

Minutes of a meeting of **The Full Council** of Buckingham Town Council held on Monday 20th March 2023 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Present:

Cllr. R. Ahmed	
Cllr. M. Cole JP	
Cllr. G. Collins	
Cllr. F. Davies	
Cllr. M. Gateley	Town Mayor/Chair
Cllr. J. Harvey	
Cllr. S. Hetherington	
Cllr. A. Mahi	
Cllr. H. Mordue	
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. A. Ralph	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	
Cllr. M. Try	
Cllr. W. Whyte	
Cllr. R. Willett	

Also present:

Ms. C. Molyneux	Town Clerk
Ms. P. Cahill	Committee Clerk

No members of the public attended and so there was no public session.

711/22 Apologies for absence

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. Schaefer. Cllr. Osibogun sent apologies that he will arrive late to the meeting.

712/22 Declarations of interest

There were none.

713/22 Minutes

Members agreed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council meetings held on 28th November 2022, 24th January 2023, and 30th January 2023.

714/22 Interim minutes

Members agreed as a correct record the minutes of the Interim Council meeting held on 7th November 2022 and 9th January 2023.

715/22 Precept

Members agreed as a correct record the minutes of the Precept meeting held on 30th January 2023.

716/22 Planning Committee

Members received the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 7th November 2022, 5th December 2022, 9th January 2023, and 6th February 2023.

717/22 Town Centre and Events Committee

Members received the minutes of the Town Centre and Events Committee meeting held on 12th December 2022 and 13th February 2023.

718/22 Environment Committee

Members received the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 31st October 2022, 19th December 2022, and 20th February 2023.

719/22 Resources Committee

Members received the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 14th November 2022 and 16th January 2023.

720/22 Motion: Cllr. Stuchbury

Motion regarding health provision in future developments

Motion: It is proposed that Buckingham Town Council includes within its local neighbourhood plan, draft policies to cover a health provision contribution in any S106, CIL, SIL or similar agreement in all future developments.

Considering the historical experience in respect of contributions from developments within the parish of Buckingham not being forthcoming, we would expect any property development site in Buckingham **of X houses** to include a contribution to **Buckingham Primary care (including dental and community services)**, thus mitigating the additional burden imposed on primary healthcare by the additional residents created by any such developments.

It is envisaged the addition of this policy to the Buckingham neighbourhood development plan, would allow a close collaborative working arrangement with Buckinghamshire Council, **NHS England and the relevant parts of the NHS that work locally and regionally**, to ensure this takes place.

Importantly, it should be the case that such funds can be accrued, avoiding a piecemeal scenario, so necessary finance is available and in place, to meet the community's health needs and provision in the future.

Cllr. Cole Proposed an amendment: 'expect any' change to: *we would expect any property development site of X houses.*

Cllr. Whyte Proposed a further amendment: adding *NHS England and the relevant parts of the NHS that work locally and regionally.*

Cllr. Harvey Proposed a further amendment: a contribution to *Buckingham Primary care (including dental and community services).*

Cllr. Stuchbury agreed the amendments. Cllr. Davies Seconded. A vote was taken, and the results were:

For: Cllr. Ahmed, Cllr. Cole, Cllr. Collins, Cllr. Davies, Cllr. Gateley, Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. Hetherington, Cllr. Mahi, Cllr. Mordue, Cllr. O'Donoghue, Cllr. Ralph, Cllr. Stuchbury, Cllr. Try, Cllr. Whyte and Cllr. Willett.

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

ACTION DEPUTY TOWN CLERK AND TOWN PLAN OFFICER

721/22 To receive and question reports from Buckinghamshire Council Councillors

Cllr. Mordue:

Sits on Parking Consultancy Group looking at parking across Buckinghamshire.
Informed Members of the day to day role of being a Councillor which involves solving problems as and when they arise.

Cllr. Stuchbury:

Attending Cabinet tomorrow re. special education.
Attended budget scrutiny meetings and Fire Authority audit.
Received a response West End Farm – DNA is now being looked at.

Cllr. Whyte:

Government have awarded £2m for pothole repairs. He confirmed that HS2 and East-West railway are responsible for any road damage caused.
Chased up the Education Department for school place planning – interim information has been received.
Old Town Hall – thanked Cllr. Mordue and the Town Council for arranging the planters.
Cllr. Mordue informed Members that the new planters will arrive at the end of May at the same time as Buckingham Town Council's baskets and planters.
Transport – active travel scheme for Buckingham back on the table and still trying to get the Silverstone cycleway up and running.

