

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017** at **The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester OX26 6PS** to commence at **7.00 pm**.


**Present:**


Cllr Jolanta Lis  
 Cllr David Anderson  
 Cllr Nick Cotter  
 Cllr Sean Gaul  
 Cllr David Magee  
 Cllr Melanie Magee  
 Cllr Nick Mawer  
 Cllr Debbie Pickford  
 Cllr Lynn Pratt  
 Cllr Dan Sames  
 Cllr Les Sibley  
 Cllr Rose Stratford  
 Cllr Lawrie Stratford

**In Attendance:**

Samantha Shippen – Chief Officer  
 Angie Suter – Administrator  
 Cllr Michael Waive – Oxfordshire County Councillor

*In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, Mrs Carol Heatherington of Langford Village Community Association gave a short report on the problems with parking at Mallards Way, Langford Village.*

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338/1617	1	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that apologies be received from Cllr Richard Mould.</p>
339/1617	2	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that a declaration of interest be received from Cllr Les Sibley and Cllr Lawrie Stratford as County Councillors and Cllr David Anderson, Cllr Nick Cotter, Cllr Sean Gaul, Cllr Jolanta Lis, Cllr David Magee, Cllr Nick Mawer, Cllr Debbie Pickford, Cllr Lynn Pratt, Cllr Dan Sames, Cllr Les Sibley, Cllr Rose Stratford at District Councillors for item 12 – A new Council for a better Oxfordshire, Unitary Council proposal.</p>
340/1617	3	<p><b>MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes and <b>RESOLUTIONS</b> of the following meeting be confirmed:</p> <p><b>BTC06/1617      16 January 2017</b></p> 

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341/1617	4	<p><b>PRESENTATIONS</b></p> <p><b>THAMES VALLEY POLICE</b></p> <p><b>4.1 RESOLVED</b> that the report given by PC James Waterstone from Thames Valley Police covering the following points be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal restructure of Thames Valley Police</li> <li>• Town centre parking</li> <li>• Speeding – Langford Village and Middleton Stoney Road</li> <li>• Anti-Social behaviour in parks and open spaces.</li> <li>• Problem solving –drugs</li> <li>• Criminal behaviour orders</li> <li>• Bardwell School criminal damage</li> <li>• Sainsbury’s lofts criminal damage</li> <li>• Anti-social behaviour across Bicester</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p><b>BICESTER TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB</b></p> <p><b>4.2</b> Council received a proposal from Mr Tim Holloway Chairman of Bicester Town Football Club regarding the future of the Club.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the proposal be discussed at the next Policy Committee Meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April.            Councillors are asked to send any questions regarding the proposal to the Chief Officer to forward to Mr Holloway to answer prior to the Policy Committee Meeting.</p> <p><b>OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS</b></p> <p><b>4.3 RESOLVED</b> that the open discussion was held between Council and Mr Owen Jenkins, Director of Infrastructure Delivery Oxfordshire County Council regarding Area Stewardships be noted.</p>
342/1617	5	<p><b>PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to confirm the Minutes of the following meetings:</p> <p><b>PL09/1617 30 January 2017</b>  <b>PL10/1617 13 February 2017</b>  <b>PL11/1617 7 March 2017</b></p>
343/1617	6	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Council confirmed the <b>RESOLUTIONS</b> contained in the Minutes of the following meeting:</p> <p><b>POL05/1617 23 January 2017</b></p>
344/1617	7	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Council confirmed the <b>RESOLUTIONS</b> contained in the Minutes of the following meeting:</p> <p><b>ENV04/1617 27 February 2017</b></p> 

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345/1617	8	<p><b>QUESTIONS ON WORKING PARTIES &amp; OTHER GROUPS</b></p> <p>No questions were raised.</p>
346/1617	9	<p><b>REPORT FROM OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</b></p> <p>A was report delivered to Bicester Town Councillors from Oxfordshire County Council Councillor Michael Waine be noted. The following topics where covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extra Funding secure in addition to 2017/18 budget proposals.</li> <li>• Open access children's services to continue at 34 buildings.</li> <li>• 'Fix my Street' website upgrade.</li> <li>• Extension of fire and ambulance service co-responding.</li> <li>• Caddy campaign to reduce Oxfordshire's food waste.</li> <li>• Unitary update.</li> </ul> <p>The following information was given to Bicester Town Councillors from Cherwell District Councillor Lynn Pratt be noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Himley Village Plans have been passed but for no more than 500 homes at present built until the road and rail network have been completed.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.</p>
347/1617	10	<p><b>REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the report of the Town Mayor be noted.</p>
348/1617	11	<p><b>MALLARDS WAY – PARKING ISSUES</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council approved the following: -</p> <p><i>That Bicester Town Council will:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Obtain quotes for all the barrier options approved by OCC.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Obtain assurance from OCC that they will reinstate the soft verges</b></li> <li>3. <b>Place polite notices on cars parked in the area of Mallards Way as approved by Oxfordshire County Council.</b></li> </ol>
349/1617	12	<p><b>ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Council noted the FOI request.</p>



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350/1617	13	<p><b>A NEW COUNCIL FOR A BETTER OXFORDSHIRE – UNITARY COUNCIL PROPOSAL</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the request to sign a letter to the Secretary of State for communities and Local Government in support of a New Council for a Better Oxfordshire be declined.</p>
351/1617	14	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</b></p> <p><b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7:00pm</b></p>
352/1617	15	<p><b>CLOSE OF MEETING: 21:50</b></p>

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