

Minutes of a meeting of the Annual Bicester Town Council held on **Monday 8th May 2017** at **Brethertons Solicitors, Franklins House, Manorsfield Road, Bicester, OX26 6EX** at 7pm for the transaction of the following business.

Present:

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

In attendance:

Samantha Shippen – Chief Officer
 Angie Suter – Administrator

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the retiring Mayor, Councillor Jolanta Lis, welcomed everyone and presented the Good Citizens Awards to Tom Gould – Bicester Athletic, Brian King – Bicester Good Neighbour Scheme and Tia Wedgewood – Grassroots Bicester Community Action Group.

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| 001/1718 | 1 | <p>ELECTION OF THE TOWN MAYOR AND SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cllr Les Sibley be elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year of 2017/18.</p> <p>DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE</p> <p>The new Mayor, Cllr Les Sibley signed his formal Declaration of Acceptance of that office with the Chief Officer counter signing. He then gave a short resume of his goals for the forthcoming year. The Mayor's chosen charities this year will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hummingbird Centre • Victim Support • Bicester Foodbank • Auditory Verbal UK <p>The Mayor advised that his consort would be Mrs Mary Sibley and she would be titled Mayoress.</p> |
| 002/1718 | 2 | <p>ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cllr Sean Gaul be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year.</p> |

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| 003/1718 | 3 | <p>NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILLOR – DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE</p> <p>The Chief Officer advised that the declaration by Cllr Jason Slaymaker was signed earlier in the day and the item withdrawn.</p> |
| 004/1718 | 4 | <p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>All Councillors were present.</p> |
| 005/178 | 5 | <p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>No declarations of interest in any items on this agenda in accordance with Bicester Town Council Code of Conduct were received.</p> |
| 006/1718 | 6 | <p>MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the following meeting:</p> <p>BTC07/1617 Monday 20th March 2017</p> |
| 007/1718 | 7 | <p>REPORT OF RETIRING MAYOR</p> <p>The report of the retiring Town mayor, Cllr Jolanta Lis, was given and covered the following highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of fantastic new library in July 2016. • Week of Culture culminating in the Oxfordshire Youth Orchestra performing at the Bicester Heritage site. • Official opening of the Savoir Fare Café and the new playground in Garth Park. • New Tesco Superstore and hamburger roundabout. • First residents moved into Elmsbrook, first new builds have started on Graven Hill and more houses are expected on Kingsmere. • Ground works for two new industrial sites have started, one along Skimmingdish Lane and the other by the A4. Plans are underway for the new Gateway Business Park and the new Sports complex on Whitelands Farm is nearing completion. • Represented Bicester and its Council at over 200 public, civic and charity events across Oxfordshire as well as our neighbouring towns of Aylesbury, Brackley and Buckingham. • Thanks to the many people who have actively contributed, guided and supported her in her mayoral role. • Would like to congratulate The Hummingbird centre for being awarded the Charity and Community Award at the Cherwell Business Awards. • Thanks to our Armed Forces: The Garrison and the 1st Logistics Corps for their support and co-operation with the many civic events. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to her family. |
| 008/1718 | 8 | <p>VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR</p> <p>A vote of thanks was given to the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Jolanta Lis by Cllr Richard Mould as follows:</p> <p>“That whereas Councillor Jolanta Lis was elected Mayor of Bicester Town Council for the year 2016-2017 at the meeting of the Council held on 9th May 2016; And whereas by her unswerving devotion to her duties, she has maintained the dignity and honour of such an office; And whereas the Council is desirous of expressing and recording grateful thanks to Councillor Jolanta Lis for the dedicated service which she has so willingly and freely given the town during this year of office.</p> <p>Be it now RESOLVED that the Council do remember and record its gratitude to Councillor Jolanta Lis in the minute of the proceedings of the Council held this day 9th May 2017, and that this resolution be engrossed, sealed and presented in a suitable form by the Mayor and Chief Officer on behalf of this Council.”</p> |
| 009/1718 | 9 | <p>APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR’S CADET</p> <p>RESOLVED that Police Cadet Carmen Simpson be appointed as the Mayor’s Cadet for the forthcoming municipal year 2017/18. The Mayor’s Cadet shield was presented to her by the Town Mayor, Cllr Les Sibley.</p> |
| 010/1718 | 10 | <p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>There were no questions from the public.</p> |
| 011/1718 | 11 | <p>APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES</p> <p>RESOLVED that appointment to Parent Committees, Sub Committees and Working Parties be as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PARENT COMMITTEES</p> <p>ENVIRONMENT Cllr Sean Gaul – Chairman, Cllr Lawrie Stratford –Vice Chairman, Cllr Jolanta Lis, Cllr Dave Magee, Cllr Richard Mould, Cllr Debbie Pickford, Cllr Lynn Pratt, Cllr Les Sibley, Cllr Rose Stratford. Substitutes: Cllr David Anderson, Cllr Nick Cotter, Cllr Melanie Magee, Cllr Nick Mawer, Cllr Dan Sames, Cllr Jason Slaymaker.</p> <p>FINANCE Cllr Dave Magee – Chairman, Cllr Rose Stratford – Vice Chairman, Cllr Nick Cotter, Cllr Sean Gaul, Cllr Melanie Magee, Cllr Richard Mould, Cllr Les Sibley, Cllr Jason Slaymaker, Cllr Lawrie Stratford. Substitutes: Cllr David Anderson, Cllr Jolanta Lis, Cllr Nick Mawer, Cllr Debbie Pickford, Cllr Lynn Pratt, Cllr Dan Sames,</p> <p>PLANNING Cllr Rose Stratford – Chairman, Cllr Nick Mawer – Vice Chairman, Cllr David Anderson, Cllr Nick Cotter, Cllr Sean Gaul, Cllr Jolanta Lis, Cllr</p> |

