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Town Clerk: Mr C. P. Wayman

Tuesday, 17 November 2015

Councillors,

You are summoned to a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council to be held on **Monday 23rd November 2015** at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Mr C. P. Wayman
Town Clerk

Please note that the Full Council will be preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Order 1.3, which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes.

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. Co-option

To receive a presentation for Highlands and Watchcroft Ward from the following candidates:

1. Stuart Chalmers
2. Sue Dix
3. Margaret Gateley

Appendix A

Appendix B

Appendix C

4. Motion – Cllr Stuchbury

Appendix D

To propose that Buckingham Town Council agree to seek a meeting with Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group to consult with Members regarding the proposed changes to the MKCCG following its Public Consultation document.

Healthcare review update document attached for Members information

5. Minutes

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 5th October 2015.

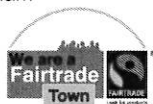
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6. Interim Minutes

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Interim Council meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2015.

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Buckingham



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7. Planning Committee

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

- Monday 12th October 2015
- Monday 2nd November 2015

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8. Environment Committee

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 26th October 2015.

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9. 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 19th October 2015.

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10. Resources Committee

To receive the minutes and confirm the recommendations therein of the Finance, Administration and Personnel Committee meeting held on Monday 9th November 2015.

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Proposed by Cllr Harvey, seconded by Cllr Hirons and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that the Town Council identify funds from earmarked reserved to proceed with the 3 year plan for 100 venues with DisabledGo costing £12,166.67

11. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

12. Action List

To receive and discuss the updated list

Appendix E

13. (511/15) AVDC Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation Document

BTC/27/15

Members are requested to view the following link <http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/vale-aylesbury-local-plan---issues-and-options-consultation>

The various evidence documents are available at <http://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/supporting-evidence>

The consultation runs from 23rd October to 4th December

To receive a written report from the Town Clerk; discuss comments and agree a response

14. Paris Attacks

To discuss a request via Facebook to explore whether the Town Council should do anything more to express solidarity with our French compatriots after last week's outrageous attacks in Paris.

15. Freeman of Buckingham

To receive and discuss a nomination from Cllr Newell

16. Broadband Issues – Lace Hill

To receive email correspondence, discuss and agree action

Appendix F

17. Purchase of the Community Centre

To receive a verbal report from the Town Clerk

18. (446/15) Deferred from Full Council – 5th October 2015 - Red Cross Centre

To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk

Letter from previous meeting attached for Members information

19. (526/15 Planning) Response to Mr Van de Poll's letter

Appendix G

To receive and agree a letter written by the Town Clerk
Email and letter from Mr van de Poll attached for Members information

20. NALC

To note the date of Larger Local Councils Conference 2015: Communities Can Wednesday 02 December 2015. To discuss, and agree whether to vote for any of the nominees.
Members are requested to read candidates statements from the following link:
<http://www.nalc.gov.uk/communitiescan/eventdetail/22/-/larger-local-councils-conference-2015-communities-can>

21. Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum

Appendix H

To receive and discuss a nomination request

22. Bourton Meadow Academy

Appendix I

To agree a representative to meet with Bourton Meadow Academy stakeholders to discuss travel arrangements for the school

23. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

- 23.1 Members are asked to note the reports listed below:
- 23.2 Buckingham & Maids Moreton NAG Meeting minutes 21st October 2015
- 23.3 Access for All Minutes 12th October and 9th November 2015
- 23.4 Buckingham & Gawcott Charitable Trust Financial Statement 31st July 2015
- 23.5 Buckingham Twinning Association Minutes 2nd September 2015

Appendix J
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Appendix M

24. Meeting Calendar 2016

Appendix N

To receive the calendar for information

25. Mayoral Engagements

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

Functions the Mayor has attended:

- 16/10 - local democracy event at Royal Latin School
- 17/10 - Open the Charter Fair and walk about
- 19/10 - BCS reception at Speakers House at House of Commons
- 20/10 - Launch of Poppy Appeal outside the old Goal
- 20/10 - presentation to member of BCC staff at the Library
- 28/10 - Lord-Lieutenants presentation at Stowe
- 31/10 - Light the Bonfire in Bourton Park
- 6/11 - Service of Remembrance at Royal Latin School
- 8/11 - Buckingham Remembrance day service at the Memorial and wreath laying on behalf of the town.
- 10/11 - DBG meeting

Functions the Deputy Mayor has attended:

- 8/11 - Buckingham Remembrance day service

26. News Releases

27. Chair's Announcements

28. Date of the next meeting:

Interim Council – Monday 21st December 2015
Full Council - Monday 25th January 2016

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Co-option of a Town Councillor

Before you can be considered as a Member of the Town Council, this form must be completed and returned to the Council Offices.

NAME (in full).....STUART J. CHALMERS.....

ADDRESS: HIGH ACRE FARM, GAWCOTT ROAD.....

BUCKINGHAM.....Post code MK18 1DR


Telephone: (Day) (Evening).....

You must be able to answer "YES" to at least one of the following four questions.

- (a) Are you registered as a Local Government Elector at the above address? YES/~~NO~~
- (b) Do you reside in the Parish of Buckingham, or within 3 miles? YES/~~NO~~
- (c) Do you occupy land or premises within the Parish of Buckingham? YES/~~NO~~
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If you answer "YES" to any of the following six questions, please supply full details on a separate sheet. You may not qualify to serve as a Town Councillor. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

- (a) Do you now, or have you in the last 12 months, held any paid office or any other position of profit with this Council? YES/~~NO~~
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- (d) Have you ever been declared bankrupt? ~~YES~~/~~NO~~
- (e) Have you ever been convicted of any offence where the sentence was more than 3 months (even if sentence suspended)? ~~YES~~/~~NO~~
- (f) Have you ever been found guilty of corrupt or illegal practices under Election Laws? ~~YES~~/~~NO~~

Signed  Date 15/11/15.....

My name is Stuart Chalmers, I was born in Padbury and I attended Padbury First School. When I was seven years old, my family moved to Gawcott and I attended Chandos Middle School. A year later, we moved to High Acre Farm, Buckingham and I later went to Buckingham Secondary School. My father's family tree was traced back to four hundred years within the Buckingham area.

I have worked in Buckingham for my entire working life. I own a business in Buckingham that employs twenty four people. The business is now in its third generation with my two sons also working with me.

I am a rugby supporter and a V.P at Buckingham Rugby Club. I enjoy walking with my dogs and I have a keen interest in photography. I also enjoy clay pigeon shooting. As an employer, I consider myself to be a natural leader, a problem solver and a person that will listen to other people's problems and I'm also able to work as part of a team.

When my sons were younger, they attended Stowe Swimming Club and whilst they were there, I volunteered as a pool attendant and later, a swimming coach. I've also been a Level 1 rugby coach and have sat on both the Senior and Youth committees at Buckingham Club. On occasions, I have helped marshal the Christmas parade.

I've lived, grown up and worked in Buckingham and this town has been the ideal place to raise a family and for my business to grow. Now that my sons are in their twenties, I feel that I have the time to give something back to Buckingham. I am passionate about this town and its history, I have excellent local knowledge, I'm well known in the town and I'm very proud to call Buckingham my home.

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**Co-option of a Town Councillor**

Before you can be considered as a Member of the Town Council, this form must be completed and returned to the Council Offices.

NAME (in full).....Susan Dix.....

ADDRESS:, Maids Moreton, Buckingham.....

.....Post code MK18 1HQ...

Telephone: (Day)424 (Evening).....

You must be able to answer "YES" to at least one of the following four questions.

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Signed.....Susan Dix..... Date...12th November 2015

Sue Dix, : Maids Moreton, MK18 1HQ
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Mob 0
Email sue.dix@btinternet.com

I would like to be considered for the vacant town councillor position advertised recently and hope my details are of interest to you.

I have lived in Buckingham and the surrounding area on and off since 1968. I was 13 when we moved to the area and I went to the Royal Latin School. I went away to university but returned when I married in 1981. I have lived in Maids Moreton since June 2008.

I am married to an IT consultant and have two grown up children, one of whom is working in HR and lives in Hartwell, the other working for a company in Aylesbury that makes parts for performance cars and who lives with us.

My early career was in IT and banking. I took a career break when I had children, during which time I volunteered as an adviser at the Citizens Advice Bureau in Buckingham. I decided to pursue a career in advice work, originally working as a housing adviser for Shelter and am now employed by Milton Keynes Council as a housing adviser for the Mental Health service.

My hobbies include playing the piano, drawing and swimming. I like going to the theatre, cinema and eating out. We have an allotment on Tingewick Road and I enjoy working up there at weekends.

I have always enjoyed being involved with local organisations: I was Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator when we lived in Padbury, I played piano at local schools, I was secretary of the Buckingham Music Festival and have helped organise Christmas Day lunch in the Community Centre.

I gave up all other interests when I took up the enjoyable but very time consuming hobby of singing with a choir in London, which I left recently after 13 years. I would like to do something interesting, valuable and challenging with the time I now have at my disposal. I saw the advertisement for Town Councillor and was immediately interested, having thought in the past that it would be something I would like to do if I had the time.

Buckingham has changed a lot since 1968, some of the changes being better than others, and I would like to be involved in shaping its future development, recognising that it must continue to expand but wanting it to keep its identity and market town character.

I want Buckingham to be a place that is a pleasure to live and work in for all sections of the community and think that I can play a part in making this a reality. My work as an adviser has trained me to listen to service users, understand their problems and advocate on their behalf and I think this will translate well into the role of town councillor. I will enjoy working for and on behalf of local people and participating in the future of the town.

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**Co-option of a Town Councillor**

Before you can be considered as a Member of the Town Council, this form must be completed and returned to the Council Offices.

NAME (in full).....Margaret Gateley...

ADDRESS: " Drive, Buckingham

Post code...MK18 1GH

Telephone: (Day) (7 (Evening) 01295 240217.

You must be able to answer "YES" to at least one of the following four questions.

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Signed *Margaret Gateley* Date 15.11.15

Application for co-option to Buckingham Town Council for Highlands and Watchcroft Ward: Margaret Gateley

Background: I have lived in Buckingham since 1988. I have lived in the above ward since 1995. I qualified as a Probation Officer in 1973, and worked in that capacity all my working life, although I had a long career break when I had my children. I worked in Buckinghamshire from 1989 until my retirement in 2011. I am married, with 2 adult children and 4 grandchildren.

