



Buckingham Town Council

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Town Clerk: Claire Molyneux

FULL COUNCIL

Wednesday, 11 December 2024

Councillors,

You are summoned to a meeting of the Full Council of Buckingham Town Council to be held on Monday 16th December 2024 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Please note that the meeting will be preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Orders 3.e and 3.f, which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes. Members of the public can attend the meeting in person. If you would like to address the meeting virtually, please email committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call 01280 816426 for details.

The meeting can be watched live on the Town Council's YouTube channel here:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC89BUTwVpjAOEIdSIfcZC9Q/>.

Claire Molyneux
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Members are asked to receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

3. Interim minutes

To agree as a correct record the minutes of the Interim Council meeting held on 14th October 2024. [Copy previously circulated](#)

4. Planning Committee

To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 14th October 2024 and 11th November 2024. [Copy previously circulated](#)
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5. Town Centre and Events Committee

To receive the minutes of the Town Centre and Events Committee meeting held on 30th September 2024. [Copy previously circulated](#)



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Members are reminded when making decisions that the Public Sector Equality Duty 2010 requires Members to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who don't, and to foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who don't. All Committee documents can be found on the Buckingham Town Council's website. Alternatively, the Clerk can send you a copy of any minutes, reports, or other information. To do this, send a request using the contact details set out above.

6. Resources Committee

To receive the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 21st October 2024.

[Copy previously circulated](#)

7. Budget line – Equality, Community Diversity, and Inclusion Working Group

To receive a report from the Compliance and Projects Manager.

[BTC/110/24](#)

8. Museum Environment Improvement Project

To receive a presentation from Joanne Thompson, Trustee of Buckingham Old Gaol Trust.

[Appendix A](#)

9. Motion: Cllr. Stuchbury

On 9th December 2020 Buckinghamshire Council agreed to look at the provision of social housing and key worker housing across Buckinghamshire. This called on Cabinet to instruct officers to commission a report, detailing both current and future possible affordable housing delivery models, including local authority owned social housing.

It is Proposed that Buckingham Town Council ask Buckinghamshire Council for the potential timeline of when this report will be delivered; this could have vital information on the long-term provision of additional social housing for Buckingham and Buckinghamshire, especially given the Government's recent announcements on an additional £500m for affordable new homes, including houses for social rent.

We must ensure, on behalf of Buckingham residents, that Buckinghamshire Council are in the best possible position to take full advantage of any additional funding available for social housing across Buckinghamshire. Any decisions that are made may have a positive effect on the provision of social and affordable housing numbers in the Buckingham Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Additional information:

[Minutes of the 9th December 2020 meeting](#)

[Notice of Motion 27th November 2024](#)

10. Motion: Cllr. Stuchbury

Following the 1998 flooding in Buckingham, there were proposals for a flood alleviation scheme to be constructed at Tingewick Mill, using the railway embankment to hold back the water in a 100 year flood situation. This scheme failed to secure funding.

It is proposed that Buckingham Town Council agrees that the 1998/2001 scheme should be re-evaluated and that, in the light of the increased flooding incidences in the town, we write to Buckinghamshire Council, Milton Keynes Council, the Environment Agency, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Water and Flooding), seeking all documentation available from the original scheme, including proposals and construction plans,

Following an evaluation of the historical information, we seek the support of Milton Keynes Council and Buckinghamshire Council (flood authorities) to make a bid to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Water and Flooding), on behalf of Buckingham Town Council, to reconsider the 2001 Flood Alleviation Scheme. This is particularly important due to the increased incidences of flooding and the likely future growth of North Buckinghamshire.

Additional information:

[Cancellation of proposed Buckingham Flood Alleviation Scheme](#)

[Great Ouse Catchment Flood Management Plan – Environment Agency](#)

[Case Study 1 – Buckingham Flood Defence Scheme](#)

[Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State \(Minister for Water and Flooding\)](#)

11. To receive and question reports from Buckinghamshire Council Councillors**12. New Cemetery Tree Planting**

To receive a report from the Estates Manager.

[BTC/111/24](#)

13. Sewage pump at Chandos Road toilets

To receive a report from the Estates Manager.

