

Minutes of an **Interim Council Meeting** of Buckingham Town Council held at 7pm on Monday 13th October 2025 in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Present:

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

Also present:

Ms. C. Molyneux	Town Clerk
Ms. P. Cahill	Committee Clerk
Mr. S. Beech	Compliance and Projects Manager
Ms. S. McMurtrie	Town Plan Officer
Ms. K. McElligott	Planning Clerk
Mrs. C. Cumming	Buckingham Society

Absent:

Cllr. J. Harvey
Cllr. S. Singh

Public session

Mrs. Cumming spoke on behalf of the Buckingham Society on the Conservation Area Consultation: they broadly approve of the extension of the area, but it is important to note the current and ongoing development of Buckingham. Their main concern is the lack of enforcement; there should be consistency in enforcement, and the report does not confirm this. HMOs should also be mentioned, particularly for older buildings like Oddfellows Hall and should be part of the Buckingham Conservation Area Review. She urged the Town Council to push forward the Vision and Design Statement.

314/25 Apologies for absence

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. Harvey and Cllr. Singh.

315/25 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

316/25 Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Members received a recommendation from the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan Working Group:

Minute 3: Agreed to recommend to Full Council that, having completed its objectives, the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan Working Group be wound up.

IM/02/25

The Town Clerk informed Members that we are still in negotiations regarding the referendum date and we have been pushing hard for the first week in December. Buckinghamshire Council are having difficulties with this date as Democratic Services are struggling to accommodate it. Whilst no decision has been made, Buckinghamshire have indicated it may need to be 22nd January 2026.

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has met 43 times, and they have now completed their work. They would like to be free from their relationship with the Town Council so that they can operate freely when we go to referendum.

Cllr. Stuchbury thanked past Councillors and members of public who helped to put together the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan. He Proposed that we agree the recommendation. Cllr. O'Donoghue Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED**.

317/25 Conservation area survey

Members received a report from the Planning Clerk.

Recommendations:

- 1.1 That Members agree one option to tick for each of the four proposed extensions to the Buckingham Conservation Area.
- 1.2 That Members agree a brief, overarching reason for each choice.
- 1.3 That Members agree *en bloc* the corrections and observations made by the Planning Clerk to the text of the Conservation Area consultation document for submission.

Members strongly agreed each of the four proposed extensions and queried the omission of Rotherfield House and the inclusion of Article 4.

The Town Clerk requested that Members delegate to the Planning Clerk to fill out the box on the reasoning based on Members comments. The major exception is number five which will also take into account the Buckingham Society's comments on HMOs. Cllr. Davies Proposed, Cllr. O'Donoghue Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendations and the Town Clerk's request. **ACTION PLANNING CLERK**

Members thanked the Planning Clerk for her excellent work.

318/25 Chair's announcements - for information only

A thank you card and photographs have been received from Open House members; their community grant from the Town Council gave them an opportunity to attend a boat trip at Stratford Upon Avon.

319/25 Date of next meetings: Full Council: Monday 3rd November 2025
Interim Council: Monday 1st December 2025

Meeting closed at 7:26pm

Signed Date

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PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY 2010/CRIME AND DISORDER ACT, 1988: the decisions made during the course of the meeting were duly considered and it was decided that there were no resulting direct or indirect implications in respect of crime and disorder, or equalities considerations, other than those stated in the minutes.

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