Interests: I am a member of the following local organisations:

- Well Street United Church;
- Buckingham and Winslow U3A;
- Buckingham Bridge Club;
- I am Chair of the Fairtrade Town Steering Group;
- I am a Hospital Car Service volunteer driver;
- I am Safeguarding Officer for Community Care North Bucks.

I have been interested in politics all my life, but have never been a member of a political party. I was a student representative at Birmingham University, where I studied Political Science and Social Administration from 1969- 1972.

Why am I seeking co-option to the Town Council? It was drawn to my attention that there is a vacancy in the ward in which I live. I had previously wondered about standing as a Councillor, having been aware of the good work undertaken by Buckingham Town Council, particularly since I became involved as part of the Fairtrade Town Steering Group. I believe that I can bring my own experiences, living in Buckingham and in various different parts of England and Scotland, prior to moving here 27 years ago. I believe in democracy and that we all have responsibilities as citizens in our town and nation. I see my current application for co-option as a response to that sense of responsibility to the community in which I live.

BEDFORDSHIRE & MILTON KEYNES

Healthcare

Review



Healthcare review update

Health and Adult Social Care Committee
6th October 2015

Final Version



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Last HASCC meeting

Recommendations from the Progress Report:

- ❑ **Develop plans** to offer more care closer to home
- ❑ **Carry out further** detailed work on the preferred options for the future provision of healthcare services delivered in hospitals
- ❑ Keep **clinical, public and patient engagement** at the heart of the Review, using the best practice tools



Care closer to home

There are a number of initiatives already in progress that are supporting the shift towards delivering more **care closer to home**. This includes:

- **Better access to primary care** through longer opening hours and extended range of services eg. Prime Minister's Challenge Fund and Primary Care Outpatient Clinics
- **Proactive care** for the frail and elderly, and those living with long-term conditions – especially children with complex conditions eg. High Impact Team (HIT) into nursing homes and Multi-Disciplinary Teams (MDT) in primary care
- **Support** for living in their own homes eg. Age UK home to settle initiative
- Consistently **high quality care**

Preferred options for acute services

The Review set out to generate options that:

- ☐ Offer the best overall **balance between strengthening clinical quality and sustainability**
- ☐ Better **meet the needs of a changing population and are financially affordable**

Two options emerged which could offer considerable benefits, although neither was wholly sustainable without further, more detailed work:

Bedford Hospital	Milton Keynes Hospital
Integrated care centre	Major emergency centre
Major emergency centre	Integrated care centre

During the refinement period, Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Bedford Hospital and Bedford GPs developed an alternative model in line with NHS England's 5 year forward plan and that was tested.

Overview of acute service models

Major emergency centre (Model 2b)	Integrated care centre (Model 4)	Bedfordshire integrated acute & community services (IACS) model
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/7 consultant delivered A&E • Emergency surgery and acute medicine • Level 3 Intensive Care Unit • Paediatric Assessment Unit and inpatient paediatrics • Obstetrics with low specialist Neonatal Intensive Care Unit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/7 GP and A&E consultant-led urgent care, incorporating out of hours GP services • Integrated outpatient, primary, community and social care • GP delivered long-term condition management • Specialist outpatient and day case activity, with diagnostics • Rehabilitation with step up/down beds and possibly with 48-hour assessment unit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamlined urgent care across primary, community and acute care including integrated emergency 'hot floor' • Networked specialist services • Vertical integration of care, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admission avoidance/ proactive discharge • Community beds • Complex case management • Community multi-disciplinary teams • Primary care risk stratification • 7 day working delivered across the system



Preferred options for acute services

Milton Keynes and Bedfordshire healthcare colleagues continue to work together to find the right solution to fully address the current and future challenges across both healthcare systems. This process has been overseen by NHS England, Monitor and NHS TDA.

Activity undertaken in recent months has included:

- Further analysis of the detailed modelling that the CCGs have carried out to date, including a **clinical and financial review** of Bedfordshire's third option;
- further definition and **activity mapping of services** within the models;
- review and agreement of **financial viability** including revenue assumptions and capital costs;
- review of adherence to **quality and safety standards**; and
- a preliminary review of the **clinical viability and sustainability** of the models proposed by the East Midlands clinical senate.

Ongoing stakeholder engagement

Listening to people in
MK and North
Buckinghamshire

Over **100** separate
engagement opportunities
since the programme began

- **6 public participation forums** involving over 360 stakeholders
- 500+ stakeholders attended **neighbourhood meetings** and community events
- 300+ people at **community group** meetings including seldom heard groups

Limited activity during Purdah and through options refinement/technical modelling phase, however we continue to engage and update stakeholders:

- Healthwatch Public Participation Group (PPG) meetings to discuss care closer to home
- Met with hard to reach groups including MK youth at MySayMK to get their views on health
- Healthcare Review updates/newsletter focusing on progress on care closer to home



Conclusion and Next steps

Conclusion

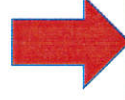
- **Continued development of the clinical and financial rationale** of the options is required
- The two CCGs to work together to **satisfy the NHSE assurance requirements**, prior to public consultation.

Next steps

Continue to rollout care closer to home initiatives/embed support for people living in their own homes

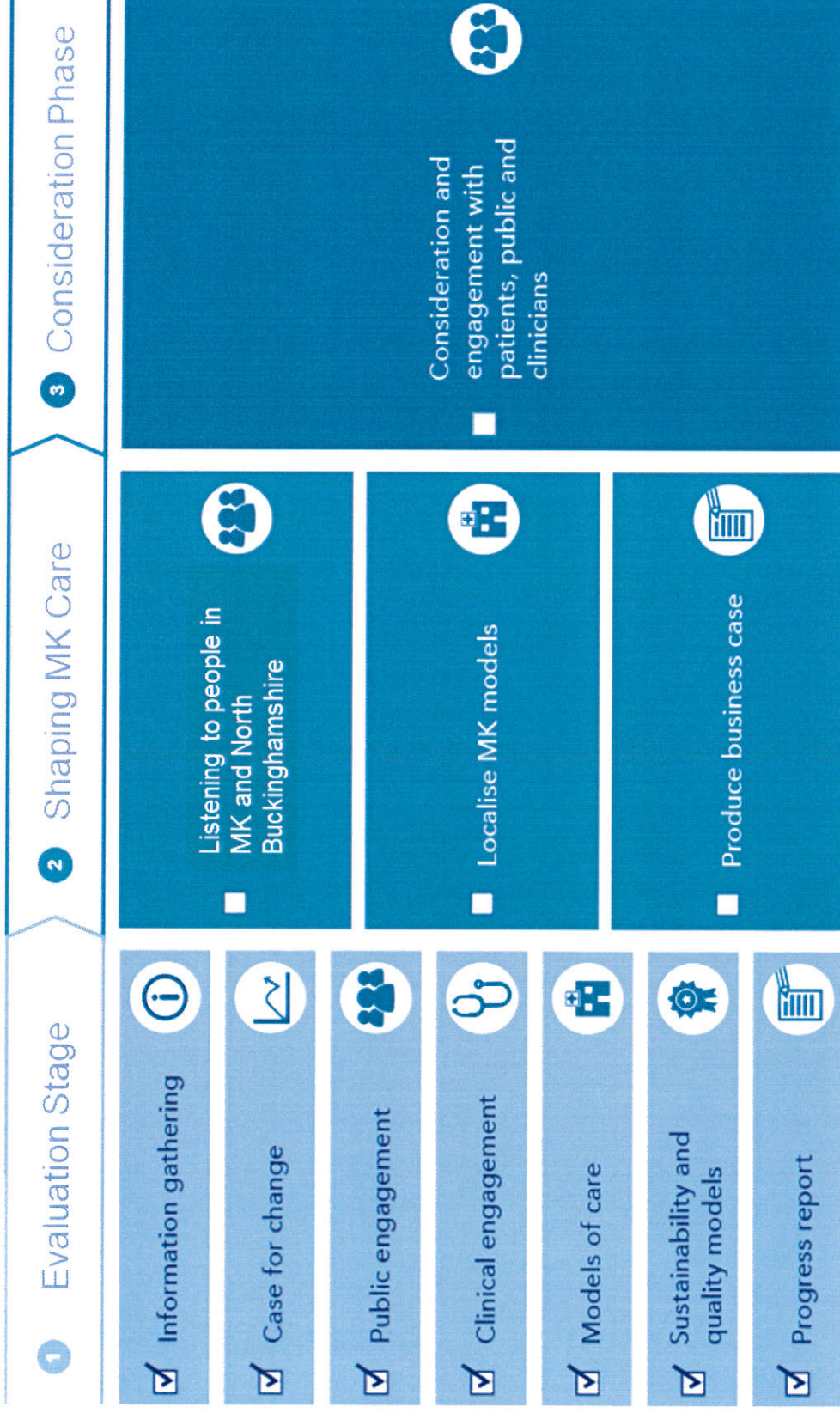
Build on the outcomes from the Progress Report with further work required to:

- understand and rationalise the capital investment required **and transition costs**
- **assess the possibility/impact of the IACS model in Milton Keynes**
- consider recommendations from the **Clinical Senate**
- understand the impact of proposed changes on local people to **help refine and eliminate options**
- **establish a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee** between the appropriate local authorities



Produce a pre-consultation business case

Steps to formal consultation

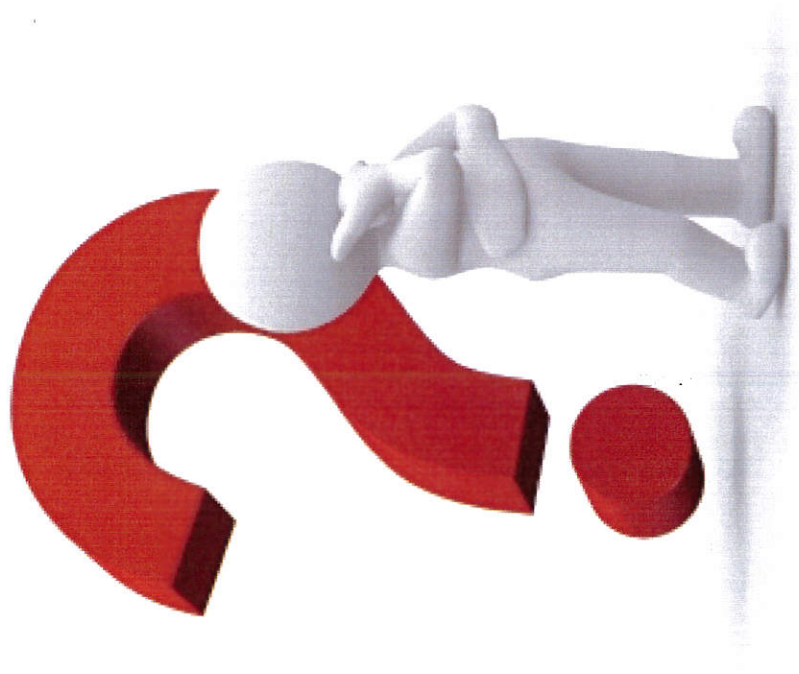


A timetable outlining the **key milestones leading up to consultation in 2016 will be available by the middle of November 2015.**



Questions?

