

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the **Full Council** of Buckingham Town Council held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

**Present:** Cllr. M. Cole JP  
Cllr. J. Harvey  
Cllr. S. Hetherington  
Cllr. A. Mahi  
Cllr. H. Mordue  
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue  
Cllr. A. Osibogun  
Cllr. A. Ralph  
Cllr. A. Schaefer Chair  
Cllr. R. Stuchbury  
Cllr. M. Try

**Also present:** Ms. C. Molyneux Town Clerk  
Ms. P. Cahill Committee Clerk

Cllr. Schaefer Chaired the meeting in Cllr. Gateley's absence.

**555/22 Apologies for absence**

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. Ahmed, Cllr. Collins, Cllr. Davies, Cllr. Gateley, Cllr. Whyte and Cllr. Willett.

**556/22 Declarations of interest**

There were none.

**557/22 Motion from Cllr. Gateley to be Proposed by Cllr. Schaefer**

The Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Countess Howe, has requested that the County Civic Service, to be held during the afternoon of Sunday May 7 to celebrate the Coronation of HM King Charles III, should be held at Buckingham Parish Church. This represents a great honour for our town. I therefore propose that Buckingham Town Council supports this plan, and that we work alongside the Lieutenancy and Buckingham Parish Church to plan and deliver this historic event.

Seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury.

Cllr. Cole gave a brief history of Buckingham.

Cllr. Harvey requested that no staff are compelled to work at the Civic Service.

Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed an amendment: that we should write, at the appropriate time, to King Charles and invite him to visit Buckingham. Seconded by Cllr. Mahi and unanimously **AGREED.**

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

The Town Clerk explained that minimum staff will be needed, we are a team and work is shared; staff are asked rather than compelled to work.

A vote was taken, and the results were:

For: 10  
Against: 0  
Abstention 1

The motion was carried.

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**558/22 New cemetery consultation**

Members received a written report from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk explained that there were some difficulties in engaging younger members of the town, that some papers were invalid as they were submitted by people not living in the town, but the results showed strong support by residents for a cemetery. There was, however, opposition to the additional cost. The consultation numbers were small but valid. The Estates Manager estimates that within two years the current cemetery will be at capacity, and it is therefore imperative that Phase 1 is implemented.

Members thanked the Clerk and her team for their hard work.

It is recommended that Members note the result of the cemetery consultation which evidenced broad public support for proceeding with the provision of a new cemetery but did not show broad public support for raising the precept by £68,000 to cover the cost of the loan repayments.

It is recommended that Buckingham Town Council proceed with the purchase of the land off the A421.

It is recommended that Buckingham Town Council do not add the additional £68,000 for public works loan board repayments to the precept.

It is recommended that the budget changes detailed in Part 3 of this report be implemented.

It is recommended that the Environment Committee be asked to reevaluate the scope of the proposed works and consider the option to split the project into two phases – Phase 1 being the external works needed to have a functioning cemetery and allotments. The aspiration is to start Phase 1 in the coming financial year. Phase 2 which will include the depot building and public toilet to be re-costed and implemented at a future date when the national financial situation has stabilised.

Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed to move to a vote, Cllr. O'Donoghue Seconded.

A vote was taken, and the results were:

For: Cllr. Cole, Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. Hetherington, Cllr. Mahi, Cllr. Mordue,  
Cllr. O'Donoghue, Cllr. Ralph, Cllr. Schaefer, Cllr. Stuchbury and Cllr. Try.

Against: 0

Abstention: Cllr. Osibogun

Members **AGREED** to vote on all recommendations – Cllr. Shaefer read the recommendations. Cllr. Osibogun Proposed voting separately on the recommendations. No Secunder.

Cllr. O'Donoghue Proposed and Cllr. Hetherington Seconded. A vote was taken, and the results were:

For: Cllr. Cole, Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. Hetherington, Cllr. Mahi, Cllr. Mordue,  
Cllr. O'Donoghue, Cllr. Ralph, Cllr. Schaefer, Cllr. Stuchbury and Cllr. Try.

Against: 0

Abstention: Cllr. Osibogun

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**BTC/06/22**

**559/22 Budget 2023-2024**

559/22.1 Members received a written report from the Town Clerk.

559/22.2 Members received the draft budget 2023 – 2024.

Recommendations:

That the 2023/24 budget as set out in Appendix B be recommended to the Precept meeting.

That the precept meeting be recommended to increase the precept from **£942,773 to £1,164,561 at a cost of £208.74 per Band D household**. This is an increase of 63p per week or 18.78% from the current level of £175.74.

To note the overspend prediction of 1.12% or £11,100.

To agree the reduction to the ear-marked reserves (detailed in paragraph 4.6) in order to increase the estimated general reserve to £287,834.

To note that the budget recommended by the Resources Committee has been amended by the removal of the £68,000 cemetery costs and the transfer of £11,000 from budget to 104/4022 – Insurance to 253/4619 – Cemetery Development.

To recommend that the total funding requirement for 2023/24 to be levied on Buckinghamshire Council be set at £1,164,561.

Cllr. O'Donoghue Proposed, Cllr. Cole Seconded. A vote was taken, and the results were:

For: Cllr. Cole, Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. Hetherington, Cllr. Mahi,  
Cllr. Mordue, Cllr. O'Donoghue, Cllr. Ralph, Cllr. Schaefer,  
Cllr. Stuchbury and Cllr. Try.

Against: 0

Abstention: Cllr. Osibogun

**560/22 Chair's announcements**

Reminder: Holocaust memorial service 11am on Friday.

**561/22 Date of the next meeting:** Precept: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
Interim: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Full Council: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Meeting closed at 19:38

Signed .....

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