

Minutes of the Council held on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018** at **The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester OX26 6PS** at **7.30 pm**.

**Present:**

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

**In Attendance:**

- Samantha Shippen – Chief Officer
- Julie Trinder – Administrator

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<b>016/1819</b>	<b>1</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>No apologies from Town Councillors were received. Apologies were noted for County Councillor Michael Waine. Cllr Sames entered the meeting at 19.35hrs.</p>
<b>017/1819</b>	<b>2</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>No declarations of interest were received.</p>
<b>018/1819</b>	<b>3</b>	<p><b>PUBLIC SESSION</b></p> <p>A resident voiced concern about Travellers and the length of time it took to get eviction orders and who pays the cost for litter left behind. She stated that she was speaking on behalf of the Launton Meadows Residents Association.</p>
<b>019/1819</b>	<b>14</b>	<p><i>Members requested that Item 14 be brought forward to this point.</i></p> <p><b>POWERS FOR DEALING WITH UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT AND ENCAMPMENTS</b></p> <p>Following questions from Councillors, the Chief Officer outlined the process for dealing with unauthorised encampments in the town.</p> <p>Councillors commented on the recent incidents of unauthorised encampments.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that councillors pass comments on the powers for dealing with Unauthorised Development and Encampments to the Chief Officer by end of the week for the Chief Officer to make a response to the Consultation.</p>

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020/1819	4	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE BICESTER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Members <b>NOTED</b> the receipt of the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting.</p>
021/1819	5	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes and resolutions of the following Planning Committee meetings be confirmed:</p> <p>PL11/1718 6 March 2018  PL12/1718 3 April 2018  PL13/1718 23 April 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCIL – DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT</b></li> </ul> <p>Further <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Chief Officer respond to Cherwell District Council on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Page 10:</b> We should be ensuring that the policy is able to be implemented in terms of viability to prevent developers changing arrangements during the development.</li> <li>• <b>Page 16:</b> The flowchart has no reference to local elected members of the town and parish councils which leads to lack of democratic accountability.</li> <li>• Section 106 details are not usually specified in outline applications. Planning Officers then negotiate without further reference to the local town or parish Council. Bicester Town Council requested involvement beyond initial applications whilst negotiations are taking place.</li> </ul>
022/1819	6	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING</b></p> <p>Item deferred.</p>
023/1819	7	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes and resolutions of the following Environment Committee meeting be confirmed:</p> <p>ENV06/1718 16 April 2018</p>
024/1819	8	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Minutes and resolutions of the following Finance Committee meeting be confirmed:</p>

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		<b>FIN04/1718 19 March 2018</b>
<b>025/1819</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>QUESTIONS ON WORKING PARTIES &amp; OTHER GROUPS</b>  No questions were raised.
<b>026/1819</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>REPORT FROM OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY/ CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</b>  Oxfordshire County Councillor, Lawrie Stratford, informed the meeting that Councillor Les Sibley was made Vice-Chair of Oxfordshire County Council for 2018/2019.  Cherwell District Councillor, Lynn Pratt, informed the meeting that 96.3% of properties in Bicester now has Broadband coverage.
<b>027/1819</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be <b>NOTED</b> .
<b>028/1819</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>STANDING ORDERS REVIEW</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that Council agree the permanent revocation of Standing Orders v18 and the addition of Standing Orders v19.
<b>029/1819</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>HORTON GENERAL HOSPITAL – NEXT STEPS</b>  Cllr Lynn Pratt gave a statement on the importance of the Horton hospital to the community of Bicester.  <i>Cllr Nick Mawer left the room.</i>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council fully support the principle of working collaboratively with Cherwell District Council and others and delegate authority to the Chief Officer to authorise any spend up to a limit £5,000.  <i>Cllr Nick Mawer returned to the room.</i>
<b>030/1819</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 19.30hrs</b>  <b>CLOSE OF MEETING: 20.30hrs</b>