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FULL COUNCIL

Wednesday, 02 February 2022
Councillors,

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Full Council** of Buckingham Town Council to be held on Monday 7th February 2022, following an Extraordinary meeting of Town Centre & Events Committee, in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Please note that the meeting will be preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Orders 3.e and 3.f, which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes. Members of the public can attend the meeting in person. The Council is trialling the use of video conferencing to enable the public and guests to address Council meetings virtually. If you would like to address the meeting in this way, please email committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call 01280 816426 for details.

The meeting can be watched live on the Town Council's YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC89BUTwVpjAOEIdSlfcZC9Q/>

Mr P. Hodson
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive apologies from members.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

3. Minutes

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meetings held on:



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Members are reminded when making decisions that the Public Sector Equality Duty 2010 requires Members to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who don't, and to foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who don't. All Committee documents can be found on the Buckingham Town Council's website. Alternatively, the Clerk send you a copy of any minutes, reports or other information. To do this, send a request using the contact details set out above.

Monday 17th January 2022 (Precept)
Monday 22nd November 2021

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4. Interim Minutes

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 20th December 2021

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5. Planning Committee

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendation therein of the Planning Committee meetings held on:

- Monday 29th November 2021
- Monday 20th December 2021 (Informal)
- Monday 24th January 2022

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Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury and seconded by Cllr. Ralph to recommend to Full Council to undertake a footfall survey across the bridge from Heartlands Park to the car park in order to ascertain the volume of pedestrians and cyclists that have to cross the busy car park entrance to reach shops and other facilities. Partner organisations including The Buckingham Society and Access4All are to be invited to participate in the survey to improve signage or introduce mitigations to reduce the risk of accidents'.

6. Town Centre and Events Committee

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Town Centre and Events Committee meetings held on Monday 13th December 2021

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7. Environment Committee

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 6th December 2021

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8. Resources Committee

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendation therein of the Resources Committee meeting held on Monday 10th January 2022

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Members AGREED to recommend the revised version of Standing Orders to Full Council. (With the insertion of additional paragraph at 3Y regarding virtual attendance at meetings by Councillors)

[An electronic copy of the revised version of Standing Orders can be accessed from the following hyperlink: <https://www.buckingham-tc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Standing-Orders.docx>]

[Appendix A](#)

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9. Action List

[Appendix B](#)

10. Motion – Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury and seconded by Cllr. Ralph

It is proposed Buckingham Town Council declare 2022 as the Year of the Tree in Buckingham. Our many mature trees contribute to the natural environment of the town and in their role lowering the carbon footprint of Buckingham by extracting carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

We have already lost many substantial trees through the planning process and other trees continue to be discussed for removal so is important to seek the community support in monitoring the well-being of these trees within the community, taking personal ownership of their well-being albeit not in any way the financial or legal ownership.

Although everyone is working to plant new trees within Buckinghamshire, it seems a contradiction to be removing so many mature trees at the same time. In doing so, the valuable service they render in sequestering carbon dioxide is lost and additionally the carbon within the tree is released as they decay. A double loss.

There is a necessity therefore, to encourage community ownership of our beautiful canopy and arboretum of substantial trees in Buckingham.

11. Section 106 Wishlists

To receive and discuss a written report from the Town Clerk [BTC/99/21](#)

11.1 Major Planning Application 19/00148/AOP - Land Off Osier Way, East Of Gawcott Road - S106 Sport/Leisure

To discuss and agree destination use for the s106 Sport & Leisure contribution for Osier Way.

11.2 Major Planning Application 20/00510/APP Land West of Moreton Road and Castlemilk

To discuss and agree destination use for the s106 Sport & Leisure contribution for Moreton Road Phase 3.

12. Buckinghamshire Plan Consultation

To receive notice of a [Questionnaire Survey](#) – The Discovery & Exploration Phase for the new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire and agree and response. *[The survey questions are available from: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/local-development-plans-info/buckinghamshire-local-plan/> The end date is 11th February 2022]* [Appendix C](#)

13. To receive and question reports from Buckinghamshire Council Councillors

14. Environment Bill

To receive and discuss a response from Greg Smith MP [Appendix D](#)

15. Boundary Commission Consultation on Ward Boundaries in Buckinghamshire

To receive and discuss a written report from the Town Clerk [BTC/100/21](#)

16. Food Connect, Stratford Road, Buckingham, MK18 1NY PR202104251190

To receive and discuss a report from the Town Clerk **Report to follow**

17. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

17.1 To receive a verbal report from Cllr. Harvey regarding the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils.

17.2 To receive the minutes from the Pontio Group meeting held on 10th January 2022 [Appendix E](#)

17.3 To receive any other updates from representatives

18. Mayoral Engagements

To receive a list of events attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Functions the Mayor has attended:

- 19.11.21. BACAB Town v Gown Quiz.
- 21.11.21. Lace Hill Winter Fair
- 23.11.21. Buckingham & Gawcott Charitable Trust meeting.
- 24.11.21. Royal Latin School. Opening of Sports Campus.
- 25.11.21. Buckingham Society AGM and lecture.
- 5.12.21. Aylesbury Town Mayor's Carol Service.
- 9.12.21. Lace Hill Residents' Association AGM.
- 11.12.21. Christmas Parade.
- 11.12.21. Leighton Linlade Town Mayor's Christmas Carol Concert.
- 15.12.21. University of Buckingham Vice Chancellor's Christmas Reception.
- 10.1.22. Pontio meeting.
- 15.1.22. Queen's Canopy tree planting at the University of Buckingham.
- 20.1.22. Buckingham Almshouses and Welfare Charity Trustees' meeting.
- 27.1.22. Holocaust Memorial Day ceremony.
- 2.2.22. Buckingham Twinning Association meeting.
- 5.2.22. Unveiling of Buckingham RAF cadets' new flag.