MILTON KEYNES
Healthcare
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ACTION LIST

FULL COUNCIL, INTERIM COUNCIL & EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS

Subject	Meeting date/ Minute	Form	Response received
Festival of Health	133.1/14	Town Clerk to explore possibility	
Toilets	220/14	DTC & TC to arrange for the construction	NHB to be confirmed also awaiting revised lease
Community Centre Lease	393/14	Draw up funding Plan for Community Centre	Roof work carried out
Cycling Signage	643/14	Work with BCC and other parishes – discuss with Canal Society and BCC cycling route	Awaiting initial work to start on Buckingham-Winslow
S106 discussions	643/14	Write to Secretary of State ref legal position; publicly express desire to negotiate with AVDC	Awaiting formal response however, AVDC now more engaging
Red Cross Building	119/15	Explore possibility of temporary use of building	Awaiting Church to gain access to allow Town Council meetings to take place
Buckingham Partnership	191/15	To call a meeting	
AVDC Devolved	310/15	To write to AVDC to take on services	Holding letter received
District and County Reports	428/15	Town Clerk – Write to AVDC and BCC over the roundabout Cllr. Stuchbury – Source information from AVDC & BCC over devolved powers and town centre economic development	
CCTV	432/15	Purchase new CCTV system	Talking with company over a compatible system to existing
Cotton End Steps	433/15	Prepare New Home Bonus Bid	So far no bid has been required
Purchase of Community Centre	436/15	Obtain survey of building	Survey received
Industrial Unit	437/15	Obtain surveys	Survey received, awaiting asbestos report

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL

MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2015

Agenda Item no. 12

**Contact Officer: Mr Christopher Wayman
01280 816426**

Background

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) is currently consulting on the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP) which will be the Local Plan which sets out the development of the District between 2013 and 2033.

Information

A consultation document and other supporting papers have been issued by AVDC and are available on their website to look at and digest. There is a questionnaire to fill in. The Town Clerk has reviewed the following documents to formulate this response:
VALP Issues and Options Consultation Document
AV Housing & Economic Needs Assessment
Central Buckinghamshire Housing & Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA)

In addition the following documents have been viewed in small sections for the relevant issues in relation to Buckingham (or where appropriate VALP in general):
Landscape Advice to AVDC
Defining the special qualities of local landscape designations in AVDC
AVDC Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment
Wycombe DC website – Local Plan
Chiltern DC website – Local Plan

Response to the Questions:

Question 1 - Has the HEDNA come to the correct conclusion on potential growth and if not what should the correct figure be?

The HEDNA gives an appropriate breakdown for the area based on the sections discussed. However, there are some areas not addressed, there is no provision for student accommodation (there are two universities and two UTCs within the Vale of Aylesbury and others within the HEDNA area), also the HEDNA does not explain if the needs for the Gypsy and Traveller Community are or will be incorporated into the housing figures.

While it is acknowledged that the larger population is within the Central Bucks. HEDNA area it is very concerning that 3 out of 5 of the Strategic Settlements for the Vale are within other Housing Market Areas.

Detailed comments:

There is a need to re-visit the evidence base to factor in student accommodation. Figures within the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan indicate that there is a need for specific student accommodation in Buckingham.

Question 2

Has the HEDNA made the correct adjustments to the Government's projections and if not what should the adjustments be? For example, might the need for more economic growth mean we should have more housing?

The adjustments appear to be accurate. However, it is unclear why the Central Bucks HEDNA has been chosen over the AV HEDNA. If there was the intention to go with the Central Bucks HEDNA why was the AV one commissioned?

Question 3

Is the HEDNA's conclusion on affordable requirements a valid one or should the requirement be higher or lower?

It appears from the figures outlined in the AV HEDNA that there is a requirement for more affordable housing as approximately the same figure was in the Aylesbury Vale specific HEDNA. As a result of this difference the figures should be re-evaluated.

Question 4

What should be the Council's approach for meeting the housing needs of the elderly?

It is unclear what the Council's wishes are in regards to the elderly; it is also difficult to estimate what provision needs to be provided when there is no breakdown of the 10,000 additional home requirement and how much of this would be extra requirement focussed on the elderly.

It appears from the figures in the Central Bucks. HEDNA that there is a mix of requirements for the elderly. However, a number of policies should be inserted into the development management section requiring high quality housing build and focussing on homes which are suitable for all ages and accessibility.

Question 5

Do the HEDNA's conclusions on employment growth reflect your expectations and if not what should it take into account?

It is surprising that the Central Bucks. HEDNA is stating that there is no theoretical need for more employment areas while the AV HEDNA is projecting 100ha of employment land is needed. This is too large a disparity to not question directly.

Question 6

How should the Local Plan address the need for traveller pitches?

The requirement of over 60 pitches indicates that there is a demand for at least one new traveller site. The placement of these should be decided after an in depth consultation period with all the stakeholders involved.

Question 7

Do you agree with the conclusions of the HELAA and if not what should it say instead and why?

The conclusions are in line with the data and information provided. However there are a number of inaccuracies within this information. We have only looked at sites within Buckingham but have found the following which need amending:

BUC014 This site is designated for economic development in the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan in relation to development associated with the Canal.

BUC020 BUC055 The mentions of Windsor Park should be removed and replaced with Lace Hill

BUC021 While it is agreed that the site is suitable, the site is not visible from Padbury (entering the town) and would only be visible from the Gawcott to Lenborough Road.

BUC025 Disagree with the designation. The site is beyond the bypass with a weak relationship to Buckingham, there is no development to the south and it is not linked to any development on the east. The proposal in the Neighbourhood Plan is for a Cemetery and allotment site to the west. Therefore the west would also have open space. Therefore the site should be treated as per BUC017

BUC030 The designation should be altered to 'part suitable'. While the floodability of the major part of the site (Tingewick Road Industrial Park East) has been acknowledged in the current approval, development on the eastern part of the area (Hamilton's Precision site) has not yet been decided and this has some of the site in the flood zones 2 & 3.

BUC042 The site has been combined with the area to the rear to created a larger area which would not fall below the level for economic development, as per the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan.

BUC043 It is felt that reference to BU1 of the AVDLP should be removed. There are also restrictions on the site and that the view from and to Stowe Landscape Gardens would need to be taken into account.

BUC048 Agree with the designation. Neither this site nor BUC025 has access to A413.

Should Site BUC025 have access to the A421 then, due to the depth of BUC025 it would not be too difficult with landowner/developer agreement to route it into this site.

BUC060 It is unclear if this designation for B1 usage is under this site or BUC045

Question 8

Is the Settlement Hierarchy correct and if not why is it not correct?

No comments

Question 9

Out of the following options, which are your preferences? Please rank 1-3, 1 being your most favoured option.

Members are asked for their preference for this question. Options G, H & I are in line with the designations under the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan.

Question 10

Please explain the reason for your preference. If you do not like any suggested option, please explain why and suggest an alternative.

Members are asked to suggest alternatives if they have no preference.

Question 11

Is there any option you consider we should not consider further? If so, please state below, giving reasons.

Members are asked for their opinions on this question.

Question 12

Options A to E propose to allocate growth over the plan period to the district's villages and parishes in the form of an allowance for Larger and Smaller Villages (as defined in the Aylesbury Settlement Hierarchy, 2012) and rural parishes with no settlement categorised 'Larger' or 'Smaller' in the Settlement Hierarchy. At the next stage of preparing the Local Plan we would identify site allocations for Larger Villages broadly in line with this allowance and indicate the level of growth for Smaller Villages and Rural Parishes - the latter could be treated as an average. Do you agree with the suggested approach to allocating housing growth to the villages and parishes? If not, please suggest an alternative.

It is felt a lot of this work could be done through areas progressing Neighbourhood Planning. It is also felt that the local communities should be worked with to come up with locally agreed designations (in areas that are not progressing Neighbourhood Plans) especially in areas where the Call for Sites has identified a number of areas which may be acceptable to the local community to develop.

Question 13

The Council would welcome comments on which of options it should pursue with regard to landscape designation and protection. Which of the following options should the Council pursue?

- Redesignate all AALs and LLAs as locally valued landscapes and include a policy to enable the assessment of planning applications and appeals
- Only redesignate the AALs and LLAs recommended as having value in the LUC report for consultation 'Areas of Attractive Landscape and Local Landscape Areas Advice to Aylesbury Vale DC (October 2015) and have an assessment policy
- Have no formally designated locally valued landscapes but have a policy setting out landscape issues to be taken into account in planning applications and appeals, or
- Have no designations or policy and just rely on the NPPF.

