request to discuss item 8 next

418/15 **Cotton End Steps**

To discuss and agree a temporary revenue heading to provide an accessible ramp

Proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr Strain-Clark, and **RECOMMENDED** that Buckingham Town Council apply for New Homes Bonus funding to reinstate the sloped path at Cotton End

The Town Clerk informed Members that Cllr Paternoster and the NHB funding team at AVDC were expecting an application for the project from Buckingham Town Council. Bucks County Council would be providing a fully estimated cost.

Cllr Stuchbury said that Bucks County Council would adopt the land once the project is completed.

Cllr Mordue commented that meetings had been taking place between AVDC and the developer regarding the access; he hoped that the developer would agree to reinstate the ramp.

Cllr Harvey said that in the meantime a blame free, pragmatic approach was required to provide a solution for the public as soon as possible.

Members **AGREED** to pursue the project and adopt a temporary budget heading of 'Planning shortcomings'.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Cllr Stuchbury left the meeting

419/15 Action Report

Members noted the Action Report.

Charter fair – the Town Clerk reported that he had checked into the Town Council's liability and said that the ride and stall holders were responsible for any accidents within their individual boundaries; if a trip or a fall occurs outside the stalls then the Town Council is responsible. The Town Clerk would also be working with Marshall Nicholls on disabled accessible routes through the fair.

The Town Clerk reported he was also working to clarify the position with the Red Cross Building and had a meeting shortly with AVDC officers.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

420/15 Accounts and Budgets

Received and noted.

421/15 Chamber Wall

To receive and agree proposed design drawing and agree to go out to tender for the works

The Town Clerk commented that the drawing included a re-design of the lipped door step to allow easier wheelchair access.

Members **AGREED** the design to go out for tender.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

422/15 Industrial Unit

To discuss the purchase of a unit on Hillcrest Way

The Town Clerk informed Members that for some time the unit at College farm had not been ideal, the format was effective for storage and often too damp for the Council's archived papers.

The unit at Hillcrest Way offered good space, a mezzanine decked floor, kitchenette and toilet facilities. The rates were approximately £4,000 per annum.

Members **AGREED** that the Town Clerk continue with the project and investigate the unit further; the Town Clerk would apply for New Homes Bonus funding for the purchase. Should that not be forthcoming then the Town Clerk would make a request to Full Council for funding from earmarked reserves.

Proposed by Cllr Harvey, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that the Town Council prepare a New Homes Bonus funding application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

423/15 Meeting Calendar 2016

To receive and agree the Town Council's scheduled meetings Calendar for 2016.

AGREED

21st-September-20151

29/11/2016

RATIFIED 5TH OCTOBER 2015

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Members requested all associated dates (such as play around the parishes, twinning events) be added to the calendar when known.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK

424/15 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Harvey commented on the successful outcome of the referendum.

425/15 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 9th November 2015

Meeting closed at: 7.35pm

Signed.....

Date.....