[BTC/112/24](#)

14. Reports from representatives on outside bodies

Members are asked to note the reports listed below:

Email received from Bedford Group of Drainage Boards.

[Appendix B](#)

15. Climate Emergency Action Plan

To note that there have been no new updates to the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

16. Action list

To review and discuss the action report.

[Appendix C](#)

17. Mayoral engagements

To receive a list of events attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Functions the Mayor has attended:

08/11/24 Act of Remembrance, Royal Latin School

10/11/24 Remembrance Sunday Parade

28/11/24 Christmas Lights Switch On

09/12/24 Buckingham Almshouses and Welfare Charity presentation

14/12/24 Christmas Parade

18. Chair's announcements – for information only

19. Dates of the next meetings:

Interim:

Monday, 6th January 2025

Precept:

Monday, 27th January 2025

Informal & Interim:

Monday, 24th February 2025

Full Council:

Monday, 17th March 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.

20. Recommendation from Environment

To note a report from the Town Clerk to the Environment Committee

To agree the subsequent recommendation from the Environment Committee.

[E/102/24](#)

[BTC/113/24](#)

21. New Cemetery and Allotments Tender Package

To receive a report from the Estates Manager.

[BTC/114/24](#)

22. Debtor

To receive a report from the Town Clerk.

[BTC/115/24](#)

To:

All Councillors

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Full Council
Monday 16th December 2024

Contact Officer: Compliance and Projects Manager

Budget Line for ECDI Working Group

1. Recommendation

1.1. It is recommended that Full Council agrees the Resources Committee recommendation (minute 443/24.3) that a budget line of £200 be created within the Resources budget for the Financial Year 2025-26 from which the ECDI Working Group may make specific requests to the Full Council for funds.

2. Background

2.1. This report provides background information to support a recommendation to Full Council made by the Resources Committee, minute 443/24.3.

2.2. The ECDI Working Group reports to Full Council.

2.3. Legally, a Working Group may not hold a budget in its own right and cannot make decisions on expenditure.

2.4. Currently, requests for funds are made to Full Council for approval but currently, there is no budget line allocated for ECDI Working Group financial requests and if requests are approved by Full Council funds must be allocated from either contingencies or general reserves.

2.5. Allocating a small budget to accommodate requests from the ECDI Working Group avoids having to allocated funds unexpectedly from contingencies or general reserves, provides clarity to the Working Group as to the extent of their expected total expenditure, and provides greater reassurance to the Working Group that there are funds available to support their work.

2.6. All requests for funds made by the Working Group should provide sufficient detail to ensure that the Full Council have sufficient information to be able to make the spending decision.

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The effect the town environment is having on the museum

Buckingham Old Gaol Trust are having increasing difficulties running the Buckingham Old Gaol Museum from the grade II* listed building known as The Old Gaol. The environment and position in the town – while iconic – are causing issues for the building.

1. Traffic

While we were able to repair of the corner of the building which had been damaged by traffic the metal work has been scratched again and appears to be rusting where the powder coating has been removed by multiple further collisions. Following the insurance claim for this repair the excess increased from £250 to £5,000. If we hadn't changed insurers this year it would have increased to £10,000. The Highways Department has said it would be our responsibility to pay for a traffic survey (£6,000) to suggest an alternative road layout but it may still not be funded by the highways department.

2. Pollution

An independent conservator suggested that pollution from the surrounding traffic may be affecting our coin collection. We understand equipment to monitor pollution is very expensive

3. Roof

There has always been leaks into the exercise yard from the glass roof which have been intermittently patched. At certain times water leaks into the upstairs office through the slate roof over the Keepers cottage. We have been advised that as the glass roof is 25 years old it should no longer be walked across and the panes may crack. This means the roof on the road-side of the building can no longer be easily inspected or maintained. Scaffolding alone to start some repairs would be £8-10,000.

4. Flag pole

The flag pole was added to the building before the glass roof and has been a photogenic addition to the building. We were proud to be part of the town's mourning for the late Queen Elizabeth by flying the Union flag at half-mast. However, it was not being regularly inspected, it has now broken and it is no longer accessible across the glass roof of the Exercise Yard and needs to be removed.