Option 2

In addition

There should be a further letter sent with addition information highlighting a number of areas of concern about the emerging VALP. Namely:

- The fact Milton Keynes (MK) have not been consulted when two of the three preferred options involve an extension to MK appears to be a grave error especially due to the experience of have had to withdraw the previous plan.
- There is great concern over the use of 10,000 dwellings as the unmet need - this appears to be a number plucked out of the sky with no basis in reality, which is worrying when this is a document which will affect so many people's lives. 10,000 seems very steep especially when Wycombe District Council is predicting a shortfall of 5,900 while there is only a total of 6,602 dwellings in the whole of Chiltern. A much more realistic number would be 8,100 (5,900 from Wycombe and 2,200 from Chiltern – approximately one third of their allocation (the same percentage shortfall as Wycombe). This then moves all of the options within the scope of the housing numbers.
- In relation to the HEDNA region, with Chiltern District Council now pursuing a joint Local Plan with South Bucks DC (which is outside the HEDNA region) what will be the knock-on effect to Aylesbury Vale? Does this pull Chiltern outside the scope of the HEDNA figures? Is it reasonable to scrap the Central Bucks HEDNA area? Would the District then go into the MK Housing Market Area? This appears logical as two of the strategic settlements are already within that area and there is a strong connection with MK in the options put forward.
- Presumably, as MK has not been consulted, neither has Cherwell DC with the fast growing town of Bicester just over the border nor South Northamptonshire Council, which should also be involved from an economic standpoint due to the position of Silverstone.
- In regards to the Settlement Hierarchy there is no indication of how much development is expected for Haddenham, Wendover or Winslow, though it is easy to ascertain for Buckingham and Aylesbury.
- There appears to be a disregard of the importance of Neighbourhood Plans. While they are mentioned briefly on p10 it underplays the statutory weight of Neighbourhood Plans and the requirement that the Local Plan needs to be in general conformity with the existing Neighbourhood Plans.
- It is unclear from p27 (para one) why only some smaller villages would experience growth, nor does it list which these villages might be.
- P32 Option F. The idea that allocating more housing for the villages would lead to increased journeys to work is incorrect. The strategic employment areas are not based in the strategic settlement, they are based in the rural areas and therefore there may well be a reduction depending on the dispersal - especially to the villages near other employment hubs such as Bicester and Milton Keynes
- P36 and question 12. There is no "Aylesbury settlement hierarchy" this document was the Settlement Hierarchy Assessment for the Vale of Aylesbury Plan Strategy (AVDC, Sept 2012). If it is to be shortened then the word "Vale" should be included otherwise it gives the impression that the District Council is too Aylesbury-centric.
- P41 There is a need to ensure that Houses in Multiple Occupancy are regulated - would this form part of the policies for the Plan?
- P43 T2 – This policy will need firming to ensure that footpaths are accessible for those in wheelchairs and do not include steps, thereby ensuring we are not left with the problems encountered at Cotton End in Buckingham.

In addition the letter should also include the following points restated from the question feedback:

- There is no provision in the HEDNA for student accommodation although there are a number of higher-education facilities in the area.
- An explanation should be provided as to why there was an AV HEDNA commissioned and progressed while the Central Bucks HEDNA was also under way.

Recommended

That the above response is sent to AVDC once Councillors have agreed their preferences (outlines of the options can be found between p23-35 in the Issues and Options Consultation Document – the table summary is attached to this report).

That the Council views the details from Cllr. Van de Poll from Winslow Town Council (also attached) to decide if there are any more points that should be included within the response.

Annex 2 Summary of Spatial Options considered

OPTION	Aylesbury Area		Southern Vale		Buckingham Area		Northern Vale		New Settlement(s)		Total
	14,500	57.1%	4,200	16.5%	3,300	13.2%	3,300	13.2%			
Sustainable Settlements	14,500	57.1%	4,200	16.5%	3,300	13.2%	3,300	13.2%			25,400
Sustainable Settlements intensification: raise density 20%	15,700	56.8%	4,600	16.6%	3,600	13.0%	3,800	13.6%			27,600
Option A Sustainable Settlements with Milton Keynes / Bletchley Extension	14,500	49.4%	4,200	14.3%	3,300	11.4%	7,300	24.8%			29,300
Option B Sustainable Settlements with one or more new settlements	14,500	49.3%	4,200	14.3%	3,300	11.4%	3,300	11.4%	4,000	13.6%	29,400
Option C Sustainable Settlements with Milton Keynes / Bletchley Extension and New Settlement	14,500	43.5%	4,200	12.6%	3,300	10.1%	7,300	21.8%	4,000	12.0%	33,300
Option D Sustainable Settlements intensification with Milton Keynes / Bletchley Extension + 20% density increase	15,700	48.5%	4,600	14.2%	3,600	11.1%	8,500	26.2%			32,300
Option E Sustainable Settlements Intensification with new settlement + 20% density increase	15,700	49.6%	4,600	14.5%	3,600	11.4%	3,800	11.9%	4,000	12.7%	31,600
Option F Dispersed approach: growth at all settlements, other than the smallest hamlets	13,000	42.0%	5,600	18.0%	3,100	10.0%	9,300	30.0%			31,000
Option G Dispersed approach with extension to Milton Keynes / Bletchley	12,400	40.0%	5,000	16.0%	2,500	8.0%	11,200	36.0%			31,000
Option H Dispersed approach with one or more new settlements	11,800	38.0%	5,000	16.1%	2,200	7.0%	8,100	26.0%	4,000	12.9%	31,000
Option I Dispersed approach with extension to Milton Keynes / Bletchley and new settlement	10,300	33.3%	4,300	14.0%	2,000	6.4%	10,300	33.3%	4,000	12.9%	31,000

Explanatory note

1. All numbers are rounded to the nearest 100.
2. Options A to E are based on known potentially suitable capacity in the HELAA, consents, completions, windfalls and pipeline.
3. Options A and B fall short of the estimated housing requirement of 31,000 dwellings. Further land would need to be found to address this shortfall.
4. Options F to I are estimated as the capacity is unknown. We would need to identify sufficient suitable, available land to address this shortfall.

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From: Stuchbury, Robin - (County Councillor) <rstuchbury@buckscc.gov.uk>
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Subject: Fwd: Broadband issues - Lace Hill (Buckingham 25)

Hi Chris

I'm believing we need to put this matter on a future BTC agenda

To support the residents in lace hill and see open reach don't repeat this over site in the new Development coming forward again and again ,

I did ask for support from councillor paternoster at AVDC last meeting the response I received was weak at best, and didn't I believe fully understand the relay nature of The problem ,but to be fare to Carole the council chair didn't help with her questioning What was the question sadly but I'm use to this type political intervenes in actions as a elected member seeking Help from the councils cabinet member with responsibility for development in the vale, I use to receive this at ever meeting in the last council through the chair sadly ,,

I've copied councillor paternoster in to this email for I don't believe she fully understands The cost to my residents of not being connected to the Internet , For I'm hoping for her support In this matter and to be fare to her it was a very heated Evening debate beforehand when I ask for her thoughts/help, and I know she will seek To both support/help and advice where posable ,

But by bring this forward to BTC for councillors support I'm hoping for councillors Agreement ,can be gain/planned ,,aside from over planning matters which council has concerns?

To see what powers can be used to see that Internet/phone lines are agreed that they will Become planning condition before consent is agreed ,in the vale/Buckingham in new Developments ,

After the reply I received in council I'm not completely sure this is the case at present ? But I'm more than happy to be corrected ,for if this has been the case in the past then The developers would be in breech of there agreed planning consent/ conditions at Lace hill Buckingham ,,?

But I can't stand by with many many new homes in my division/ward with out ever Seeking improvements for the future why minded to agree support to solve the present Problems in just getting connected,

Let's speak Chris on your thoughts before this goes on a agenda it could be councillor Paternoster can Gide us what is being done and planed in the future so both councils are able To work together in all these regards,

Please advice e of your thinking Chris,

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Subject: RE: Broadband issues - Lace Hill (Buckingham 25)

Hi Annette,

I am hoping that you will be able to fill in some of the gaps as to how this has been missed / overlooked and what can be done to resolve it.

I have had significant communication from Open Reach at the "ground" level regarding the development and Cab 25 along with significant discussions with Connected Counties.

Is this something you can assist with?

As Chris points out Lace Hill has around 650 / 700 complete units and a further 50 nearing completion. There appear to be issues getting Std PSTN installs (with the new school having only just be provided with them in the last few days after a number of months without). I am also struggling with a PSTN order (although don't really want / need a phone line other than for the internet) and understand that

I am keen to ensure that going forward both the current and proposed developments in Buckingham have a fighting chance of getting the current Fibre based technologies and would like to understand what can be done retrospectively to get Lace Hill "connected" and going forward on proposed developments to make sure that all involved (Developers / Council / BT) are on the same page when it comes to provisioning.

Please feel free to call me if you need any further background on 07590 961620

Can you assist?

Many Thanks

Matthew

From: Chris Rawson [<mailto:chris@bbf.uk.com>]
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Subject: Broadband issues - Lace Hill (Buckingham 25)

Hi Annette

Following on from our earlier call, I'd like to introduce you to Matthew King (copied in), who alongside another colleague (also copied), is acting as the spokesperson for broadband and telephony issues on the Lace Hill area of Buckingham, served by Buckingham cabinet 25. This area

currently includes between 650-700 homes, built by developers including Barratts and Bovis, which is around 75% populated and nearing completion.

You will have the background on this one based on our conversation; Matthew should be able to fill in any gaps. As I understand it, there are two matters for discussion:

- The issues of broadband provision on site and how the current copper solution was specified, rather than a fibre technology (given the size of the development). This is where there is scope for Openreach and the consortium of developers to get together and assess what options can be taken forward.
- The issue of restricted access to the copper network, as served from cabinet 25 on the edge of the estate. Matthew can provide examples of affected premises, which I believe includes the new Academy (a Bucks CC public sector network site). Given BT's telephony universal service commitment, this is worrying and needs some investigation as to the route cause (capacity on the copper cabinet, provisioning processes etc). I presume this may also include a discussion around the location of cabinet 25, relative to the rest of the estate (and the associated survey process).

In parallel with this, I will look into our own recognition of affected postcodes in the area, such that we form a view as to the likelihood of Local Authorities being able to provide direct support (through the Connected Counties Project and Council funding). Given the scarcity of this resource, you will know that we are extremely keen to find a resolution to this issue through commercial means, but need to be as prepared as possible to support in whatever guise necessary.

Please do keep me abreast of any progress and associated discussions as they are taken forward.

Kind Regards

Chris

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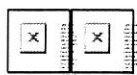
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Hello All,

This should probably go on planning as they were wanting a similar letter to be written.

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Subject: Call-ins and Letter of concern

Dear All

I was recently notified that, as well as Haddenham Parish Council, Great Horwood Parish Council has been granted a call-in of the decision by AVDC to approve the application by Taylor Wimpey that is in direct conflict with the Great Horwood Neighbourhood Plan. This therefore means a Public Inquiry and, like Haddenham, Great Horwood Parish Council is intending to mount a robust case requiring they employ both a planning barrister and a planning consultant as an expert witness.