19. Chair's Announcements

20. Date of the next meeting:

Interim Council – Monday 7th March 2022 (Preceded by an Informal Meeting of Full Council)

Full Council - Monday 28th March 2022

Appendix B

Minute No.	Action	Action Required	Update	Deadline
384/19; 817/20	Photograph	Members discussed and AGREED arrangements for formal photographs of the 2019/20 Full Council and also the Council elected in May 2021	Photographs taken. The final version is being completed. NS to provide a verbal update.	Mar-22
512/19	Climate Emergency Action Plan	The Climate Emergency Action Plan to be reviewed yearly by Full Council, with previously rejected suggestions reviewed and new suggestions added.	Currently reviewed within each Committee. Next annual review at Full Council - March 2022	Mar-22
911/20; 387/21	Child Poverty	Child Poverty has increased by 32% from 2015 to 2019 in the Buckingham Constituency... Indeed, in parts of our town, there are more than 1 in 5 children living in relative poverty. This is a matter of great concern to the Town Council. Although our powers are limited, we are committed to tackling this scourge in whatever way we can. As a consequence, we will organise a day of reflection and action. The aim will be to bring together all those who wish to consider what might be done to build on existing good work (e.g. the Food Bank, Buckinghamshire Council and all organisations that are currently working around this current issue.) and develop other ideas to help these local children and their families."	First Working Group held, second meeting postponed, to be arranged for February 2022	Mar-22
386.2/21	Public Health Meeting to discuss healthcare provision in Buckingham	Members AGREED to leave it on the action list and review it at an appropriate time.	Ongoing	
30/21	Code of Conduct	AGREED to accept the code of conduct subject to arranging a workshop to review the new LGA Code of Conduct and consider any changes following Buckinghamshire Council's adoption of the new LGA model.		Agenda
235/21	Welcome Signs	Members received a written report from the Town Clerk and held a discussion over alternations to the town's welcome signs. Members AGREED for the Town Clerk to investigate the current situation with Highways and report back to a future meeting of Full Council	A quote has been received for less than expected, and TCE have	Jan-22
353	TVP Counter Closures	353/21 Motion – Cllr. M. Cole JP Proposed by Cllr. Cole and seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury that this Council, having been involved in the 2021 consultation about closing Thames Valley Police front desks as a cost-saving exercise, asks how TVP can justify wasting £14.4m of taxpayers' money in pulling out of the Equip IT venture being developed with Surrey and Sussex forces, in which it was the major partner. Prior to the May 2021 elections, TVP was also asking for an increase to its council tax precept to provide more officers. This waste of council taxpayers' money appears to be at odds with that, and we would ask the TV Police Commissioner to justify this profligacy. We would also ask what is the latest situation on counter closures, given that TVP itself noted 51%, a majority, of those taking part in the consultation were opposed to it. Members voted unanimously in favour of Cllr. Cole's motion and the Town Clerk was tasked with writing to the TV Police Commissioner. ACTION TOWN CLERK	No response has been received	

Buckingham Town Council

Full Council

Monday 7th February 2022

Contact Officer: Paul Hodson, Town Clerk

S106 considerations

1. Recommendations

- 1.1. It is recommended that from now onwards the Council takes a two-part approach to all new large developments, of providing a response to the planning applications, but also providing an S106 request in detail at the earliest possible stage, making it clear that this in no way detracts from any overall opposition to a development.
- 1.2. The Council requests that the Sport and Leisure contributions for both Osier Way and Moreton Road requests are allocated towards the cost of providing an arts and cultural venue for the town.

2. Sport and Leisure Wishlist

- 2.1. The Town Council has agreed an S106 Wishlist with Buckinghamshire Council for the use of already agreed and future Sport and Leisure S106 contributions. At present, all sports and leisure S106 contributions have to be made in accordance with the Matrix Of Sport And Leisure Facility Provision Standards In Aylesbury Vale. The Matrix was set in 2004, so is sadly out of date. The relevant section is Appendix 2, below:

MATRIX OF SPORT AND LEISURE FACILITY PROVISION STANDARDS IN AYLESBURY VALE

Settlement / Development Size	Public Open Space	Equipped Play Facilities	Youth Shelter / Meeting Area	Skateboard Facility	MUGA	Floodlit STP	Playing Pitches	Changing Pavilion	Community Centre	Dry Sports Centre	Swimming Pool	Heritage and Interpretation	Entertainment Complex	Arts Centre
Hamlet (under 100)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Parish 1 (100-300)	PO1	EP1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rural Parish 2 (300-1,000)	PO2	EP2	YS1	0	0	0	PP1	CH1	CC1	0	0	HI1	0	0
Rural Parish 3 (1,000-3,000)	PO3	EP3	YS1	SB1	MU1	0	PP2	CH1	CC2	0	0	HI1	0	0
Cluster	0	0	0	SB1	MU1	0	PP3	CH1	CC3a and b	0	0	HI1	0	0
Secondary Settlement (Buckingham, Winslow, Wendover, Haddenham)	PO4	EP4	YS2	SB1	MU2	ST1	PP4	CH1	CC3a and b	SC1	SW1	HI2	EC1	AC1
Aylesbury Community Area	PO4	EP4	YS2	SB1	MU2	0	PP4	CH1	CC2	SC1	SW1	0	EC1	0
Aylesbury	PO5	0	YS3	SB2	0	ST2	PP4	CH1	0	SC1	SW1	HI3	EC2	AC1