5 Water ingress to basement

Increasing episodes of heavy rain cause pooling of water in front of the basement door which is lower than the road. At present sand bags are preventing a further flood of the basement. A flood prevention door would cost about £10,000 and may not be approved by Listed Building Consent.

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6 Combined drainages to main sewer

Rain water drains outside the basement door feed into the main sewer drain in the Exercise Yard. This causes the drain to be blocked by silt so the waste material can only leave by the overflow drain. The drains flow out under the road so would not be accessible.

7 Internal cracks

It has been suggested that some of the internal cracks in the building were caused by utility work on Moreton Road. While the building appears to have stopped moving and the cracks are no longer enlarging this could be an issue in the future.

8 Environment in the museum

We have had textiles affected by mould and damp in the past. From intermittent assessment of temperature and humidity in the museum the internal environment is not suitable for a mixed collection of artefacts. This needs to be investigated further with some continuous monitoring equipment.

The Trust Board intend to look for a larger heritage partner who would be able to bring more expertise, understanding and ability to affect change to these problems.

From Buckingham Old Gaol Trustees

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To all Members, Volunteers and Supporters of Buckingham Old Gaol,

2025 will be 40 years since the formation of the Trust, which is the charity that manages the Old Gaol Museum and has the responsibility for the grade II* building that is an iconic feature of our town. It is entirely volunteer run. The Trustees and volunteers give a lot of their time to carry out the day-to-day tasks - working in the shop, talking with visitors, maintaining displays, taking care of routine repairs, fundraising and much more - which all contribute to making the Museum a lively and popular venue for locals and visitors alike.

However, whilst our income from visitors, bookings, donations and grants has remained consistent, changes in expectations, legislation and 40 years of deterioration in the fabric of the building has made the task much harder for a voluntary team.

There are several reasons for this.

Following the pandemic the number of volunteers and trustees have declined making it increasingly difficult to maintain the standards required to be an accredited museum. While Buckingham Town Council continue to be supportive, the local community, modern working practices and business have all changed so new volunteers and sponsors are much harder to find.

While a heritage building has always been a difficult environment in which to run a museum there are have been recent significant deteriorations - in particular the glass roof over the exercise yard no longer meets modern health and safety standards - which mean the building needs a significant investment in structural improvements. While repairing the corner of the building, that is frequently hit by traffic, was possible, making changes to the road layout to stop it occurring was not.

Insuring the building is a significant cost for the museum and the insurance companies involved over the years are increasingly requiring us to meet higher standards. The claim for repairing traffic damage to the building resulted in a £5,000 excess on the policy.

Buckingham has suffered many episodes of flooding from the river but climate change causing more frequent heavy rain has increased the leaks in the roof and water ingress into the basement of the building. It has also been suggested that traffic pollution is affecting our collection. The changes to

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temperature and humidity created by the glass roof are certainly affecting the museum and our ability to use the exercise yard.

Over the last few months, the trustees have been discussing the mounting problems facing the Old Gaol and trying to find ways of overcoming them - especially exploring the possibility of another Heritage Lottery Grant. We need more volunteers, more members, more money and more expertise.

Whilst we will continue to try and resolve these issues, the trustees have decided to explore the possibility of working with larger partners from the heritage sector, who might be able to offer support to the museum in overcoming the issues we face.

We would stress that no decisions will be taken without consultation with members, supporters, and the Buckingham public.

Thank you
 Buckingham Old Gaol Trust

If you have any comments on the content of this letter, please send them to info@buckinghamoldgaol.co.uk FAO Mike Wisbach

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Contact Officer: Nina Stockill – Estates Admin

New Cemetery Tree Planting

1. Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that members approve the receipt of £5,873 in funding from Groundwork's Community and Environment Fund (CEF).

2. Background

2.1 The Town Council, along with our Community Tree Wardens, plan to plant 431 trees and hedging across the new Cemetery site at Tingewick Road in late Winter 2024/25.

2.2 The planting plan has been agreed as part of the overall planning application for the new cemetery.

2.3 The Town Council has obtained quotations and applied to various funders to cover the cost of sourcing trees and equipment for a planting day, scheduled for late Winter 2024/2025.