The Haddenham Public Inquiry commences on 24th November at AVDC's offices. The Parish Council has budgeted for the cost of legal representation and planning support at over £20,000. For many communities such a figure represents more than their annual precept! I am sure few would disagree that a call-in process that requires substantial funding by Parish and Town Councils in order to ensure that justice is done, is in need of review.

You may recall that in one of my earlier missives I signed off with ***Together we are stronger***. In order to hopefully avoid more call-in situations, could I encourage all 'Neighbourhood Plan Councils' to consider writing a 'letter of concern' regarding the extreme stance being taken by AVDC regarding the dilution of planning weight of housing supply policies of draft and made Neighbourhood Plans. This letter could be addressed to Andrew Grant at AVDC and copied to the Secretary of State, the Housing Minister and others. I have attached a draft that could form the basis of such a letter. I sincerely believe that only with incisive Ministerial intervention will AVDC be persuaded to see the error of their ways and that will only occur if the Ministers receive representations from many communities that will be affected by AVDC's unique stance. If you have any queries on this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It would be helpful please if those Councils that send such a letter could let me know.

Thanks and kind regards

Roy

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Extract of email from Roy Van Der Poll (Winslow Town Councillor) to the Town Clerk

As you will see below in the extract of an email I sent recently to David Broadley, I believe they have got the proposed growth for the 'larger villages' badly wrong.

Thanks for your time earlier, as promised please find below the concerns that I expressed to you which mainly relate to the Issues and Options document currently countenancing a contribution of housing for the Plan period from the 31 sustainable 'larger villages' which is, in my view, disproportionately low in relation to the district's total of 31,000 new homes target from 2013 to 2033. The background to this statement is as follows:-

- The district-wide housing growth target 2013 to 2033 of 31,000 additional homes is roughly an increase of 42% above the 2013 figure for the district. All communities should be expected to provide for at least the basic demographic growth identified by GL Hearn of 15% more homes to simply meet the needs of each community. Obviously the strategic communities will be expected to overall provide for more than the 42% increase.
- The sustainable larger villages must pull their weight when it comes to housing growth, I would suggest that a figure of 20% housing growth for larger villages is the absolute minimum figure that is reasonable and realistic under the circumstances. For larger villages with a population of, for the sake of argument, more than 1,750 with a good score for key services and geographically 'well positioned' in relation to major employment, the housing growth percentage should be in excess of 25%.
- In the Issues & Options document there is the following statement for Options A, B and C - *Outside strategic settlements growth over the plan period would take place broadly as follows:* • Large villages 100 dwellings* • Small villages 20 dwellings+ • Parish with no designated settlement (in the Settlement Hierarchy) average 10 dwellings across all parishes. Aston Clinton, Stoke Mandeville (population figure challenged later) and Pitstone have populations approaching 3,000, whereas 11 so called larger villages have populations of less than 1,000. The smallest 'larger village' has a population less than a quarter of that of the largest, yet it is expected to also contribute an additional 100 dwellings to 2033! It is surely irrational for all larger villages to be treated the same with a blanket figure of 100 additional dwellings to 2033, it must be proportionate to firstly the population and then, secondly, the facilities the community has.
- There are 31 larger villages which, with a mere additional 100 homes for each to 2033 would generate 3,100 new homes, **just 10% of the total for the district.** These 31 sustainable settlements represent about 30% of the population of the Vale. I trust all can agree that firstly a blanket figure for all larger villages is irrational and secondly that this significant segment of sustainable communities in the Vale must be expected to generate a much more meaningful contribution to the district's housing target.
- By my calculations, what is being proposed is an increase of about 15% in housing numbers for the combined larger villages. This would mean no contribution by these sustainable settlements to meet the massive need for new homes across the district above the basic demographic growth figure in order to achieve the 31,000 target. The point I am trying to make is that if the larger villages with good infrastructure do not pull their weight, then the demand on the strategic settlements will be even greater than is reasonable.
- If the average housing growth figure for the larger villages was 25%, then those 31 sustainable settlements would generate over 5,100 new homes.
- No doubt too late at this stage to categorise communities as Strategic (4,500 inhabitants and above), Large Village (1,750 to 4,400), Medium Village (500 to 1,700), Small Village (200 to 475) and Other Settlements but this would seem to me much more practical and equitable. It would eliminate questions as to why Great Horwood is defined as a large village and Great

Brickhill, Halton, Oakley and Soulbury are not and make it fairer and easier for communities to accept their categorisation and the attendant housing growth that is then expected of them in the VALP. If such growth is to be seen as just and equitable, it must be a percentage figure based upon the housing stock in April 2013, not around 100 or 120 dwellings.

- I have a breakdown of the housing numbers for all individual communities, generated for the New Homes Bonus calculations and provided by Andrew Small. Stoke Mandeville is detailed as having 2,530 homes, so at least a population of 5,800. Why are the VALP calculations based on a settlement of just over 1,000 households? Why is Stoke Mandeville not defined as a strategic settlement?
- Surely, as communities must at least provide the 15% base demographic growth themselves and for many a much higher figure, it is therefore necessary for AVDC to identify in the HELAA sites to provide the necessary growth. The HELAA indication that AVDC can only identify one suitable site for housing in Stewkley **for only 19 homes and hence a mere 2.6% increase** to 2033, when the village currently has 740 homes, giving a basic 15% increase figure of 111 homes surely gives a totally false picture. This indicates to me that VALP needs to address this issue fairly urgently as very few of the larger villages have sufficient sites identified in the HELAA to even provide 100 new homes to 2033.

I strongly contend that by addressing the proven undersupply target for the larger villages will make an appreciable contribution to better achieving the 31,000 target for some of the Options which currently fall short and be a fairer distribution of housing growth across the Vale.

I am also concerned that the definition in the Issues & Options document of a 'new settlement,' one which will deliver 4,000 new homes by 2033, is - *A new settlement can mean enlarging an existing settlement by more than 50% of the population/dwellings or developing a freestanding new community.* No Parish or Town Council is likely to favour options with new settlements because they will fear their community could be the "existing settlement" that will be swamped by new housing. Strongly suggest the definition of a 'new settlement' is precisely that.

I recently spoke to the Chairman of Great Horwood PC and he was adamant that their PC would not be proposing as suitable an option including a new settlement because of the threat that it could be on their doorstep on the old airfield site. If a new settlement was clearly identified as a stand alone settlement located for example close to Bicester or Thame for example, I am certain a more objective view would be taken when assessing the various Options.

**LETTER OF CONCERN TO BE SENT TO ANDREW GRANT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AVDC,
WITH COPIES TO MINISTERS, YOUR MP AND OTHERS**

Dear Mr Grant

Concern at the recent trend of AVDC approving planning applications which are in conflict with made Neighbourhood Plans

Suggest an introductory paragraph expressing your Parish/Town Council's considerable disquiet and concern at the alarming recent developments which have cast considerable doubt upon the effectiveness of Neighbourhood Plans in the Vale.

Specifically, concern arises as a result of the following:

- The approval decisions by the Strategic Development Management Committee of applications for housing developments at Great Horwood and Haddenham and the Case Officer's recommendation to approve a hostile application at Buckingham, which directly conflict with the Housing Policies of those made Neighbourhood Plans and are also in conflict with the repeated assurances by Ministers that a positively prepared Neighbourhood Plan can determine the amount of housing for the Plan period, where and where not that housing will be sited and its phasing. This is further supported by NPPF Paragraphs 184 and 185.
- Overview and Case Officers' reports relating to these applications, which recommended approval, failed to address the clear 'directive' contained in Para 198 of the NPPF which states – *Where a planning application conflicts with a neighbourhood plan that has been brought into force, planning permission should not normally be granted.* The significance and importance of assessing the planning weight relating to this 'directive' in the planning balance is crucial, yet it has thus far been treated by AVDC Planning as being of little consequence.
- Recently, correspondence from AVDC has confirmed in relation to Paragraph 198 its belief that - *The word "normally" means that there will be exceptions to the normal approach and in this case the lack of a (5 year) housing land supply must be considered to be "exceptional" circumstances. In those circumstances there is therefore no conflict with Paragraph 198.* This argument is obviously badly flawed as a recent survey by Savills has shown that **more than 60% of Local Planning Authorities in England cannot show a deliverable five-year housing land supply.** Therefore, AVDC with its lack of a 5 year housing land supply is not 'exceptional,' in fact it is currently in the same position as the majority of LPAs and should therefore be giving full weight to para 198
- The Overview and Case Officers' reports also do not consider that positive planning weight should be afforded in relation to the first 'core planning principle' of NPPF Para 17 which states *that future development should be genuinely plan-led, empowering local people to shape their surroundings.* This must be an oversight, as Neighbourhood Plans precisely meet these criteria.
- The suggestion for all three applications has been that, in the light of Para 49, AVDC Planning cannot give full weight to the housing supply policies of made Neighbourhood Plans and can therefore only apportion "*significant*" weight. However, for the recommendations in all three cases to conclude that the planning balance favours approval, indicates a significant dilution of planning weight given to the key Housing Policies in the Neighbourhood Plans (the premier planning documents in each case) below the supposed 'significant' weight indicated.
- From extensive research, it appears nationally that AVDC is the only Local Planning Authority to approve hostile planning applications for housing that directly conflict with the Housing Policies of made Neighbourhood Plans. This Council can see no significant justification for AVDC to be so out of line with all other LPAs in similar situations.

- This Council, together with many other Councils in the Vale, is very concerned that, in spite of the significant public interest (over 40% of the Vale's population live in communities with Neighbourhood Plans at various stages of development) and desire to fully understand why AVDC has changed its stance, sight of counsel's advice to AVDC on the subject, which should better provide the required understanding, is being refused.
- The Cabinet Member for Planning continues to assure Parish and Town Councils that AVDC fully supports Neighbourhood Plans. Neighbourhood Planning is about local (at the community level) democracy and the community support for most made Neighbourhood Plans, in the Vale, has been over 90% voting in favour. The Council therefore does not understand how this support converts into recent planning decisions, which are diametrically opposed to the expressed views and wishes of the communities concerned.

Possibly a concluding paragraph expressing and explaining the issues raised within your community in the light of this dramatic change of policy.