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| | | <p>Richard Mould, Cllr Debbie Pickford, Cllr Lynn Pratt, Cllr Les Sibley, Cllr Jason Slaymaker, Cllr Lawrie Stratford. Substitutes: Cllr Melanie Magee, Cllr Dave Magee, Cllr Dan Sames.</p> <p>POLICY Cllr Richard Mould – Chairman, Cllr Lynn Pratt – Vice Chairman, Cllr David Anderson, Cllr Jolanta Lis, Cllr Dave Magee, Cllr Nick Mawer, Cllr Dan Sames, Cllr Les Sibley, Cllr Lawrie Stratford, Cllr Rose Stratford. Substitutes – Cllr Nick Cotter, Cllr Sean Gaul, Cllr Debbie Pickford, Cllr Melanie Magee, Cllr Jason Slaymaker.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUB-COMMITTEES</p> <p>PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE Cllr Lynn Pratt – Chairman, Cllr Melanie Magee – Vice Chairman, Cllr Jolanta Lis, Cllr Richard Mould, Cllr Les Sibley, Cllr Rose Stratford.</p> <p>TRAFFIC ADVISORY GROUP Cllr Richard Mould – Chairman, Cllr Rose Stratford – Vice Chairman.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WORKING PARTIES</p> <p>EVENTS WORKING PARTY Cllr Jolanta Lis – Chairman, Cllr Lynn Pratt – Vice Chairman, Cllr Richard Mould, Cllr Les Sibley, Cllr Rose Stratford.</p> |
| 012/1718 | 12 | <p>APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES</p> <p>ALLOTMENT WORKING GROUP – Cllr Richard Mould, Cllr Lynn Pratt. BICESTER & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION – Cllr Les Sibley, Cllr Lynn Pratt, Cllr Debbie Pickford. BICESTER VISION – Cllr Richard Mould. FAIR TRADE - Cllr Jolanta Lis. FEOFFEE – Cllr Debbie Pickford, Cllr Lynn Pratt. Nominative – Cllr Richard Mould and Mr T Kempton. SOUTH WEST SPORTS VILLAGE – Cllr Richard Mould, Cllr Rose Stratford. STRATEGIC DELIVERY – Cllr Les Sibley, Cllr Richard Mould, Cllr Rose Stratford.</p> |
| 013/1718 | 13 | <p>CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2017/18</p> <p>NOTED the calendar of meetings 2017/18.</p> |
| 014/1718 | 14 | <p>MEETING ATTENDANCE REGISTER 2016/17</p> <p>NOTED the members attendance register 2016/17.</p> |
| 015/1718 | 15 | <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 15th May at 7pm</p> <p>Upon completion of the business of the meeting, the newly elected Mayor presented the Grant Awards for 2017/18 to the following:</p> <p>BCOS, Bicester Athletic Club, Bicester's Big Lunch, Bicester & District Twinning, Bicester Fairtrade, Bicester Floral Club, Bicester Foodbank, Bicester Good Neighbour Scheme, Bicester Green Gym, Bicester Local</p> |

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| | | History Society, Bicester Matinee Club, Bicester Sub-Aqua Club, Bicester Tennis Club, Bicester Townswomen's Guild, Bicester Widows Club, Brethertons LLP, Churches in Bicester Kingsmere Welcome Group, Grassroots Bicester, Hanover Gardens Residents, Kabin Over 50's Club, Orchard Baptist Church, Oxfordshire Play Association, Silver Threads Club, The Hummingbird Centre, Trinity Camerata Orchestra. |