0 No provision required at this level; facilities will be provided elsewhere

PO1 Central public open space approximately 0.25 - 1 ha. if an equipped play area is provided

PO2 Central public open space of approximately 2 - 4 ha. providing natural and amenity areas with 50% non sports space

PO3 Main open space of approximately 4 to 8 ha. providing amenity and natural areas with 50% non sports space. Local open space, min. 0.25 ha, in areas of housing more than 300-400m away from main open space

PO4 Central public open space of approximately 10-20 ha. Local open space of around 2 ha. providing amenity and natural land within 400m of all homes. Immediately local open space of 0.25 - 1 ha. in housing within 300m of homes

PO5 Informal boundary areas providing for informal recreation, local play needs and buffering. Green linear routes within the built areas

EP1 LEAP level equipped play provision on central open space, where appropriate to local circumstances

EP2 NEAP level equipped play provision on central main open space

EP3 NEAP level equipped play provision on central main open space. LEAP level provision in areas of housing more than 300m-400m from main open space

EP4 NEAP+ level equipped play provision in main park. NEAP provision in each local park. Further equipped play provision where appropriate to local circumstances

- YS1 Tubular frame youth shelter manufactured to British Safety Standards; one in Main Open Space
- YS2 Tubular frame youth shelter & minimum of 9m x 9m hard surface, basketball/football goal unit in each Local Park
- YS3 Tubular frame youth shelter & minimum court set up of 20m x 20m with 2 basketball & football goal unit; one in each District Park
- SB1 Skateboard facility with ramps and pipes as defined through consultation with local young people; minimum 2 quarter pipes
- SB2 Floodlit skateboard facility with ramps and pipes as defined through consultation with local young people; minimum equipment levels to include fun box, quarter pipe, half pipe & grind rail
- MU1 One Type 4 floodlit MUGA (unless local circumstances dictate other type) to accommodate five a side football in central main open space to Sport England and SAPCA recommended standards
- MU2 One MUGA as defined in MU1 in main park and each local park, providing location and demographics permit
- ST1 Half Full Size Football/Hockey floodlit STP to guidance provided in A Guide to the Design, Specification and Construction of Multi Use Games Areas
- ST2 *Minimum* one Full Size STP per 60,000 population, accessible and available for public use as specified in guidance quoted in ST1
- PP1 One adult full size pitch - sport according to identified need at the time
- PP2 One adult and one youth pitch with space for mini soccer/rugby according to sports need
- PP3 Minimum as PP2 with floodlit grass training area
- PP4 Provision as identified in Aylesbury Vale Playing Pitch Strategy
- CH1 Pavilion/Clubhouse to standards for relevant pitch provision as set out in Sport England Design Guidance Note *Pavilions and Clubhouses*
- CC1 Small community centre with main hall <100m² with foyer, small meeting room, adequate storage, kitchen, toilet facilities and parking
- CC2 Medium sized community centre <250m², as CC1 with addition of meeting room(s), and stage
- CC3a Minimum 18m x 10m main hall and ancillary facilities suitable for sporting activities to standards set in Sport England Design Guidance Note *Village and Community Halls* plus fitness room to Cultural Strategy recommended standard
- CC3b Minimum 18m x 10m main hall with fixed or demountable stage and ancillary facilities suitable for arts and performance activities to standards set in Sport England Design Guidance Note *Village and Community Halls*
- SC1 Dry sports centre to meet identified Sport England Facility Planning Model deficiencies, designed to Sport England Design Guidance
- SW1 Swimming Pool Provision to meet identified Sport England Facility Planning Model deficiencies, designed to Sport England Design Guidance
- HI1 Community information point to include interpretation relating to local history & heritage
- HI2 Community information point to include interpretation relating to local history & heritage, parish map & visitor guide
- HI3 Nationally Accredited Museum recording settlement history, library link to centre for local studies, visitor guide and town map.
- EC1 Community Hall / Theatre with stage & capacity for 200 people - should preferably be located within community school
- EC2 Multi purpose auditorium with capacity for 1200, secondary theatre with capacity of 200
- AC1 Minimum of 4 arts workshop areas including wetroom & kiln.