Yours sincerely

Copies to – Rt Hon Greg Clark MP (Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government), Brandon Lewis MP (Minister of State for Housing and Planning), your MP, Neil Blake, Carole Paternoster, Tracy Aldworth and your District Councillor(s)

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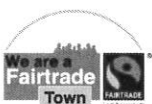
Dear ,

REF:

Buckingham Town Council has a number of serious concerns about the status of Neighbourhood Plans and especially the interpretation of legislation and recent decisions by Aylesbury Vale District Council. These can be summarised as follows:

- The approval decisions by the Strategic Development Management Committee of applications for housing developments at Great Horwood and Haddenham and the recommended approval of an application in Buckingham, all of which directly conflict with the Housing Policies of made Neighbourhood Plans and are in conflict with the repeated assurances by Ministers that a positively prepared Neighbourhood Plan can determine the quantum of housing for the Plan period, where and where not that housing will be sited and its phasing. This is further supported by NPPF Paras 184 and 185.
- Overview and Case Officers' reports relating to these applications failed to address the clear 'directive' contained in Para 198 of the NPPF which states – *Where a planning application conflicts with a neighbourhood plan that has been brought into force, planning permission should not normally be granted.* The significance and importance of assessing the planning weight relating to this 'directive' in the planning balance is crucial, yet it has thus far been treated by AVDC Planning as being of little consequence.
- Similarly, these reports appear not to consider that positive planning weight should be afforded in relation to the first 'core planning principle' of NPPF Para 17 which states that future development should be genuinely plan-led, empowering local people to shape their surroundings. This must be an oversight, as Neighbourhood Plans precisely meet these criteria.
- The suggestion for all three applications has been that, in the light of Par 49, AVDC Planning cannot give full weight to the housing supply policies of made Neighbourhood Plans and can therefore only apportion "significant" weight. However, for the recommendations in all three cases to conclude that the planning balance favours approval, indicates a significant dilution of planning weight given to the key Housing Policies in the Neighbourhood Plans (the premier planning documents in each case) below the supposed significant weight indicated.

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- From Council's research, it appears nationally that AVDC is the only LPA to approve hostile planning applications for housing that directly conflict with the Housing Policies of made Neighbourhood Plans. Council can see no significant justification for AVDC to be so out of line with the many other LPA's in similar situations.
- Buckingham Town Council, together with other Councils in the Vale, is very concerned that in spite of the significant public interest (over 40% of the Vale's population live in communities with Neighbourhood Plans at various stages of development) and are keen to understand why AVDC has changed its stance. – Sight of counsel's advice to AVDC on the subject should provide the required understanding, but we understand that hits has been denied to AVDC's own Members.
- The Cabinet Member for Planning continues to assure Parish and Town Councils that AVDC fully supports Neighbourhood Plans. Neighbourhood Planning is about local (at the community level) democracy and the community support for most made Neighbourhood Plans, in the Vale, has been over 90% voting in favour. The Town Council therefore does not understand how this support converts into recent planning decisions, which are diametrically opposed to those expressed views and included the Cabinet Member voting to overrule Neighbourhood Plans.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. C. P. Wayman
Town Clerk

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

The Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum is an independent, statutory advisory body on all matters relating to countryside access, with members representing a wide range of interests including farmers, landowners, walkers, cyclists, equestrians, parish councils, National Trust and those with disabilities.

13th October 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Buckinghamshire Local Access Forum would like to invite a member of your parish council or organisation to join a working group of volunteers taking part in historical research towards achieving more joined-up public access on the rights of way network.

Section 53 of the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 outlined the government's intention to close the definitive map on 1st January 2026 to certain claims for new footpaths, bridleways and restricted byways, so as each year passes, the urgency to start work becomes greater. The aim will be to review historical rights to see if these can be useful, or potentially useful, to today's walkers, cyclists, horse riders and carriage drivers. It will also join missing links to the adopted highway network where recording these might have been omitted in the past. Routes could be recreational, in order for people to seek fresh air and exercise near to where they live, or as a means of sustainable transport, such as travelling to work or accessing local shops and services. Either way, the proposed new routes will help to complement existing access and try to fill gaps in the rights of way network before time runs out and potentially useful paths are lost.

If you would like to nominate a person from your parish or organisation they should ideally have some knowledge of historical map evidence for claiming new rights of way and a commitment to spending time on the project, in particular researching evidence in the county archives. If experience is limited then training can be provided.

Please register an interest at the reply address below and if possible provide contact details of the selected volunteer.

Yours sincerely,

John Elfes

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Committee Clerk

From: Town Clerk <townclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 November 2015 09:17
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Subject: FW: Bourton Meadow Academy

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From: Jon Harvey [<mailto:jonharvey2014@gmail.com>]
Sent: 13 November 2015 17:48
To: christopher Wayman
Subject: Fwd: Bourton Meadow Academy

Chris

Please can this be put on 23/11 FC meeting agenda.

>> To agree a representative to meet with Bourton Meadow Academy stakeholders to discuss travel arrangements for the school.

Thanks

atb

Jon

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Jo Bunyan** <jo.bunyan@bucksec.gov.uk>
 Date: 13 November 2015 at 16:53
 Subject: Bourton Meadow Academy
 To: wwhyte@bucksec.gov.uk, jonharvey2014@gmail.com

Good Afternoon,

As part of the travel plan completed annually by the academy, with the help of Modeshift Stars, we need to reestablish a working group of volunteers from all areas of the community to be involved in supporting the school and the initiatives to ensure safety around the school. We need to ensure all voices are heard, all information is communicated around the community and all measures are taken (within reason) to ensure road safety.

A meeting has therefore been arranged for Thursday 26 November at 2.30. There will be representation from the academy, parents, local residents, police, and we would be grateful if you could attend as representatives from both the town and county council.

Please confirm your availability and I look forward to meeting you then.

Kind regards

Jo Bunyan - Governor

**MINUTES OF THE BUCKINGHAM & MAIDS MORETON
NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP (NAG) MEETING
HELD AT BUCKINGHAM OLD GAOL ON 21 OCTOBER 2015**

Present:	Cllr T Bloomfield (BTC)	Mrs D Clements (Fishers Field)
	Ms D Cotter (AVDC)	Mr D Higgs (Portfield Way)
	Mrs M Howard (Mount Pleasant)	Mrs C Moxon (Fishers Field)
	Mrs K Robins (BS)	Mr A Rudolf (West Street)
	Mrs J Rudolf (West Street)	Cllr M Smith (Chairman/BTC)
	PC N Tipping (TVP)	
Apologies:	Mr D Child (MM)	Cllr T Mills (AVDC)
	Ms V Rodwell	Mr P Seal (AVDC)
	Cllr W Whyte (BCC)	

1 Welcome & Introductions

- 1.1 Cllr Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting, and those present introduced themselves.

2 Minutes of the previous Meetings

- 2.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 July were approved.

3 Matters Arising

- 3.1 **Activities for Young People** – further to the planned activities outlined at the last meeting, Cllr Smith said that the amount of LAF funding to be awarded would depend on the proportion of votes cast during the “*Buckingham Decides*” exercise. To this end, apart from being able to vote on line and via voting forms at strategic locations (including The Old Gaol and Buckingham Library), a stall detailing all groups seeking a proportion of the available funds would be on the street market on Tuesday 27 October.
- 3.2 **Dementia** – further to Buckingham being made a Dementia Friendly town offering safeguards to those feeling at risk, Cllr Smith had arranged to meet Gemma Workman on 26 October to see what assistance (if any) the NAG might be able to offer.
- 3.3 All other Matters Arising were dealt with under the appropriate headings below.

4 Review of Priorities

- 4.1 **Noise (including late night noise from public houses and associated anti-social behaviour)** – again, no major complaints had been reported.
- 4.2 Far fewer anti-social behaviour incidents had been observed, and the various outreach teams issuing good behaviour certificates where behaviour had noticeably improved appeared to be working.
- 4.3 **Drug Awareness** – Cllr Smith regretted that efforts to get the “Mum - Can You Lend Me Twenty Quid” play at a suitable local venue had stalled. Meanwhile, TVP’s Operation Awareness continued to rigorously pursue those involved with drug misuse.
- 4.4 Cllr Smith also referred to a report during early October complaining about strong smells of cannabis as it was being allegedly harvested in the vicinity of the High Street. This had been referred to TVP, albeit not the Neighbourhood Team, by the complainant.

BUCKINGHAM & MAIDS MORETON NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

4.5 **Community Speed Watch** – Cllr Smith said that, following a long period of apparent inactivity since initial training was provided in February, he and Cllr Whyte had been pressing for Speed Watch to become active in the area.

4.6 It was now confirmed that the equipment had been relocated to the Town Council Chamber store, and PC Tipping said that PC Beglan would shortly be reviewing the suggested operation areas to confirm their suitability.

4.7 Given that Speed Watch activities might now shortly commence, Cllr Smith hoped that additional training might be made available to those who had been unable to attend the February session.

5 Update on Licencing

5.1 Cllr Smith said that the revised proposals were being considered by AVDC that evening (**Note** – *they were agreed in total, including the saturation policy for Buckingham*).

5.2 Mr Seal had written to Cllr Smith confirming that regular taxi enforcement checks continued in Buckingham (see 6.2 below), and that any noted infringements should continue to be referred to AVDC Licensing quoting the date, time, place and plate number.

6 TVP Issues

6.1 PC Tipping said that the town remained fairly quiet, with the Charter Fair producing no problems beyond the issue of three s35 orders.

6.2 A taxi operation had taken place that morning, in conjunction with AVDC.

6.3 Criminal activity was currently centred out of town in the rural areas (theft of church roof lead, shed burglaries, etc) but the onset of darker evenings could matters escalate to include heating oil thefts and burglaries to unlit houses.

6.4 She concluded by saying that Inspector James Davies would shortly be moving to the Aylesbury Neighbourhood Team, and that his replacement would be announced shortly. In the meantime, Sgt Emily Dover would be Acting Inspector, and another Sargent would be drafted to Buckingham on a temporary basis.

7 Annual Public Meeting Arrangements

7.1 Cllr Smith reminded those present that the Annual Public Meeting would be held at Buckingham Community Centre on 25 November, from 7.00pm. It was agreed that this would follow the same format as last year.

7.2 Ms Cotter confirmed that she would provide Community Safety leaflets etc, and Cllr Bloomfield agreed to provide refreshments again.