2.4 The Town Council has successfully been awarded £5,873 towards the project cost of the new Cemetery planting project from the Community and Environment Fund (CEF). The CEF has been created to add benefit to communities along the route that are demonstrably disrupted by the construction of HS2 from London to West Midlands.

2.5 All claims and monitoring of the project will be dealt with by the office and include satisfactory progress against the primary and secondary outcome identified in our funding application. These include information of our planting day, inclusion of our Tree Wardens, evidence of invoices and inclusion of the HS2 and Groundworks logo on any marketing material.

2.6 The funding is to be used towards financing the total project cost of the items/activities set out in the table below.

Items	Cost
Acer campestre x 100 (Field Maple)	£130
Crataegus monogyna x 200 (Hawthorn)	£190
Corylus avellana x 100 (Hazel)	£125
Carpinus betulus x 7 (Hornbeam)	£1,078
Crataegus laevigata x 3 (Hawthorn Scarlett)	£420
Juglans regia x 4 (Walnut)	£532
Quercus robur x 7 (Oak)	£1,225

Sorbus aria 'Lutescens' x 2 (Whitebeam)	£690
Sorbus aucuparia x 7 (Mountain Ash)	£980
Tilia cordata 'Greenspire' x 1 (Lime)	£133
Rabbit Guards x 400	£140
Bamboo Canes x 400	£44
Wooden Stakes x 31	£85
Tree ties x 31	£23
Compost x 12	£78
Total	£5,873

3. Budget Costs

3.1 The costs for purchasing 431 new trees and hedging is £5,873. Three suitable suppliers have been identified and costings have been obtained to include protective equipment e.g. rabbit guards, trees stakes and irrigation.

3.2 By securing funding for the trees and hedging, the Town Council can reduce the overall project costs for the new cemetery. This also allows the planting to occur a year earlier than originally planned. Furthermore, the funding enables the Town Council to manage the planting process with local volunteers, rather than outsourcing to contractors.

3.3 Coordinating the tree planting project in-house offers multiple benefits for the long-term sustainability of the cemetery. These include:

- **Environmental Benefits:**
The planted trees will significantly enhance the local environment, improving air quality, sequestering carbon, and supporting biodiversity as they mature.
- **Aesthetic and Recreational Value:**
The tree planting will transform the new cemetery site into a serene, green space that serves not only as a place of remembrance but also as a tranquil area for the community to enjoy. Access to green spaces has been shown to improve mental well-being, making the cemetery a peaceful retreat for residents and visitors.
- **Cultural and Historical Significance:**
The tree planting project will provide an opportunity to honour the deceased and celebrate life, incorporating trees with cultural or historical significance to the area.
- **Community Engagement Opportunities:**
The project offers numerous ways for the community to get involved. Local Tree Wardens will be encouraged to participate in the planting and ongoing care of the trees, fostering a sense of ownership and stewardship.
- **Long-Term Sustainability and Maintenance:**
A sustainable management plan will ensure that the benefits of the project are realised for decades. The Greenspaces Team will oversee the ongoing care and maintenance of the trees.

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Contact Officer: Estates Manager

Replacement Sewage Pump – Chandos Park Toilets

1. Recommendations

1.1. It is recommended that members agree to proceed with the purchase and installation of a replacement sewage pump for Chandos Park Toilets using company B with the funds of £8,990.00 being taken from budget Chandos Park Toilets - Maintenance (254/4709).

2. Background

2.1. The existing system is now 24 years old and replacement parts are no longer available, so it was decided to replace the whole system.

2.2. The budget for a replacement system of and additional £12,300 was precepted for in this financial years budget; Chandos Park Toilets maintenance (254/4709).

3. Information

3.1. A like for like system will be obtained; the manufacturer of the current sewage system is 'Jung Pumpen'. It is a reliable system and well thought of in the industry and will fit the existing pipe work and into the existing space available.

3.2. An annual service of the system has been included in the annual maintenance budget of the toilets.

3.3. The three companies that were approached for quotes were – Pump Technical Services Ltd, Dura Pumps and Pump Technology Services Ltd.