3. Current Town Council Wishlist

Buckingham Sport & Leisure Projects									
Ref	Project	Location	Owner	Est. Delivery	Est. Cost	Committed S106 Received	Committed S106 Awaiting (Est)	Est. Shortfall	Notes
1	Skate Park (incl vicinity)	Bridge Street	AVDC	2020/21	200,000	135,590		-64,410	
2	Play Area	Otters Brook	BTC	2022	80,000			-80,000	
3	Play Area	Stratford Fields	AVDC	2023	80,000		35,000	-45,000	
4	Play Area (early years)	Bourton Park	BTC	2025	60,000			-60,000	
5	Play Area	Chandos Park	BTC	2025	80,000			-80,000	
6	Play Area	Bridge Street	AVDC	2026	80,000		46,000	-34,000	
7	Play Area	Overn Avenue	AVDC	2027	80,000			-80,000	
8	Play Area Junior/Teen	Bourton Park	BTC	2028	106,000			-106,000	
9	Play Area (new location)	Embleton Way	AVDC	TBC	80,000		4,812	-75,188	
11	"Making footpaths and bridges within and connecting Buckingham's parks accessible".	Buckingham's Parks	BTC	TBC	130,000			-130,000	
12	Connecting Bridge & Paths	Heartlands/Bourton Park	AVDC / BTC	TBC	300,000			-300,000	
13	Landscaping	Castle House Open Space	AVDC	TBC	60,000			-60,000	
14	Cultural Arts Venue	TBC	BTC	TBC	1,500,000			-1,500,000	Potentially part of new development, including provision of land
15	BMX Track	TBC	BTC	TBC				0	Potentially part of new development
16	New Woodland with each large development	TBC	BTC	TBC				0	Contributions sought via S106

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4. Requirements of Sport and Leisure Schemes

4.1. VALP Policy I2 (Sports and Recreation) for reference:

The council will support development proposals involving the provision of new sport and recreation facilities that are accessible by pedestrians and cyclists and public transport where available and have no unacceptable impact upon the following:

- a. visual, noise or other impact on public amenity including safety
- b. the highway network
- c. on wildlife and habitats
- d. the historic environment
- e. flooding or drainage

4.2. New housing development of more than 10 units or which have a combined gross floor-space of more than 1,000 square metres (gross internal area) will be required to meet the Council's adopted standards in Appendix D to secure adequate provision of sports and recreation facilities increased capacity to meet the additional demand for sports and recreation facilities arising from new residential development. Facilities are required to be provided on-site except where off-site provision is acceptable according to the circumstances in Appendix D.

4.3. Accessible natural green space required through Policy I1 will be treated separately to formal outdoor sports areas, equipped play facilities and allotment provision, which may be located within or outside such accessible natural green space, on land that is in addition to the accessible natural green space required under Policy I1.

4.4. Conditions will be imposed on permissions or planning obligations sought in order to secure appropriate sport and recreation facilities reasonably related to the scale and kind of housing proposed. The recreational benefits to be obtained or provided by the Council by virtue of the obligation will be directly relevant to the development permitted and the needs of its occupiers and fairly and reasonably related to its scale and kind.

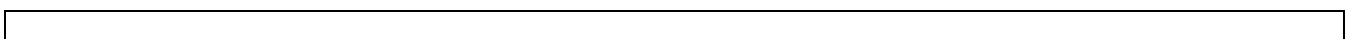
4.5. Sports and recreation facilities being provided must have a long-term management and maintenance strategy agreed by the Council and shall set out details of the owner, the responsible body and how the strategy can be implemented by contractors.

4.6. The policy applies to all types of sports and associated built facilities required for their operation or facilities of a more community nature where sports can take place within. This includes sports halls, swimming pools, community centres and village halls, artificial grass pitches (such as for football), grass playing pitches (such as for cricket), climbing walls, stadia and facilities for outdoor and indoor tennis, outdoor and indoor bowls, athletics, golf, health and fitness, squash and climbing walls.

4.7. Formal outdoor sports areas providing facilities for football, netball, cricket, hockey, rugby and other sports should be treated separate to ANGSt so these areas can function to ensure financial sustainability. Facilities are usually hired for a fee and may include built facilities such as a pavilion or club house. Access is controlled and to maximise daytime use the facility should ideally be colocated/shared with a school, college, community hall, sports club or other facility

5. Future Approach by Buckinghamshire Council

5.1. Since VALP was 'made' last September, the following documents are planned but not yet available:



- (11.20) The 2021 Playing Pitch Strategy is being drafted and any future Built Facilities Strategy will look closely at the users of facilities in Aylesbury Vale and the existing facilities and sets out whether the existing facilities are adequate or not, need replacing, or can be expanded.
- (11.22) A Built Facilities Strategy (BFS) proposed to be prepared is a strategic assessment that will provide an up to date analysis of the supply and demand of built sports facilities across Aylesbury Vale. In conjunction with the PPS, the BFS will provide a holistic analysis of sports facilities across the study area, leading to a comprehensive set of recommendations for the future development of facilities, in line with the demands and needs of local residents.
- (11.25) A new Open Space, Sports, Leisure and Cultural Facilities SPD and new Ready Reckoner will be produced once the VALP has been adopted. These documents will further detail how Policy I2 is to be implemented on individual planning applications, provide advice on onsite and off-site provision and explain when financial contributions would be sought. These documents will replace the 2004 Sports and Leisure Facilities SPG and 2005 Ready Reckoner, providing details on what developments should provide.
(11.30) The Open Space, Sports, Leisure and Cultural Facilities SPD will set out guidance for on or off site provision for open space, sports and leisure facilities (see Policy I2), cultural facilities and also community facilities and community infrastructure required under Policy I3. The SPD will also set out any possible exceptions to on or off site provision.

