

Minutes of a meeting of the **Full Council** of Buckingham Town Council held on Monday 7th July 2025 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

**Present:**

Cllr. F. Davies	Town Mayor
Cllr. L. Draper	
Cllr. J. Harvey	
Cllr. H. Haydock	
Cllr. A. Mahi	Deputy Mayor
Cllr. R. Newall	
Cllr. R. Newell	
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. R. Poppe	
Cllr. A. Schaefer	
Cllr. S. Singh	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	
Cllr. M. Try	

**Also present:**

Ms. C. Molyneux	Town Clerk
Ms. P. Cahill	Committee Clerk
Ms. A. Smith	Business and Community Engagement Officer

**Absent:**

Cllr. R. Ahmed
Cllr. T. Allen
Cllr. H. Mordue
Cllr. J. Mordue

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

#### **121/25 Apologies for absence**

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. Ahmed, Cllr. Allen, Cllr. H. Mordue and Cllr. J. Mordue.

#### **122/25 Declarations of interest**

There were none.

#### **123/25 Minutes**

Members agreed as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Statutory Meeting and the Full Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

#### **124/25 Interim minutes**

Members agreed as a correct record the minutes of the Interim Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

#### **125/25 Planning Committee**

Members received the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025, and 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

#### **126/25 Town Centre and Events Committee**

Members received the minutes of the Town Centre and Events Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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**127/25 Environment Committee**

Members received the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**78/25 - Recommendation: to proceed with the tender from company 14 to remove the footbridge in Bourton Park.**

Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed, Cllr. Schaefer Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation.

Cllr. Draper arrived at 7:06pm.

**128/25 Resources Committee**

Members received the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**113/25 – Recommended to Full Council the Purchasing and Procurement Policy.**

Cllr. O'Donoghue Proposed, Cllr. Schaefer Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation.

**114/25 – Recommended to Full Council the Committee Calendar for 2026.**

Cllr. O'Donoghue Proposed, Cllr. Mahi Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation.

**129/25 To receive a recommendation from the Communications Strategy Sub-Committee**

It is recommended that Full Council approve the amendment to line 4.1.5 of the Media Policy:

"Where possible, press releases will include a quote from the Mayor, appropriate Committee Chair, or Councillor nominated by the Committee."

Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed, Cllr. O'Donoghue Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommended amendment.

**130/25 To receive recommendations from the Equality, Community Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

130/25.1 That the Terms of Reference are recommended to Full Council for review and agreement unchanged.

Cllr. Davies Proposed, Cllr. Draper Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the unchanged Terms of Reference.

130/25.2 The Working Group requests £40 from their budget for refreshments to be served at a Black History Month event, plus £20 to hire display boards at Buckingham Library throughout October.

Cllr. Schaefer Proposed, Cllr. Stuchbury Seconded and Members **AGREED**. There was one abstention.

**131/25 Bank signatories**

131/25.1 Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed, Cllr. Draper Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the signing schedule and the bank signatories as Cllr. Davies, Cllr. Draper, Cllr. J. Mordue, Cllr. O'Donoghue, and Cllr. Stuchbury.

131/25.2 Cllr. Draper Proposed, Cllr. Stuchbury Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the CCLA signatories as Cllr. Davies, Cllr. Mahi and Ms. Claire Molyneux.

**132/25 Committees: Cllr. Roger Newall and Cllr. Russell Poppe**

132/25.1 Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed, Cllr. Draper Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** Cllr. Newall's request to become a Member of the Planning Committee, the Environment Committee and the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

132/25.2 Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed, Cllr. Draper Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** Cllr. Poppe's request to become a Member of the Town Centre and Events Committee and the Environment Committee.

**133/25 Motion: Cllr. Haydock**

Councillors should wear badges at local events so we are identifiable to the public. As suggested by Cllr. Allen - at £148.50 + p&p the current councillor badges are expensive and may not provide value for money for our local community. Therefore, we should seek alternatives at a more reasonable price for new councillors and for any replacement badges.

Cllr. O'Donoghue Seconded.

Members raised the following points:

- Value for money is important.
- Size of badge – the current badge is small and difficult to read from a comfortable distance.
- Using a local business to supply the badges is preferable.
- The Town Clerk informed Members that the current badges can now be purchased at £82.50 if we purchase five or more.
- Cllr. Harvey Proposed that the Motion is amended to: 'may wish to' wear badges. Cllr. Mahi Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED**.
- We should keep the original badges as the price has been reduced.
- The Town Clerk confirmed that the Town Council logo will be on Councillor badges.

A vote was taken, and the result was:

For: 13

Against: 1

Abstention: 0

The Town Clerk will research options at less than £20 per badge, less than £50 per badge or less than £100 per badge to bring to a future meeting.

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133/25.1 Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed that the Town Clerk researches options at less than £50 per badge, Cllr. Draper Seconded. A vote was taken, and the result was:

For: 11  
Against: 3  
Abstention: 0

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

**134/25 Motion: Cllr. Stuchbury**

Following the written response to my question to Buckinghamshire Council regarding flooding, to consider seeking further clarification, challenge or acknowledgement to the response to the question, ensuring that Buckingham Town Council Members are able to represent their constituents' interests in respect to flooding concerns within Buckingham. Members to make any recommendations and decide any actions elected Members feel are appropriate, based on the information provided.