7.3 Mrs Moxon agreed to revise the poster and to arrange suitable publicity.

8 Other Matters

8.1 A member raised a problem about litter bins on Pightle Crescent, and it was suggested that he contact AVDC. The matter of a pedestrian crossing in West Street was again raised, which BCC had previously responded to.

9 Future Meetings

9.1 Meeting dates and venues for 2016 would be announced shortly following the Annual Public Meeting.

Key to frequently used acronyms:

ANPR	Automatic Number Plate Recognition	JAG	Joint Action Group
ASB	Anti-social Behaviour	LAF	Local Area Forum
ASBO	Anti-social Behaviour Order	LPA	Local Policing Area
AVDC	Aylesbury Vale District Council	LNL	Late Night Levies
BAG	Buckingham Activities Group	MM	Maids Moreton
BCC	Bucks County Council	MVAS	Motor Vehicle Activated Sign
Bilking	fuelling vehicles and driving away without paying	NHW	Neighbourhood Watch
BS	Buckingham Society	NPB	Neighbourhood Policing Board
BTC	Buckingham Town Council	NSL	National Speed Limit
BTYP	Buckingham Town Youth Council	NSO	Neighbourhood Specialist Officer
CSP	Community Safety Partnership	PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
DPPO	Designated Public Place Order	PSPO	Public Space Protection Order
EMRO	Early Morning Restriction Order	TEN	Temporary Event Notice
FPN	Fixed penalty notice	TfB	Transport for Buckinghamshire
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle	TVP	Thames Valley Police
		TVPA	Thames Valley Police Authority
		VAHT	Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust
		VOSA	Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

Access For All

Please note possible change of venue for November meeting.

Well Street is scheduled to be closed from 9th November until 4th December for road resurfacing! I believe the Centre is remaining open and I hope to have definite details of access to it and parking nearer the time.

Minutes of Meeting held on 12th October 2015 at the Well Street Centre

In Attendance: Mary Buckingham, Ed Grimsdale, Cllr. Derrick Isham, Lydia Kennedy(Healthwatch Bucks), Pat Knibbs, Ruth Newell, Una Robinson, Cllr. Mike Smith, John Squires, Cllr. Chris & Peter Strain-Clark.

Apologies: Bill Howkins, Clair Pudaruth, John Russell, Robin Stuchbury and Cllr. Warren Whyte. We noted that Bill Howkins absence was due to his hearing difficulties, which prevent him taking a full part in the meetings. Please let us know Bill if there is anything we can do to help.

Welcome: Ed Grimsdale welcomed everyone who then introduced themselves.

Minutes 14th September Meeting. These were agreed. Una and Ed's concerns over exposed tree roots have been resolved by AVDC thanks to Ruth's splendid work.

Lydia Kennedy - Healthwatch Bucks.

Lydia briefed us on the work of Healthwatch Bucks. She is a new member of a team of 6 people and will be going out and about in North Bucks gathering personal experiences and concerns by every means she can – coffee mornings to facebook – to find out what needs to be done to improve local health and social care. The main role of Healthwatch is to create a database and generate a monthly report highlighting current local issues in an attempt to identify where improvement is needed, and hopefully to actually trigger those improvements. Healthwatch Bucks currently only has funding for 2½ years and is smaller than in other Counties.

We can help by personally giving feedback and by publicising their contact details to others. Una will put her in touch with Carers North Bucks.

Chairman's Report: Ed is continuing to work with Claire on symbols and a traffic light system for cards to be displayed in Buckingham shops. He should have suitable stickers by the end of the week.

Mike assured us that our funding was secure for at least a few months but we need to move forward at least to get information on accessibility out there. We

need something like a business plan rather than just tinkering. We need people to knock on doors.

A further discussion of the DisabledGo scheme led to the conclusion that though it would put Buckingham on the map we cannot afford it at this time and we should just work on our card system. Mike has found a suitable Logo that is not copyright and works out at £5 for a 5" square plastic coated back sticking card. It features a wheelchair symbol and a short comment which we agreed could be 'All welcome' though we are open to other suggestions. We would need to go round the shops with a list of things staff could do to increase accessibility and also involve them in a competition for the shop that has become most 'disabled friendly'. How many of the 50 to 80 shops could we each manage?

John Squire's suggestion that we fund raise by joining in the Christmas parade was well received. Though we couldn't arrange a trailer we could have a scooter and lots of people with buckets. The theme of the parade is 'Fairy Tales'.

Secretary's Report: Having just returned from holiday Chris had nothing new to report.

The Treasurer's Report: We still have around £1300 minus the cost of the room.

Members Concerns:

There was concern that we are not dealing with 'grass roots' Buckingham issues. Problems that we have raised with various crossings, access to lace Hill, pavements in the Overn Avenue area and the general state of potholes in paths and roads do not seem to have been remedied. We have been assured that problems raised will be dealt with if they are severe enough and we should keep putting them on the website.

The timing of the Jardine's Crossing Lights has been altered but it is still too short and the buttons controlling them need to be in an accessible position. Though the removal of the slippery brass studs at dropped kerbs is an improvement we need the Council to provide something more sightly than the current 'temporary' asphalt.

Next meeting Monday November 9th 2-3.30 pm Well Street Opportunities Centre (**But see above**)

Access For All

Minutes of Meeting held on 9th November 2015 at the Well Street Centre

In Attendance: Ed Grimsdale, Cllr. Derrick Isham, Pat Knibbs, Ruth Newell, John Russell, John Squires, Cllr. Chris & Peter Strain-Clark.

Apologies: Clair Pudaruth, Una Robinson, Cllr. Mike Smith, Cllr. Robin Stuchbury and Cllr. Warren Whyte.

Welcome: Ed Grimsdale welcomed everyone.

Minutes 12th October Meeting. These were agreed.

Chairman's Report: Ed had promised to have suitable access stickers by the end of the week but has put the scheme on hold due to concerns over wording and the impending decision on DisabledGo to be made by the Town Council Resources Committee this evening. Given a favourable decision (*in the event it was passed by the Committee unanimously*) it will go forward to Full Council on November 23rd and if approved the DisabledGo 3 year trial can begin.

Ed was very concerned about the recent Vale of Aylesbury Plan consultation in Buckingham. It was in an inaccessible venue – the Old Town Hall; no notice ever appeared on how to get assistance with access – though it was regularly promised; the Exhibition was not ready by 11am – the advertised start time; the information available was less than informative; the questionnaire was meaningless; the staff were arrogant or just bored and until prompted there were no stick-its available to make comments. And of course, at no point did the plans take into account any problems of Access for the Disabled. So many unfavourable comments were made about the Consultation that it will have to be held again – this time in the accessible Community Centre – and we must all go in force and make our opinions heard.

Ed was also concerned about the proposed 'Extra Care Housing' at the far end of Brackley Rd. The conditions imposed on residents are very restrictive and expensive and their only argument that it is needed is based on the population within 9 miles rather than 5 miles as claimed. It is on the wrong site, on a corner, by a cemetery and far from the town centre. And most importantly it is not part of the Buckingham Neighbourhood development plan though AVDC seem willing to disregard these and delegate all their powers to their officers who are not answerable to the people. He will oppose the plan.

Secretary's Report:

Cllr Warren Whyte says please keep reporting potholes and dangerous pavements via the BCC website. Details of problems in and around Overn Avenue would be helpful and these will be collected Ed and John Squires shortly.

The Jardines crossing problem concerns the entire slope which is too steep particularly at the roadside. There is also the problem of having to make a sharp right turn followed by a sharp left turn to line up with the crossing. The slope makes it likely to topple over sideways while making this manoeuvre.

The slopes and holes outside the King's Head are still dangerous and a trip hazard.

Warren repeated his offer of £250 from his Community Fund for publicity for A4A and so Ed will move ahead with our own leaflet to be displayed in the library, doctors surgeries, shops and cafes.

In spite of all the efforts of the town council, including a temporary ramp outside the White Hart, some problems remained during the Charter Fair such as access to Jardines.

The White Hart will be reopening in December under new management. Obviously this venue presents lots of access challenges, but they already seem willing to listen to concerns, e.g. disabled loo being previously out of action because of a smashed lock.

DisabledGo. Dean Eales of DisabledGo is coming to the town council tonight at 7pm to present the work of DisabledGo. I hope they will be as impressed by him as Ed John Russell and I were. Ed and Joh Russell will be also speaking in favour in the public session at the beginning of the meeting.

Chris circulated 2 testimonials for DisabledGo from authorities already using them:-

Dear Christine, thank you for contacting me, I'd be happy to provide you with some feedback in relation to Disabled Go.

Central Bedfordshire Council has been working with DisabledGo since 2011 and it has been a very positive experience. We wanted to work with Disabled Go because we know how important it is for disabled people and their families to be able to look at detailed and accurate access information. Other providers we looked at didn't make independent checks of premises and so we felt that they could not match the robustness and integrity of the DisabledGo approach.

Whilst we knew that the information would be helpful for people with physical disabilities, we have also found that it's really helpful for people with mental health and learning disabilities who may be anxious about accessing a new venue and who have been able to use the website to prepare themselves before a visit.

I find I often use their website if I'm looking for a venue and want to check access issues beforehand.

Many council venues are featured on DisabledGo and we have added numerous link pages on our own Council website to help people access information and also to promote the issue of disability access.

I have worked with a number of DisabledGo staff over the last few years and they have all been positive and very helpful. They have always delivered on the requirements of the contract.

We have seen over the years that as access information is updated, that some venues have carried out improvements. We also have venues who approach us and ask to be featured, so I think that some organisations are starting to see the value of providing disabled people with this type of information.

I think it would be very positive if Buckingham Town Council were able to work with Disabled Go, because we know that our residents travel beyond council boundaries and so the more information that's available in neighbouring areas, the better it is for disabled people.

Best Wishes **Clare Harding**, Corporate Policy Advisor (Equality & Diversity),
Communications & Insight, Improvement & Corporate Services **Central
Bedfordshire Council** Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands,
Shefford, Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ

also

Good afternoon Christine, I'm happy to respond to your query regarding Dean and DisabledGo. I found dealing with them to be a very pleasant and rewarding experience, they are an incredible organisation, very professional and the presentation they put on for us at Luton was fantastic. It was also very successful. I dealt mainly with Dean and found him really approachable and knowledgeable about what his company deliver and I enjoyed working with him and his team. Luton Borough Council has certainly benefited for our relationship with DisabledGo.