5.2. It is also noted that “Sport and Leisure” has become “Sport and Recreation”.

5.3. However, at this time, the Council is asked to make requests using the Matrix above.

Major Planning Application 19/00148/AOP - Land Off Osier Way, East Of Gawcott Road - S106 Sport/Leisure

- 5.4. The Parks and Green Infrastructure Officer at Buckinghamshire Council has asked the Council to suggest uses for the s106 monies to be allocated in the s106 attached to **19/00148/AOP** Land south of Osier Way and east of Gawcott Road.
- 5.5. Outline Planning application (with all matters other than means of access reserved) for a residential development of up to 420 dwellings (including affordable housing), and associated infrastructure including provision of open space (including formal play space); car parking; new pedestrian and cycle linkages; landscaping and drainage works (to include SuDS attenuation) and two new accesses off Osier Way and one new access off Gawcott Road. Includes demolition of the existing pigsty was granted approval subject to a satisfactory s106 agreement on 16th December 2020.
- 5.6. The sum is likely to be in the region of £1.2m, depending on the sizes of the houses in the detailed plans. This takes account of the three LEAP and 1 NEAP equipped play areas already agreed (see below; red = LEAP, blue = NEAP).

6. Points to note

- 6.1. The Sport & Leisure contribution has been used in the past for renovation of existing play areas and other open spaces and facilities such as the Swan Pool. However £1.2m is a considerable sum and a single larger project could be considered.
- 6.2. Leisure activities not involving sport (e.g. a performance space, craft workshops) are rarely considered even though the population of the town has expanded considerably in the last 18 years. Indoor activities and pursuits, and those likely to appeal to adults of all ages are not well catered for.
- 6.3. The Council does have a Wish List.
- 6.4. St Rumbolds Fields to the northwest of this site has 399 dwellings, equally without any community facilities other than open space and playgrounds. Thus the residents of over 800 new dwellings have no meeting place, no school, no teenage or adult leisure provision and no bus service (though service 'improvements' are included in St Rumbolds' s106, and postulated for Osier Way. However experience shows that once the funding expires, the bus service is cut, often because it does not run at convenient times of day for working people or school pupils; a bus service for Lace Hill was also proposed, but has never materialised). Lace Hill has 696 dwellings and is within walking distance of a primary school, community centre and bus route.



7. Need for a Cultural Arts Venue

7.1. Objective 8 of the Neighbourhood Plan Includes the provision of Community Buildings. This includes **NDP 8.4**:

7.2. A Cultural Arts Venue. *“The cultural arts centre will provide a facility for hosting performances and art. It will provide a public arts space available without the identified constraints of private ownership. Whilst facilities may exist within the town, questions of access especially at the weekends and evenings and insurance coverage have constrained general public access.” A 3-400 seat flexible community venue is needed at a site to be agreed. This maybe built within an existing site, or a large new development could be asked to provide land as part of their S106 arrangements e.g. Osier Way*

7.3. Such a venue is listed in the wish list which has been agreed with the previous planning authority. At present no site has been agreed for a venue and no monies raised. However for this work to begin, some funds need to be available. It is likely that the total cost will be substantial. It may be that a future large development in Buckingham is able to provide suitable land for the venue. If funds are already

allocated towards the development and build cost, this would then make the proposed venue realistic. There is a risk of the proposed cultural arts venue never being provided if every time a contribution is proposed it is declined due to a lack of a site and firm plan, given that these may not be possible without an initial commitment of will and funds.

7.4. It is therefore proposed to request that all available S106 sport and leisure contributions for the Osier Way site are allocated to a cultural arts venue in the town.

8. Major Planning Application 20/00510/APP Land West of Moreton Road and Castlemilk

8.1. The Parks and Green Infrastructure Officer at Buckinghamshire Council has asked the Council to suggest uses for the s106 monies to be allocated in the s106 attached to 20/00510/APP Land West of Moreton Road and Castlemilk

8.2. If the above development is approved and subsequently commences it will generate a £340,113 sport/leisure contribution. The application is for the erection of 130 dwellings, associated access and parking, landscaping and amenity space and the change of land from agriculture to use as sports pitches/recreational open space and informal open space.

8.3. The current plan includes a BMX pump track. It is proposed to strongly request that this is retained, along with the proposed pitches.

8.4. The current design includes two pitches and a BMX pump track.

8.5. For the same reasons as the Osier Way application, it is proposed to request that all available S106 sport and leisure contributions for the site are allocated to a cultural arts venue in the town.



9. Overall Town Council input to S106 discussions

9.1. Councillor Cole attended a Planning and Environment meeting with Buckinghamshire Council on 25th January. The Town Council had submitted the following question. The answer was provided by Buckinghamshire Council:

No	Questions
From Buckingham Town Council	
23.	How can parishes be more consistently consulted on the S106 agreements in their areas, (other than for Sports and Leisure contributions)?
Answer	<p>Local Ward Members and Parish/Town Councils are consulted on planning applications and are able to provide comments on all aspects of the proposal. It is during the application process, prior to determination that Members and Town/Parish Councils have an opportunity to identify and request mitigation proposals. It should be noted that identifying and requesting mitigation if the planning application is to proceed, does not prejudice or undermine your overall position.</p> <p>Any mitigation requests have to be considered by officers in relation to the tests of lawfulness are detailed within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the associated guidance (PPG) and within the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) regulations. Paragraph 002 of the PPG details that planning obligations can assist in mitigating the impact of unacceptable development to make it acceptable in planning terms.</p> <p>As set out within the NPPF (para 57) to meet the tests obligations must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms; • directly related to the development; and • fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development. <p>As set out within the PPG and NPPF (para 56) planning conditions need to meet the following six tests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • necessary; • relevant to planning; • relevant to the development to be permitted; • enforceable; • precise; and • reasonable in all other respects. <p>At the stage of drafting and finalising a S106 agreement, we are working to an approved Heads of Terms. The S106 agreement is simply the legal mechanism that secures the obligations as set out in the recommendation to approve (either by the officer or planning committee). We do however publish S106 drafts 10 working days prior to completion albeit this is not a formal consultation.</p> <p>The Council publishes an Infrastructure Funding Statement (Infrastructure funding statement Buckinghamshire Council) in relation to developer contributions secured and spent.</p>

9.2. It is now clear that regardless of the Town Council's view of whether an application should be approved, the Council needs to provide a view on every aspect of S106 requirements for significant new developments at the earliest possible stage. To this end, it is proposed that the Council takes a two part approach to all new large

developments, of providing a response to the planning applications, but also providing an S106 request in detail at the earliest possible stage, making it clear that this in no way detracts from any overall opposition to a development.

Appendix C

On Monday, 20 December, 2021 16:46, "jharvey@cllr.buckingham-tc.gov.uk" <jharvey@cllr.buckingham-tc.gov.uk> said:

Hi Nina & all

Here are my responses to the Buckinghamshire Plan consultation:

Submitted to The Local Plan for Buckinghamshire: Help us plan for the future
Submitted on 2021-12-07 10:35:38

Place

What do you most value about where you live?

Place - Belonging to a local community:

1

Place - Countryside / wildlife:

2

Place - Good local facilities (e.g. pub, shops, GP surgery, village hall, playground):

3

If you have any other comments about what you value about where you live, please tell us here:

The Council has a responsibility to shape development such that the impact on global warming is minimised. I am surprised this was not in your list. Unless we do all that we can - all other points will be irrelevant

Homes

Do you think you will want / or need to move into a new home in the next five years?

No

Homes

In the future we need to build many more new homes in Buckinghamshire. What do you think are the best locations for new homes?

Locations for homes - Close to a town / village:

2

Locations for homes - Land which has been previously built on (brownfield site):

1

Locations for homes - Other:

3

If 'Other', please give details here::

Again - location should minimise carbon & mitigate the effects of global warming. This means ensuring proper infrastructure, public transport, flood prevention for example

Social housing

On a scale of 1 to 10, should the Council identify sufficient additional new homes to clear

our housing waiting list?

Social housing - Please select::

10

Key workers

On a scale of 1 to 10, do you agree that the Council should make provisions to build additional new homes for key sector workers in Buckinghamshire?

Social housing - Please select::

10

Nature

What improvements to the natural environment would you like to see in your area? (Select all that apply)

Community orchards, Improve air quality, Linking pathways and natural environments, More green spaces, More ponds, Noise reduction, Sustainable building materials and designs, Tree planting, Other (please give details below):

Please give details here::

All of these of course - why not ask for some prioritisation. Public transport should be in this list - as well out of town park/ride arrangements.

Work and activity

What are your views on supporting the local economy?

Work and activity - Having employment sites which are easy to get to using public transport, walking and cycling, as well as by car:

1

Work and activity - Protecting existing employment sites:

2

Work and activity - Other:

3

If 'Other', please give details here::

Fast internet is vital - we really should not be building any place without sufficient high speed access. 5G may overcome this - but not for some while. We also need starter business sites too - supported by s106 monies.

Climate change

The policies we include in a Local Plan for Buckinghamshire could help to mitigate climate change. How important do you think each of these is to mitigate the impacts of climate change and reduce our carbon footprint?

Climate change - Better facilities for cycling and walking:

Climate change - Low carbon heating systems and energy efficiency measures in new buildings:

Climate change - More facilities for electric vehicles:

Climate change - More green spaces and tree planting:

Climate change - On-site renewable energy generation:

Climate change - Protecting areas from flood risk and avoiding new building in high risk flood zones:

Climate change - Sustainable building materials and designs:

Climate change - Tighter water efficiency standards in new buildings:

Climate change - Other:

1

**If 'Other', please give details here::
all of the above!**

Infrastructure

What sort of new infrastructure will we need to plan for?

Infrastructure - Cycle lanes:

Infrastructure - Facilities for disabled people:

Infrastructure - Healthcare facilities:

Infrastructure - Power / water generation:

Infrastructure - Roads:

Infrastructure - Schools – primary and secondary:

Infrastructure - Telecommunications:

Infrastructure - Village halls / community buildings:

Infrastructure - Other:

1

If 'Other', please give details here::

Again - all of the above!!

**Is there really a choice between schools and healthcare facilities..?!
Buckinghamshire-wide strategic issues**

Thinking about Buckinghamshire as a whole, the challenge of accommodating the need for new homes and other development, the importance of infrastructure, the challenges of climate change and the need to protect the environment, what do you think are the top three priorities we need to focus on?

Priority 1::

Doing our bit to address the Climate Emergency - number one without any doubt.