Cllr. Harvey explained that the Council Tax bill shows the amount and percentage increase but not the monetary difference from last year. He asked if Shire Councillors would take this to the precepting authority and ask if it can be included on next year's bills to residents. Cllr. Mordue will take this suggestion back to the Shire Council.

722/22 Recommendations from Resources Committee

722/22.1 Members received a report from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the Financial Regulations, the Financial and Management Risk Assessment and the Investment Strategy Policy will remain valid until the Full Council meeting on 22nd May 2023 when they will be reviewed again. They are being updated now due to changes requested by the auditor. The Annual Investment Strategy will not be reviewed in May; this has to be reviewed for the start of the financial year in April.

It is recommended that Members agree the revised Buckingham Town Council Financial Regulations as recommended by the Resources Committee.
It is recommended that Members note the Interim Audit report as reviewed by the Resources Committee.

722/22.2 Members received a report from the Compliance and Projects Manager.
It is recommended that Members agree the updated Financial and Management Risk Assessment as recommended by the Resources Committee.

722/22.3 Members received a report from the Compliance and Projects Manager.
It is recommended that Members agree the Investment Strategy Policy as recommended by the Resources Committee.

722/22.4 Members received a report from the Town Clerk.
It is recommended that Members Agree the Annual Investment Strategy for the 2023-2024 financial year, as recommended by the Resources Committee.

Cllr. Harvey Proposed to agree all recommendations, Cllr. Davies Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED**.

723/22 Devolved Services

Members unanimously **AGREED** to accept the 9% uplift for devolved services for 2023-2024.

724/22 Motion: Cllr. Stuchbury

As part of our effort to improve our efficiency, this motion proposes that the Town Council agrees to remove the Staffing (Confidential) Matters Committee. Instead, the Resources Committee, if required to support the Town Clerk, would meet in private session. Standing Orders and other policies to be amended in accord with this decision.

Cllr. Harvey Seconded.

A vote was taken, and the results were:

For: 2

The motion fell.

725/22 Action list

Members reviewed and discussed the Action Report
Cllr. Whyte informed Members that there is no further update on the river pollution.
Moreton Road Phase III – agreed to remove.
Public Health Meeting – Cllr. Stuchbury suggested taking it to the Environment Committee.
Cllr. Gateley - Civic Service confirmed: 10:30am 7th May 2023. The Lord Lieutenant is attending.

726/22 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

Members noted the reports listed below:
Minutes from AVTUG meetings: 22nd November 2022 and 24th January 2023.

727/22 Mayoral engagements

Members received a list of events attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Functions the Mayor has attended:

- 04.12.22 Civic Carol Service, Aylesbury.
- 08.12.22 Bucks Fire & Rescue Carol Service, Aylesbury.
- 10.12.22 Buckingham Christmas Parade and Fair.
- 10.12.22 Civic Carol Service, Leighton Buzzard.
- 11.12.22 Christmas Party for guests from Ukraine, Swan Pool, Buckingham.
- 15.12.22 Pontio meeting
- 18.01.23 Royal Latin School 600 Anniversary launch, Chantry Chapel.
- 09.02.23 BACAB Trustees meeting.
- 16.02.23 Pontio meeting.

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- 17.02.23 Pancake Races.
- 26.02.23 Civic Service, Leighton Buzzard.
- 28.02.23 Dementia Friendly Support Project Launch, Buckingham Library.
- 11.03.23 Food Fair and Town Crier Trial.
- 11.03.23 Willen Hospice Gala Dinner.
- 13.03.23 Commonwealth Day Flag raising and Declaration.
- 14.03.23 Buckinghamshire Music Trust Celebration Concert, Royal Albert Hall.
- 18.03.23 Banbury Mayor's Masquerade Supper.

Functions the Deputy Mayor has attended:

- 10.12.22 Buckingham Christmas Parade.
- 17.02.23 Holocaust Memorial Day
- 17.02.23 Pancake Races.

728/22 Chair's announcements

Annual Town Meeting on Thursday 23rd March 2023. It would be good if as many Councillors as possible can attend.

729/22 Date of the next meeting:

Extraordinary and Interim Council: Monday 24th April 2023
 Annual Statutory Meeting and Full Council: Monday 22nd May 2023

The Town Clerk explained that an Extraordinary meeting is needed to award Freeman/Freewoman of Buckingham; this is a legal requirement.

COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

Exclusion of public and press

RECOMMENDED In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded. Members unanimously **AGREED**.

730/22 Insurance

- 730.1 Members received a report from the Town Clerk.
- 730.2 Proposal
- 730.3 Schedule

Members unanimously **AGREED**.

Meeting closed at 20:20

Signed

Date