

Minutes of a meeting of **The Full Council** of Buckingham Town Council held on Monday 15th September 2025 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Present:

Cllr. R. Ahmed	
Cllr. T. Allen	
Cllr. F. Davies	Town Mayor
Cllr. L. Draper	
Cllr. J. Harvey	
Cllr. H. Haydock	
Cllr. A. Mahi	Deputy Mayor
Cllr. H. Mordue	
Cllr. J. Mordue	
Cllr. R. Newall	
Cllr. R. Newell	
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. R. Poppe	
Cllr. A. Schaefer	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	
Cllr. M. Try	

Also present:

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

Absent: Cllr. S. Singh

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

239/25 Apologies for absence

Members received apologies from Cllr. Singh.

240/25 Declarations of interest

There were none.

241/25 Minutes

Members agreed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council meeting held on 7th July 2025 and the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 18th August 2025.

242/25 Planning Committee

Members received the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 16th June 2025 and 14th July 2025.

243/25 Town Centre and Events Committee

Members received the minutes of the Town Centre and Events Committee meeting held on 2nd June 2025.

Cllr. Stuchbury thanked officers for their work at events throughout the summer.

Cllr. Newell noted an error on page 4 – the word Clerk has been omitted.

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244/25 Environment Committee

Members received the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 9th June 2025.

245/25 Resources Committee

Members received the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 23rd June 2025.

246/25 Motion: Cllr. Harvey

"This Town Council stands in support of the campaign to make play, parks, open spaces and playgrounds to be more designed for girls and young women, not just boys and young men, (see the [make space for girls website](#)), and we will make sure we consider and engage with young women and girls when developing and planning play activities and spaces (as well as others of course!) To this end, we agree to ask the Town Clerk to produce a report to assemble existing measures (including those detailed in the draft Neighbourhood Plan) and propose what more the Town Council might do in support of this campaign."

Cllr. O'Donoghue Seconded the Motion.

Members raised the following points:

- Could this be included on the Parks Policy?
- Youth Club members could be consulted on what they would like.
- The Environment Committee would be happy to consider this.
- Use the make space for girls website as a basis.

Members unanimously **AGREED** the Motion.

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247/25 Affordable housing/key worker housing

Members noted the following two documents, provided by Cllr. Stuchbury, which offer relevant information:

[Overview of key service area priorities 2025](#)
[Housing Strategy update July 2025](#)

248/25 Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2024/25

Members noted that the Council have today received the external auditor's report; it is therefore necessary to hold an Extraordinary Full Council meeting, prior to the Planning Committee meeting on 22nd September 2025, to comply with statutory timescales.

249/25 To receive the notes of the presentation from Buckinghamshire Highways on the updates to Railway Walk

Members noted the updates.

Cllr. Harvey asked about the necessity of the guard rail on the Bath Lane bridge. Cllr. Davies explained that from the survey of the bridge there had previously been a rail.

250/25 Badges

Members received a report from the Town Clerk.

1.1. It is recommended that Members choose from the three badge options.

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Members raised the following points:

- How long will the ten badges be held (the Town Clerk explained that they are a long-standing company, and this is not a concern).
- The reduced price of the original badges now makes these a good option.
- Original badges can be difficult to read.
- The original badges last an exceedingly long time.
- We should not have a two-tier system; all badges should be uniform for Councillors.
- Magnetic badges have a habit of falling off clothing and they can be difficult to remove; they do however leave less marks on clothing than pins.

Cllr. Schaefer feels that we should have something that looks good and that it should be uniform. She Proposed that we order 5 badges that match the original ones, 4 of which will be used straight away.

Cllr. Schaefer amended her Proposal to 10 badges. Cllr. Harvey Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED.** **ACTION TOWN CLERK**

251/25 Meeting with Stagecoach Representative

Members received a report from the Town Clerk.

- 1.1. It is recommended that Members agree that the Town Clerk, Mayor, and Cllr. Harvey meet informally with a representative of Stagecoach.

Cllr. Harvey informed Members that he has still been trying to contact National Express.

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

252/25 To receive and question reports from Buckinghamshire Council Councillors

Cllr. Schaefer:

- Informed Members that the draft Local Plan has been presented to Cabinet and the decision was taken to go to the next stage of the consultation. The spatial strategy does not currently include any sites. She advised Members that they may like to comment on this individually or through Committee collectively.
- Sits on the Transport, Environment, Climate Change and Communities Committee which meets tomorrow and the above may be considered by this Committee. She is happy to raise any points.
- Has put a question to the Officers, in her role as a Cabinet Shadow Member for Transport, about flooding. The Flood Action for Buckingham Group raised this question.

Cllr. Stuchbury:

- Is now on the Committee at Silverstone
- At Council there was a Motion on environment and flooding which was agreed. The Motion on declarations of interest and expenses and this was defeated by a procedural motion, and it is now going to the Audit Committee.

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- Went to Stoke Mandeville with the HAASC to review their services.
- Attended several executive meetings on how it functions.
- Attended Health and Safety meetings.
- Attended several licensing meetings, including Street Trading Policy Licence.
- Attended a Growth and Infrastructure Select Committee.

Cllr. Harvey explained that he continues to try and get a fast coach service from Northampton through to High Wycombe, via Silverstone and Buckingham – is it worth raising this at the Silverstone Committee? Cllr. Stuchbury requested that Cllr. Harvey writes to him regarding this, and he will take it forward.

253/25 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

No reports have been received.

254/25 Action list

Members reviewed and discussed the action report.

255/25 Mayoral engagements

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

Functions the Mayor has attended:

11/07/25	Medical Faculty Graduation University of Buckingham
15/07/25	Opening of The Bridge - Harvey's House - Buckingham Secondary School
22/07/25	Oxford Fiddle Group
24/07/25	Art in The Market
26/07/25	Street Food Fair
27/07/25	Lace Hill Fun Day
31/07/25	Duck Race
02/08/25	Tennis Club open day
12/08/25	Buckingham in Bloom awards at Larder Café
15/08/25	VJ Day Commemoration and Flag Raising – Buckingham
15/08/25	VJ Day Commemoration – Bedford
16/08/25	Skatepark Event Buckingham
19/08/25	Mrs Armitage on Wheels - Chandos Park
21/08/25	Buckingham in Bloom Businesses Presentations
24/08/25	Bandjam
27/08/25	Artwork unveiling
03/09/25	Merchant Navy Day Flag raising
03/09/25	Woolpack Buckingham in Bloom Award giving
04/09/25	Opening of Dragon Bay Chinese Takeaway
06/09/25	Dog Show
09/09/25	Paynes Court Community Garden Award Presentation

Functions the Deputy Mayor has attended:

None received.

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256/25 Chair's announcements - for information only

There will be an Extraordinary Full Council meeting prior to the Planning meeting next week.

257/25 Date of the next meeting: Interim Council: Monday 13th October 2025
Full Council: Monday 3rd November 2025

Meeting closed at 8:04pm

Signed Date

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