Priority 2::

Housing for all - social housing, affordable housing, lifetime housing with accessibility built in

Priority 3::

Community building - we all need people and places around us that help create safer, more secure, more healthy communities - with less loneliness, mental ill-health & fragmentation

Should the Local Plan contain anything else?

Please tell us here::

We need to look after our county - but not at the expense of our neighbours or of the whole world - never say for whom the bell tolls etc. Partnership with other local planning people across the country / world is fundamental. The measure of the Local Plan will be how well it supports and enables people to have dreams and ambitions - and the wherewithal to achieve those. This means less crime and fear of crime, more well being for individuals and communities

Dear Paul,

Thank you for your letter about the Environment Bill.

I am glad that this is the first Government to set out expectations that water companies must take steps to significantly reduce storm overflows. This instruction will now be put on an enhanced legal footing.

The amount of sewage discharge by water companies into our rivers is unacceptable; water companies must significantly reduce sewage discharges in Buckingham from storm overflows as a priority. If Members of Parliament do not start to see significant improvements in their constituencies, I am assured that ministers will not hesitate to take action through a swathe of new measures directly on water companies.

Let me be clear, my colleagues and I did not vote to allow water companies to pump sewage into our rivers. We actually voted in favour of a package of measures to reduce harms from storm overflows including:

- a new duty directly on water companies to produce comprehensive statutory Drainage and Sewerage Management Plans, setting out how they will manage and develop their drainage and sewerage system over a minimum 25-year planning horizon, including how storm overflows will be addressed through these plans.
- a power of direction for the government to direct water companies in relation to the actions in these Drainage and Sewerage Management Plans. We will use this power of direction if plans are not good enough. This is a powerful tool.
- a new duty on Government to produce a statutory plan to reduce discharges from storm overflows
- a requirement for government to produce a report setting out the actions that would be needed to eliminate discharges from storm overflows in England, and the costs and benefits of those actions. Both publications are required before 1 September 2022.
- a new duty directly on water companies and the Environment Agency to publish data on storm overflow operation on an annual basis.
- a new duty directly on water companies to publish near real time information on the operation of storm overflows. This means it will be clear as to how often storm overflows are being used, which will aid enforcement.
- a new duty directly on water companies to monitor the water quality upstream and downstream of storm overflows and sewage disposal works.

Ministers have also announced that they will bolster the measures they are already taking. In July of this year, this Government set out, for the first time ever, its expectation that Ofwat should incentivise water companies to invest to significantly reduce the use of storm overflows in the forthcoming pricing review period. The Government's amendment will place this policy position in an additional clause in the Environment Bill to underline the action the Government is taking.

As your Member of Parliament, I will continue to do all I can to protect the historic streams and rivers in the Buckingham constituency.

Yours sincerely,
Greg Smith MP

**Buckingham Town Council
Full Council
Monday 7th February 2022**

Contact Officer: Paul Hodson, Town Clerk

Ward Boundaries

1. Recommendations

1.1. It is recommended that the Council responds to the consultation to request:

1.1.1. That the Buckinghamshire Council ward boundaries are co-terminus with the Town Council boundaries.

1.1.2. That the Town Council ward boundaries are altered to only provide for two wards, to be co-terminus with the wards for Buckinghamshire Council.

OR

1.1.3. That the Town Council ward boundaries are altered to provide for four wards, but of more equal size, with two wards being within the boundary of each Buckinghamshire Council ward.

OR

1.2. Alternatively, there is time for councillors to form a working group to review the options in more detail and report back to Full Council should members wish.

2. Background

2.1. Following the formation of Buckinghamshire Council, the Boundary Commission are carrying out a review of electoral arrangements in Buckinghamshire. The first phase, now complete, resulted in a recommendation to reduce the total number of Buckinghamshire Council councillors from 147 to 98.

2.2. The second phase is now under way. This involves a review of the wards/boundaries, including their names and size. While focussed on Buckinghamshire Council, this is also the time for proposals for any changes to town and parish council boundaries to be submitted. Details of the consultation are available here: Local Government Boundary Commission for England Consultation Portal (lgbce.org.uk). The consultation closes on 4th April 2022.

2.3. Once the current phase is complete and any ward changes agreed, the Town Council would then be able to request a Community Governance Review to consider the total number of Town Councillors, should the Council wish.

3. Current situation

3.1. At present there are four wards in Buckingham, with eight councillors for Buckingham South, seven councillors for Buckingham North and one each for the wards of Fishers Field and Highlands & Watchcroft – making a total of 17 councillors. Members may wish to consider whether this arrangement is ideal or whether more evenly sized wards would be

more appropriate. The two most apparent options would be to either move to just two wards, separated by the current boundary between the two Buckinghamshire Council wards, or to have four wards, with each of the current Buckinghamshire Council wards being divided equally.

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL & UNIVERSITY OF BUCKINGHAM
PONTIO GROUP MEETING 14
FRIDAY 10 JANUARY 2022 10.00 – 11.30
Teams Meeting

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies noted.

2. Welcome – Welcome to newly appointed Chair of Friends of the University Graham Barker

3. Declarations of interest

None.

4. Minutes from last meeting

Approved.

5. Civic community engagement matters

5.1 University Updates JT

Noted: The new chair of council – Mark Rawlinson chaired his first meeting at the end of last year.