3.4. The Quotes obtained are:

Company	Quote
A	£13,786.00
B	£8,990.00
C	£16,710.00

I can confirm the former Councillor ██████████ represented Buckingham Town Council up until he was not re-elected as councillor in May 2021. ██████████ continues to serve on the Board as a co-opted member to the Buckingham and River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board.

The Buckingham and River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board is constituted to have 25 members. Currently the Board's membership comprises:

	Current Appointment
Agricultural elected members (entitled to 12)	8 (1 co-opted member)
Nominated Members:	
Buckinghamshire Council (entitled to 1)	1
Central Bedfordshire Council (entitled to 6)	5
Milton Keynes City Council (entitled to 6)	5

Nominated Members may be any person nominated by levy-paying Councils, as Buckingham Town Council are not a levy-paying authority they do not hold an entitlement to the Board's nominated membership. The Town Council could however look to be co-opted by the Board to be considered to fill one of the agricultural elected member vacancies. Please however note, the Board are currently going through an amalgamation process. More information on this formal process and the scheme for amalgamation can be viewed here –

<https://www.idbs.org.uk/2024/11/scheme-for-the-amalgamation-of-the-bedfordshire-districts-and-constitution-of-a-new-upper-ouse-water-management-board/>

Upon completion of the amalgamation, the new Statutory Board will establish 3 Strategic Advisory Boards:

- The Alconbury & Ellington Strategic Advisory Board,
- The Bedfordshire & River Ivel Strategic Advisory Board, and the
- Buckingham & River Ouzel Strategic Advisory Board.

Board Meetings are open to the public should a councillor wish to attend, alternatively if there is a particular issue you wish to discuss then please do reach out.

The 3 Strategic Advisory Boards will cover the same areas as the 3 existing Internal Drainage Districts and will make recommendations to the Statutory Board on a number of important matters. Buckingham Town Council would also be more than welcome to attend these meetings once the amalgamation has taken place, these will again be open to the public and not limited to organisations having “nominated members”. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Alice Smith
Bedford Group of Drainage Boards

Minute No.	Action	Action Required	Update	Deadline
512/19	Climate Emergency Action Plan	The Climate Emergency Action Plan to be reviewed yearly by Full Council, with previously rejected suggestions reviewed and new suggestions added.	Completed for this year.	May-24
386.2/21	Public Health Meeting to discuss healthcare provision in Buckingham	Members AGREED to leave it on the action list and review it at an appropriate time.	Events in progress	Open
632/21	Two-part approach and arts and cultural centre funding	<p>1.1 It is recommended that from now onwards the Council takes a two-part approach to all large new developments, of providing a response to the planning applications, but also providing a S106 request in detail at the earliest possible stage, making it clear that this in no way detracts from any overall opposition to a development.</p> <p>1.2 The Council requests that the Sport and Leisure contributions for both Osier Way and Moreton Road requests are allocated towards the cost of providing an arts and cultural venue in Buckingham.</p> <p>Members agreed unanimously ACTION TOWN CLERK</p>	Requests submitted. With BNDP	Ongoing
395	Consultation on future development Motion by Cllr. Stuchbury.	That Buckingham Town Council seeks an early meeting with the appropriate Buckinghamshire Council officers to obtain the maximum amount of information relating to future development plans for Buckingham. Key areas include, but are not limited to, housing numbers, highways development infrastructure and education provision as they relate to the revised Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan. Any such plan needs to be drafted in a robust and legal manner, thus recognising and being capable of informing future decisions by Buckingham Town Council.	With BNDP - Process underway	Ongoing
454/22	St. Rumbold's Field green spaces	<p>It is recommended that members agree that the adoption is dependent on:</p> <p>a) The completion of all required elements to a sufficient standard, including footpaths, street furniture, planting as per the agreed plans (to be confirmed by BTC officers following legal advice).</p> <p>b) The public right of way crossing St. Rumbold's Park is completed and open to the public and access to Gawcott Road is resolved.</p> <p>c) Means of vehicular access to St. Rumbold's Park is provided from either Penda Road or Oswald Way.</p> <p>It is recommended that Members agree to take specialist legal advice with the costs to come from the commuted sum.</p> <p>It is recommended that Members agree to allow the Town Clerk to negotiate on the Town Council's behalf but not to accept a commuted sum. AGREED unanimously.</p>	With our legal team who are completing due diligence	Ongoing