I hope this helps. Anthony Fitzgerald

Project Manager, Business Improvement Team, Housing & Community Living

Luton Borough Council, Anthony.Fitzgerald@luton.gov.uk, 01582 547083

Chris reassured that though these were much larger Councils DisabledGo was keen to pilot their scheme in smaller areas like Buckingham. Everyone agreed that it was about time Buckingham moved forward and put itself on the map especially with an

aging population and the reduction of Government support.

The Treasurer's Report: The treasurer is appalled by the management of the venue – The Well Street Opportunities Centre. There is no communication between the staff and he is repeatedly billed by one for amounts different from what we negotiated with another. The struggle to sort it out continues.

We have over £1200 in our account and over £100 in pocket. It was proposed and agreed unanimously that £1000 of this, preferably in 3 instalments of £333, be made available as our contribution to the DisabledGO scheme if no other funding is available.

Fund Raising – Christmas Parade: There was enthusiasm that we should join in the parade, centred around a scooter or small trailer decorated with Access for All Placards and accompanied by members with collecting Buckets. Ed will contact Howard Mordue to see if this is still possible. The theme of this year's parade is 'A Child's Story'.

Is Monday Best: We are aware that Monday is often impossible for our District and County Councillors but we do keep them informed. Derrick proposed an 'Extraordinary Meeting' at a time to be agreed by them where we can air our grievances 'face to face'. We will consult Robin and Warren.

Members Concerns:

Early in the meeting John Squires raised the problems raised by the lack of street lighting particularly at the entrance to Badgers estate near Tesco's roundabout. Derrick will contact both our County Councillors about the problem including issues of non-working lights and overhanging trees obscuring lights. Chris stressed the need to be specific and so Ed will collect data including the risk of tripping on poorly lit and poorly maintained footpaths.

Members were very concerned about the level of on road parking around Buckingham especially in Mary McManus Drive and Addington Road. It was felt that there should be double yellow lines in the former and a one way system in the latter.

Next meeting : Monday December 14th 2-3.30 pm Well Street Opportunities Centre



BUCKINGHAM AND GAWCOTT CHARITABLE TRUST

TRUST № 1010071

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JULY 31ST 2015

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BUCKINGHAM AND GAWCOTT CHARITABLE TRUST

The Board has pleasure in presenting its Report and Accounts for the period ended 31.07.15.

CONSTITUTION

The Trust is a registered charity, numbered 1010071.

RESULTS

There was an excess of income over expenditure for the year of £251.

No taxation arises by virtue of the Trust's charitable status.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The principal activity of the Trust is to utilise its assets for the benefit of the inhabitants of Buckingham and Gawcott.

The Trust has made no new awards during the course of the year; it had been hoped that the winding-up of the Buckingham Borough Development Corporation (document signed 2000) would have been completed which might have generated some additional income but this matter remains unresolved.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board Members, during the year to May 2015, were as follows:

P.J. Fealey
Mrs. N. Glover
D. R. Isham
R. Lehmann
Miss B.C. Martin
T. Mills
H. Mordue
Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
R. Stuchbury
W. Whyte

Note: Mrs. L. O'Donoghue's term of office as Mayor of Buckingham (Trustee ex-officio) ceased on 11^h May 2015 and her successor is Mr A. Mahi; Mr R. Lehmann was not re-elected on 7th May, and the Town Council has appointed Mr. T. Bloomfield in his place. However no meeting was held or business transacted between May and 31st July 2014 so the new Trustees have not yet taken any part in the Trust activities.

In accordance with the Trust Deed, new trustees are appointed by:

Aylesbury Vale District Council	- two trustees
Buckinghamshire County Council	- two trustees
Buckingham Town Council	- four trustees
Gawcott-with-Lenborough Parish Council	- two trustees

**Mrs. K. W. McElligott
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August 2015

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BUCKINGHAM AND GAWCOTT CHARITABLE TRUST

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st July 2015, which are set out on pages 5-7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Myn Cotterill ACCA registration number 1042830	Bell Pitch Cottage Whiteshill Stroud GL6 6BP
Signed: <i>Myn Cotterill</i>	Dated: <i>5th September 2015</i>

BUCKINGHAM AND GAWCOTT CHARITABLE TRUST

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST JULY 2015**

	2013/2014		2014/2015	
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Gains on sales of investments	nil		nil	
Interest	<u>106</u>		<u>172</u>	
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		106		172
Resources expended				
Direct Charitable expenditure – grants	nil		nil	
Other expenditure	<u>67</u>		<u>78</u>	
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		67		78
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES		39		94
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES)				
Unrealised gains/(losses)	(26)		157	
		13		251)
Fund balances brought forward	4733		4746	
Fund balances carried forward		4746		4997

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS – 31ST JULY 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) **Accounting Convention**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

b) **Taxation**

The Trust is a registered Charity and therefore not subject to taxation.

2. INVESTMENTS

Investments represent cash held in the Charities Official Investment Fund (COIF) – Deposit Account and Fixed Interest Account.

3. CREDITORS

There are no unpaid invoices or grants at 31st July 2015.

4. MEMBERS OF THE TRUST

No member of the Board of Management has received any emoluments in the period.

5. No liability falls on any member of the Trust. The Trust had 10 members at 31st July 2015.

BUCKINGHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION
Minutes of meeting, Wednesday 2 September 2015

Present: Stephanie Scrase (Chairman), Cllr Terry Bloomfield, Janet May, Cllr Howard Mordue, Jane Mordue, Cllr Ruth Newell, Cllr Christine Strain Clark, Sue Watkins

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Paul Hirons, members Mike and Ginny Booth and Mike Kirby.
2. **Minutes** of the meeting held Wednesday 6 May 2015 were agreed and signed.
3. **Matters arising** - none
4. **Young people** – Stephanie reported on the visit in July of Sacha Credigne who she had kindly hosted. He had spent time at the Royal Latin School. The timing, after the end of the French summer school term but before the end of the English term, had worked well.
The Buckingham Town Youth Council continued to thrive. The previous chairman, Rory, now off to University, had presented to the Town Council recently and confirmed that he had gained confidence from the experience. It would be good to involve the Mouvaux and Buckingham youth councils in the next Civic Visit.
5. **News and general updates: Buckingham, Mouvaux, Neukirchen-Vluyn**
 - 5.1 **Civic Visit to Buckingham 2016** – it was hoped to begin planning this soon, not least as the Town Council needed to budget for, say, the civic lunch. Annie and Ruth had previously been in touch and it was agreed that Ruth would contact Annie to offer dates in October/November 2016. She would also ask the Town Council to hold over the budget to the next financial year. Action: Ruth Newell
6. **Events**
 - 6.1 **Review**
 - 6.1.1 Royal Latin School Prize giving, BTA Prize, Thursday 2 July 2015 – this had gone well and a photo of the prize winner kindly taken by Robert Munday, would be sent by Ruth to Stephanie and on to Geoff Shaw for the website – and Facebook, see below. Action: Ruth Newell
 - 6.2.2 Bastille Day Boules competition, Buckingham, Tuesday 14 July 2015 – sadly cancelled due to the wet weather and difficulty in sourcing straw bales. Hopefully both will be okay next year.
Ron Gleeson would be reimbursed for the wine bought. Action: Ron Gleeson/Howard Mordue
Howard had ensure the sand had been returned to AVDC.
 - 6.2 **Future events**
 - 6.2.1 'Castles and Gardens of the Rhine' Fri 11 to Sun 13 September 2015 – members were pleased to learn that Sue and a small group would be flying to Dusseldorf.
 - 6.2.2 Visit to Flandres 25/27 September 2015 – sadly no takers but it was agreed that we need to review how we market small group visits to our Francophile members.
 - 6.2.3 Harvest Festival in Neukirchen, 19,20 September – no takers and Sue had briefed N-V.
 - 6.2.4 Inter Twin Town Tennis Tournament, Neukirchen-vluyn September 2015 – ditto.
 - 6.2.5 Vluyn's St Martins Market 7,8 November 2015 – Sue to see if a small group could go, one or two members had expressed interest. Jane to check with Lisa Turan. Action: Sue Watkins, Jane Mordue
Agreed to hold a planning meeting to organise goods, if it's on.
 - 6.2.6 BAFA – an invitation had been sent to Mouvaux and Stephanie would collect/deliver the artworks. Action: Stephanie Scrase
 - 6.2.7 AGM and Film, 24 November 2015 – Stephanie to check room booking and decide on a film. Action: Stephanie
 - 6.2.8 Mouvaux Christmas market 4-6 December 2015 – the date had now been confirmed. Stephanie and Jane to meet for planning session. Janet May volunteered to go. The plan would be to take as much of the goods over beforehand as possible so that only one vehicle need be taken on the weekend, thus making the event more profitable! Action: Stephanie, Jane Mordue
 - 6.2.9 Buckingham Christmas Parade and Community Fair Saturday 12 December 2015 – agreed to have a stall. Terry to kindly book. Jane and Sue volunteered to be there. Action: Terry Bloomfield
 - 6.2.11 Other links/events in the pipeline:
 - Lions Club link between N-Vluyn and Winslow Lions (home of Buckingham Lions) – Sue to kindly check with Franjo re interest. Action: Sue Watkins
 - Cycling – Stephanie reported that the Mouvaux Club would like to come on 14 July 2016 and cycle up from Folkestone. She would approach the new Buckingham club – contact, Chris Wayman. Action: Stephanie

Terry suggested a Valentine's Quiz in February 2016 at the Old Gaol. This was enthusiastically supported and he would check on availability at the Old Gaol on say Friday 12th or Saturday 13 February in the evening. It would be a good membership event. Action: Terry

7. **Finance Report** Howard Mordue
The current balance stood at £3,299.09.

8. **Membership report** Terry Bloomfield
Membership stood at 63.

9. **Communications**

Newsletter: Ron Gleeson – the summer newsletter had been well received. Terry agreed to circulate hard copies as well as those previously sent digitally. Action: Terry

Club Voice: Ruth and Lara Newell – would continue and they would also revitalize our Facebook page. Action: Ruth and Lara Newell

Website: Geoffrey Shaw continued to keep this up to date.

10. **Any Other Business**

11. **Date of next meeting** Wednesday 4 November 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

3/9/15