Noted: The VC will be working closely with Mark Rawlinson on his strategy plan – this includes civic and community relationships.

Noted: New SU president – Caitlin (Katy) Botha has been in post since 1st January.

OTM update

Noted: Following raising a significant funds for the OTM refurbishments, to create a hub for student's phase 1 of the work has now been completed. The next phase of the refurbishments will be looking at the middle floor – creating a social study space.

Covid update

Noted: The University continues to abide all government guidelines, and continues to work with students to help keep the community safe.

5.2 Students returning to campus JT/CR

Noted: The Medical School are in their first week of term with a new cohort starting this week. For the rest of the university, a new cohort of students start at the end of this week with returning students coming back to campus next week.

5.3 Update on University outreach civic activities to include update on 'Plant a Tree for the Queens Jubilee on 15 January 2022 DJ

Noted: We have successfully organised many activities that have occurred between now and the previous meeting.

Noted: Work continues with the School of Computing and the Boston Dynamic Dog that's been visiting local secondary schools.

Noted: Students and Staff will be visiting both The Royal Latin School and The Buckingham School to speak about computing, AI and technology.

Noted: The University is currently working with Akeley Wood School to develop students debating and work readiness skills.

Noted: First community event will take place on Saturday 15th January for the planting of trees on Beloff lawn and off station road as part of the Queens Green Canopy. Cadets, Scouts, The Mayor and the Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire will be attending.

Noted: On February 10th we will be hosting a public lecture in the Vinson Building where Anthony Seldon will be speaking about Walking the 1000km Western Front.

Noted: In March, we plan to host an evening at OH for Friends of The University to provide a talk on the history of the University.

Noted: An artisan event will be taking place in May, involving staff, students, local businesses and the community.

Noted: Tales from the Riverbank and Firesides will be restarting later on in the year.

Students and Volunteering

Noted: The SU have been working on sharing volunteering opportunities within the community and nationally with students.

Noted: By students taking part in volunteering opportunities it makes students good people as well as educated people and, giving them a change to develop skills which can make them more employable.

Noted: Keen for the SU to collaborate with the town on potential opportunities, if anyone knows of any volunteering opportunities, please share these with Callum.

Friends of the University

Noted: Graham Barker has taken over as friends of the university chair following Mike Smith stepping down in December.

Noted: The friends committee have not yet had their first committee meeting.

Noted: Graham has been working on rebuilding the constitution and foundations of the friends group and hopes to grow and refresh the current membership base.

Noted: The friends will be running publicity campaigns to help raise money for the university. There is a lot of work to be done on the events run by the friends and they will be looking for volunteers to help run some of these – Graham to speak to Callum on this matter to see how students could help.

6. *Promoting the university*

Firesides and Tales from the Riverbank

Noted: The VC led a discussion around Tales from the Riverbank and Fireside talks, mentioning they only cater to around 50 people.

Noted: A suggestion was made around adapting the venue depending on the speaker as many may be put off coming to Ondaatje Hall and would feel more comfortable in a formal environment.

Noted: The VC and Dean Jones will look into a way for the talks to potentially be recorded and uploaded as a podcast.

Enterprise Event

Noted: Currently, there aren't any plans to hold this event in summer due to the uncertainty. However, it is likely this event will go ahead in the future but may in a different format.

7. Student Engagement

Freshers and Induction

Noted: All of the welcome events are up on the SU webpage, lots of events that are occurring in Buckingham are being mirrored at the Crewe Campus.

Noted: There are a variety of Alcohol and non-alcohol events to cater for all students including; welcome meals, quizzes, offsite events, sports activities and party nights that take place from 13th January.

Noted: It is important to show students what is available to them on their doorstep as many local businesses offer discounts to students.

8. Update on Town Council, events and wider town matters PH, MG – 2022 (Events schedule included in the invite pack)

Noted: There are many town events and meetings planned for the upcoming year including;

Sunday 16th January - Tree planting in association with the Queens Green Canopy in Heartlands Park.

Thursday 27th January - Holocaust Memorial Service in Bourton Park.

Saturday 12th February - The Parish Church will be hosting a civic service with a focus on giving thanks to healthcare workers.

Tuesday 22nd February - A pancake race has been organised by the Town Council – it was suggested that the university enter a team/teams.

Thursday 24th March – The annual town meeting will take place, with a focus on the climate emergency.

Noted: The council are currently working to finalise plans for the platinum jubilee.

Noted: Town Council have created and climate change action plan that is within their control. They are finding ways that they can work with other individuals and partners across the community.

Noted: The SU is able to promote town events to students with 5 days' notice (will need to receive information by Friday to be sent on Monday) – try and make things as engaging as possible as students receive a lot of emails.

9. Chairs' Items

Noted: The VC's priority plan includes the development of the Tingewick Road site which will require a huge fundraising effort.

Noted: The VC mentioned that the University foundation stone was laid 50 years ago therefore, planning to celebrate the anniversary this year.

10. AOB

Noted: We are currently looking at a more eco-friendly and plastic free way of running a duck race in the summer as there is some hesitation around the use of plastic.

Noted: Get in touch with Graham in regards to the friends to find ways of which we can support students and staff with plans for the coming year.

11. Date of the next meeting 4 April 2022, 8 August 2022, 12 December 2022

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