Minute No.	Action	Action Required	Update	Deadline
557	Motion - Cllr. Stutchbury	Cllr. Stuchbury - that we should write, at the appropriate time, to King Charles and invite him to visit Buckingham. Seconded by Cllr. Mahi and unanimously AGREED.	Working group to be reformed in the new year. Itinerary and details of the invitation to be decided.	Paused
258/23	Invitation to the King to visit Buckingham	Recommendations AGREED: It is recommended that Members agree to establish a single meeting working group to compose an invitation to King Charles. It is recommended to invite an expert from the Lieutenancy to address the working group to offer advice and the latest guidance from the palace.		
361/24 4/11/24	Action list	Due to a likely change in requirements, Members AGREED that the Town Clerk should contact the Lord Lieutenancy to consult on inviting the King to Buckingham.		
720	Motion - Cllr. Stuchbury	Motion: It is proposed that Buckingham Town Council includes within its local neighbourhood plan, draft policies to cover a health provision contribution in any S106, CIL, SIL or similar agreement in all future developments. Considering the historical experience in respect of contributions from developments within the parish of Buckingham not being forthcoming, we would expect any property development site in Buckingham of X houses to include a contribution to Buckingham Primary care (including dental and community services), thus mitigating the additional burden imposed on primary healthcare by the additional residents created by any such developments. It is envisaged the addition of this policy to the Buckingham neighbourhood development plan, would allow a close collaborative working arrangement with Buckinghamshire Council, NHS England and the relevant parts of the NHS that work locally and regionally, to ensure this takes place .Importantly, it should be the case that such funds can be accrued, avoiding a piecemeal scenario, so necessary finance is available and in place, to meet the community's health needs and provision in the future.	Moved to BNDP	ongoing
379/23	Cemetery consultation and resolution	Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed that we ask Officers to write a summary of the main hurdles in reaching this conclusion. Seconded by Cllr. Willett. Members unanimously AGREED	Will be completed at the appropriate time. Cemetery update on agenda	Ongoing
465/23		The Town Clerk suggested that a report is brought to the next meeting with three options which will show officer time requirements. Members unanimously AGREED.		
103/24	BNDP	AGREED that we aspire to Project Plan A with funding authority to the Town Clerk.	Submitted	
104/24	Moreton Road P3	A confidential motion was AGREED.	Negotiations underway. Long term project	
145/24	Motion: Cllr. H. Mordue	Buckingham Town Council makes a formal request of Buckinghamshire Council to pursue a process whereby the land off March Edge is registered as common land under Section 15(1) application under the Commons Act 2006.	Evidence gathering process required - Officer time will be made available in the new year.	

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255/24 16/09/24	Motion: Cllr. Stuchbury	In addition to the planned response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government consultation on the draft National Planning Policy Framework scheduled to close <u>on 24 September</u> , Buckingham Town Council consider writing to our local Member of Parliament, once the results of the consultation are published, expressing our firm opinion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The restoration of the 5-year housing land supply and the concept of tilted balance •Any increase in mandatory housing targets, increased density in urban areas, and introduction of deadlines for local plans. •What effect there may be on Buckingham residents and our essential infrastructure such as roads, sewage, GP surgeries and schools. 	Awaits publication	
314/24 14/10/24	Motion: Cllr. Osibogun	It is Proposed that this Town Council seeks an urgent meeting with Buckinghamshire Council Highways Team at senior level, to discuss both long-term and short-term strategies for addressing highway maintenance and flooding, in line with current legislation. Buckingham Town Council also calls for improved planning, in line with current legislation (casework article), regarding infrastructure and drainage, including sewage, before development is undertaken and seeks a meeting with Buckinghamshire Council Planning Team.	Officer to officer conversation started. Letter to planning sent. Meeting being arranged.	
425/24 2/12/24	Planning application	Members AGREED that Buckingham Town Council will call in application 24/03426/AOP.	Completed	
426/24 2/12/24	BNDP	The Town Clerk to circulate the amended document to Members (CLH3).	Completed and submitted	