Ms. Smith left the meeting at 7:34pm

Members raised the following points:

- Buckinghamshire Council are failing to take any responsibility in their response.
- Responsibilities and ownership are convoluted, and the response should ask for a clear understanding of areas of responsibility.
- There are links between climate change and extreme weather events; this could result in flooding incidents increasing; past reports may not therefore be relevant.
- Cllr. Schaefer sits on the Transport, Environment, Climate Change and Communities Committee; this gives an additional avenue to raise questions.

The Town Clerk advised the formation of a Working Group to draft a response.

Cllr. Davies Proposed to add in 'Members to form a Working Group to discuss and make recommendations to respond.' Cllr. Stuchbury accepted the amendment. Members unanimously **AGREED**.

Cllr. Draper Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the amended Motion.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

**135/25 Motion: Cllr. Harvey**

This Council resolves to write to the Chief Executive of Buckinghamshire Council to ask whether the recent landmark legal ruling in Lambeth might have an impact on the recent decision by the shire council to introduce significant changes to off-street parking in the county in the context the huge weight of public consultation against such changes. (See: *A low-traffic neighbourhood (LTN) scheme put in place by a south London council has been ruled unlawful in a landmark decision by the High Court.*  
[BBC news article](#))

Cllr. Roger Newall Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED**.

**ACTION TOWN CLERK**

**136/25 Motion: Cllr. Stuchbury**

I propose that a report be brought to a future meeting on any negative or possible negative effect of the Government proposing to cut funding to local neighbourhood plans.  
[NALC response](#)  
[SLCC article](#)

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Cllr. Harvey noted that this is not a proposal; this has already been agreed and does not affect us directly and impacts officer time.

Cllr. Stuchbury withdrew the Motion.

**137/25            To receive and question reports from Buckinghamshire Council Councillors**

Cllr. Schaefer:

- The first Full Council meeting of Buckinghamshire Council will be held on Wednesday.
- Has joined the Transport, Environment, Climate Change and Communities Committee and is please to be representing residents and the Town Council.
- Stood in for another Councillor at a recent Health and Social Care Committee.

Cllr. Roger Newall passed a message of thanks to Cllr. Schaefer from a resident.

Cllr. Stuchbury:

- Raised at motion at the Select Committee regarding sewage and drainage, and infrastructure.
- Written questions have been submitted to the Education Select Committee as targets are not being met.
- Will be sitting on the Fire Authority Executive meeting.

The Town Clerk left the meeting at 8:01pm.

Cllr. Harvey informed Councillors that he questioned the Planning Clerk of a large London borough, and they confirmed that restrictions are not placed on comments on its planning portal. Members raised concerns that the current Buckinghamshire Council arrangements can encourage fraud.

**138/25            Reports from representatives appointed by Full Council to outside bodies**

There were no reports.

**139/25            Climate Emergency Action Plan**

Members noted that there are no changes to the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

**140/25            Action list**

Cllr. Draper informed Members that the unscheduled digging at St. Rumbold's Field green spaces was reported and has now been stopped.

**141/25            CCLA investment fund**

Members noted the additional information received from CCLA.

The Town Clerk returned to the meeting at 8:07pm.

**142/25            Mayoral engagements**

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

Functions the Mayor has attended:

21/05/2025 Friends of the University AGM

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## **BTC/03/25**

23/05/2025 Miles Nottage Charity concert at Radcliffe Centre - Buckingham Live  
25/05/2025 Buckingham Live  
31/05/2025 Brackley Mayor Making  
06/06/2025 Mayor Making  
09/06/2025 Attended the funeral of Mary Connor  
21/06/2025 Celebrate Buckingham including signing of the twinning agreement  
24/06/2025 Community lunch celebrating June Lewis' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
26/06/2025 Flooding meeting with Callum Anderson MP  
28/06/2025 Project Street Life 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
02/07/2025 Meeting with Swan Practice

Functions the Deputy Mayor has attended:

23/05/2025 Mayor Making Aylesbury

## **143/25 Chair's announcements - for information only**

The Chair reminded Members that Fringe week is coming up; any help and support from Members would be gratefully received.

The Town Plan Clerk arrived at 8.10pm.

## **144/25 Date of the next meetings:**

Full Council: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Interim Council: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## **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**.

## **145/25 Confidential Matter**

Members received a report from the Town Clerk.

Cllr. Draper Proposed, Cllr. Mahi Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation.

Cllr. O'Donoghue left the meeting at 8:17pm and returned at 8:19pm.

## **146/25 S106 Sport and Leisure contribution for Land South of Bourton Road**

Members received a report from the Estates Manager.

Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed that we also add that Buckingham Town Council is given the first option to adopt the open spaces and that a request is included to build a toilet at the new allotments/cemetery. Cllr. Schaefer Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED**.

**ACTION ESTATES MANAGER**

Cllr. Schaefer Proposed, Cllr. Roger Newall Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendations.

**BTC/03/25**

The meeting closed at 8:57pm

Signed ..... Date .....

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