

Minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee held on **Monday 23rd January 2017** at **7.00** in **The Garth, Garth Park, Launton Road, Bicester OX26 6PS** for the transaction of the following business:

Present:

Cllr Richard Mould – Chairman
 Cllr Jolanta Lis
 Cllr David Magee
 Cllr Lynn Pratt
 Cllr Dan Sames
 Cllr Les Sibley
 Cllr Lawrie Stratford
 Cllr Rose Stratford

In Attendance:

Cllr Sean Gaul
 Sue Mackrell – Chief Officer
 Angie Suter – Administrator

Minute Number	Agenda Item No	
289/1617	1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED that apologies where received from Cllr David Anderson.</p>
290/1617	2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>RESOLVED that no declarations of interest were received.</p>
291/1617	3	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors confirmed the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting:</p> <p>POL04/1617 – 21st November 2016.</p>
292/1617	4	<p>ASSET MANAGEMENT</p> <p>4.1 ASSETS TASK AND FINISH GROUP</p> <p>It is planned to have a meeting within a month of the Chief Officer starting. There will be more to report at the next Policy Committee Meeting.</p> <p>4.2 GARTH PARK IMPROVEMENTS TASK AND FINISH GROUP</p> <p>All works are now complete.</p>

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293/1617	4.3	<p>BURIAL GROUND</p> <p>The details of the phasing and the topography of the NW Bicester site have been passed to a potential development partner for their input which could lead to a masterplan that can be used for pre application advice in due course.</p>
294/1617	5	<p>MAJOR TOWN INITIATIVES</p> <p>Councillors were asked to note and comment as appropriate on the minutes from the following meetings:</p> <p>5.1 Bicester Vision Executive Board Meeting - Thursday 3 November 2016</p> <p>5.2 Bicester Vision Partnership & AGM Meeting – Thursday 8 December 2016</p> <p>5.3 Bicester Vision Executive Board Meeting – Thursday 5 January 2017</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors noted the above minutes.</p>
295/1617	6	<p>PUBLIC ART IN GARTH PARK</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors agreed that the art installation be placed at the side of Garth House (at the end of the Chambers). Councillors requested that the Chief Officer write to the Chief Executive and Head of Planning at Cherwell District Council requesting that we be notified and have a say in the spending of any future 106 monies.</p> <p>All in favour, motion carried.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors requested that prior to the installation of the piece of art, an article should be placed in the local paper stating the Town Council's reluctance in agreeing to the art installation and its preference would have been for the money be spent on something more worthy.</p> <p>7 for, 1 abstention, motion carried.</p>
296/1617	7	<p>ITEMS TO NOTE</p> <p>None to note.</p>
296/1617	8	<p>LATE ITEM - FAIRTRADE SUPPORT</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors agreed the recommendation:</p> <p>Councillors are asked to confirm the following resolution: “Bicester Town Council continues to wholeheartedly support Bicester as a Fairtrade Town and endorses the application for the renewal of Fairtrade Town status.”</p>

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297/1617	9	<p>CONSULTATION ON THE REMOVAL OF BRITISH TELECOM (BT) PHONE BOXES</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors agreed with CDC's intention to remove 5 phone boxes.</p>
298/1617	10	<p>FORWARD PLAN</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillors noted the forward plan.</p>
299/1617	11	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday 10th April 2017 at 7.30pm</p>
300/1617	12	<p>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS</p> <p>RECOMMENDED that in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the items set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.</p>
301/1617	13	<p>CLOSE OF MEETING: 19:35 hrs</p>

