

Minutes of a meeting of **The Extraordinary Full Council** of Buckingham Town Council held on Monday 18th August 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. A. Mahi	Deputy Mayor
Cllr. H. Mordue	
Cllr. J. Mordue	
Cllr. R. Newall	
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	
Cllr. R. Poppe	
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
Mrs. K. McElligott	Planning Clerk

Absent:

Cllr. J. Harvey
Cllr. H. Haydock
Cllr. R. Newell
Cllr. A. Schaefer
Cllr. S. Singh

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

202/24 Apologies for absence

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. Haydock, Cllr. Schaefer and Cllr. Singh.

203/25 Declarations of interest

Cllr. Stuchbury noted that, as a member of the Central and North Buckinghamshire Planning Committee, he will not be voting on applications.

204/25 Planning Application - 25/02337/VRC - Land adjacent to 73 Moreton Road

NO OBJECTIONS but see comments

Variation of condition 1 (plans) relating to application 24/02616/VRC (Variation of condition 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 attached to 19/00902/ADP (Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to outline permission (15/04106/AOP) for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of a residential development of 12 dwellings).

Members had no objections to the necessary Variation listing the new plan numbers.

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However they reiterated their concerns about the steeply curved access onto Moreton Road, the lack of continuous footway into town from this access and the visibility both up and down hill from (and of) this access. If a new access could not be negotiated via the garage court opening onto Western Avenue, which would provide a safer route to the primary school and the bus stops, perhaps the existing track to Roxwell could be reduced to create a footpath from the cusp of the U bend to Moreton Road.

The more detailed house-plans were welcomed, though the materials were not all as per the Buckingham Design Code or the Buckinghamshire Design Guide, and Members would have liked to see slate roofs and chimneys on all the houses.

The use of reconstituted stone lintels is not recommended as these are not a feature of local distinctiveness and are an unnecessary detail. Most uPVC window frames have cills attached, but if not tiles or a row of 'soldier' bricks can be used below the window opening.

Cllr. Newall Proposed No Objections but with the above conditions. Cllr. Ahmed Seconded and Members **AGREED**. Cllr. Stuchbury abstained.

ACTION PLANNING CLERK

205/25 24/01966/ADP – Amended Plans

OPPOSE & CALL IN

Land off Osier Way East of Gawcott Road and South of Buckingham Ring Road
Submission of reserved matters details of appearance, layout and scale, pursuant to outline planning permission 19/00148/AOP (outline planning permission (with all matters other than means of access reserved) for a residential development of up to 420 dwellings (including affordable housing), and associated infrastructure including provision of open space (including formal play space); car parking; new pedestrian and cycle linkages; landscaping and drainage works (to include SuDS attenuation and two new accesses off Osier Way and one new access off Gawcott Road). Includes demolition of the existing pigsty) (Phase 3).

Members noted that it was proposed to submit the landscaping details as a separate application and considered whether this partial Amended Plans consultation was therefore invalid.

They again criticised the difference in quality of materials, pointing out that this contravened the principle of tenure blindness. In particular the wire-cut bricks do not have a quality appearance and are given to spalling (as evidenced at St. Rumbold's Fields), and roofs should also be of equal quality throughout. Some variety of colours for front doors and window frames should be considered. There should also be more houses with chimneys to reflect the local characteristics in the Buckingham Design Code.

Concern was expressed on the viability of the hedgerow between the existing houses at Gawcott Fields and the western boundary of the estate. Sandwiched between the lengths of fencing would curtail its growth and value as a wildlife corridor; it was suggested that maintaining the hedge as the boundary would be better for the environment.

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There were still too many haul distances to Bin Collection Points over the guideline maximum, both for residents and operatives, presumably because of the extent of the block paving areas.

Cllr. Mahi Proposed a call-in due to substantive changes and Cllr. Draper Seconded. A vote was taken, and the result was:

For: 8
Against: 1
Abstentions: 3

Cllr. Davies Proposed that we Oppose this application on the grounds raised by Cllr. Newall, Cllr. Draper and the Planning Clerk. Cllr. Newall Seconded and Members

AGREED. There were two abstentions.

ACTION PLANNING CLERK

206/25 Bridge maintenance agreement

Members received a report from the Town Clerk.

- 1.1 It is recommended that Members agree the attached maintenance agreement for the footbridge in Bourton Park between the Town Council and Buckinghamshire Council.

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

207/25 Chair's announcements - for information only

The Chair reminded Members that Bandjam takes place on Sunday and encouraged Members to attend and assist. She is planning to hold a raffle for the Mayor's Charities and any donations from Members will be welcome.

For information, next week is the unveiling of the artwork outside the Chamber.

208/25 Date of the next meetings:

Full Council: Monday 15th September 2025

Interim Council: Monday 13th 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**.

209/25 Confidential update

209/25.1 Members received a report from the Town Clerk.

- 1.1 It is recommended that Members note the attached correspondence and agree to delegate the response to the Compliance and Projects Manager who will take advice from our consultants

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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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209/25.2 Correspondence was received by Members.

The Compliance and Projects Manager explained that, although further detail has been received from ONH, the above recommendation stands.

Cllr. Newall Proposed, Cllr. Draper Seconded and Members **AGREED**. Cllr. Stuchbury abstained.
ACTION COMPLIANCE AND PROJECTS MANAGER

Meeting closed at 7:33pm

Signed Date