

Minutes of a meeting of **The Full Council** of Buckingham Town Council held on Monday 3rd November 2025 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Present:

Cllr. R. Ahmed	
Cllr. T. Allen	
Cllr. F. Davies	Town Mayor
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	

Also present:

Ms. C. Molyneux	Town Clerk
Ms. P. Cahill	Committee Clerk
Cllr. A. Osibogun	Buckinghamshire Councillor

Via Zoom: Cllr. M. Try

Absent:

Cllr. L. Draper
Cllr. H. Mordue
Cllr. J. Mordue

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

348/25 Apologies for absence

Members received apologies from Cllr. Try (who attended via Zoom), Cllr. Draper, Cllr. H. Mordue and Cllr. J. Mordue.

349/25 Declarations of interest

There were none.

Cllr. R. Newall and Buckinghamshire Cllr. A. Osibogun arrived at 7:01pm.

350/25 Minutes

Members agreed as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council meeting held on 15th September 2025 and the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 22nd September 2025. Cllr. Davies Proposed, Cllr. Schaefer Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED**.

351/25 Interim minutes

Members agreed as a correct record the minutes of the Interim Council meeting held on 13th October 2025. Cllr. Davies Proposed, Cllr. O'Donoghue Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED**.

352/25 Planning Committee

Members received the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18th August 2025.

353/25 Town Centre and Events Committee

Members received the minutes of the Town Centre and Events Committee meeting held on 21st July 2025.

Cllr. Stuchbury thanked Cllr. Ahmed and Cllr. Harvey for the excellent Black History Month Local History event.

354/25 Environment Committee

Members received the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 28th July 2025.

355/25 Resources Committee

Members received the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 1st September 2025.

356/25 Staffing Committee

Members received the minutes of the Staffing (Confidential Matters) Committee meeting held on 23rd June 2025.

357/25 S106 wish list working group

Members received a report from the Town Clerk.

- 1.1 It is recommended that a working group be established to review the current Section 106 wish list and identify potential future projects, with findings to be reported back to Full Council.

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

358/25 To receive and question reports from Buckinghamshire Council Councillors

Cllr. Osibogun:

- Tree planting mission – Buckinghamshire Council is taking steps to plant more trees within the County; the target is 543,000 new trees.
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) – Buckinghamshire Council is taking steps to develop partnerships with interested parties and would be happy to partner with Buckingham Town Council. The strategy is for guidance only and does not change the rights that people have to their land.
- Increasing SEN capacity – Buckinghamshire Council has repurposed one of their assets.
- FixMyStreet – issues with potholes should be reported; there are schemes in place for the next four years.

Cllr. Mahi asked about the lighting in the car park – when will this be fixed? It has already been reported on FixMyStreet. Cllr. Osibogun is happy to chase this up if it is forwarded to him.

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Cllr. Harvey requested an explanation for the removal of vegetation alongside the Buckingham School's playing field. Cllr. Osibogun was unaware of this but explained that it may be linked to the clearing of the ditches to alleviate flooding.

Cllr. Davies requested additional detail to the increase in SEN capacity. Cllr. Osibogun informed her that one of Buckinghamshire Council's assets, in Buckingham, is to be repurposed for SEND.

Cllr. Schaefer:

- Attended a meeting to set the priorities for the Capital Roads Programme for the next four years. The agreement is now with officers for costing.
- Cllr. Haydock's question, from the Environment Committee, will be raised at tomorrow's Transport, Environment, Communities and Climate Change Select Committee.

Cllr. Newall asked if the Capital Roads Programme covers road crossings. Cllr. Schaefer said that this was not discussed. Cllr. Stuchbury informed Cllr. Newall that road crossings are not covered in the Programme.

Cllr. Stuchbury:

- Consultation on SEN – there is a 1.6% cut for The Buckingham School which equates to £112,000.
- He will be following up on a question tomorrow regarding improved transport.
- He will be taking a question regarding flooding to Cabinet next week.

Cllr. Singh asked if there are any plans for dualling the A421 or A422. Cllr. Stuchbury responded that a planned feasibility study on the A421 has not yet been undertaken; he will investigate further.

359/25 Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group

Members received and noted a report from the Town Clerk.

- 1.1 To note that the Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group is no longer operating and will be removed from the list of organisations that have an official Buckingham Town Council representative.

360/25 Reports from representatives on outside bodies

There were none.

361/25 Cemetery update

Members received a report from the Estates Manager.

- 1.1 It is recommended that Members note this report and the attached payment certificates which were issued by our surveyor authorising payment to the contractor as work has been completed satisfactorily.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the only cost that is considerably higher than expected is for Anglian Water; our Quality Surveyor is working hard to try and get the costs reduced but there are no other water options.

362/25 BNDP Update

Members received a verbal update from the Town Clerk:

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There is still no official date for the referendum, but Buckinghamshire Council are working towards 22nd January 2026.

363/25 Climate Emergency Action Plan

Members noted that there have been no updates to the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

364/25 Action list

Members reviewed the action report.

The Town Clerk suggested that the health care provision in Buckingham action is removed as the Health Centre is now underway. Cllr. Davies Proposed, Cllr. Schaefer Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED**.

Cllr. Haydock informed Members that there is a new evening bus service between Buckingham, Winslow and Aylesbury. Cllr. Schaefer will ask at the Select Committee meeting tomorrow if this could be extended to Milton Keynes; she will also request information about morning buses.

The Town Clerk suggested that the highway maintenance and flooding action is removed as this is now covered by the multi-agency meeting. Cllr. Harvey Proposed, Cllr. Schaefer Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED**.

Cllr. Davies updated Members that the Invitation to the King Working Group has met and it was decided to continue monitoring the criteria but to put this on hold for the present.

365/25 Mayoral engagements

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

Functions the Mayor has attended:

21/09/25	River Rinse 1
05/10/25	River Rinse 2
25/09/25	U16 Girls Rugby Buckingham BaBas vs RLS
25/09/25	Florence Nightingale Hospice charity presentation
03/10/25	High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire Justice Service, Amersham
04/10/25	Bucks Girls Rugby Charity taster day with Red Rose Kelsey Clifford, BRUFC
08/10/25	RLS Extraordinary People Awards
14/10/25	Meeting with Bucks Council re. town centre regeneration
18/10/25	Opening of Charter Fair
23/10/25	Legacy in Action Black History Made Local event

The Mayor reiterated that the Legacy in Action event, organised by Cllr. Ahmed and the Equality, Community Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group, was great – David Hall was excellent.

Functions the Deputy Mayor has attended:

19/07/25	Buckingham Summer Festival Gala Concert
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366/25 Chair's announcements - for information only

Reminder: Remembrance Parade on Sunday – the Deputy Town Clerk has sent information regarding timings.

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367/25 Date of the next meeting:

Interim Council: Monday 1st December 2025

Full Council: Monday 15th December 2025

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.

Signed Date