

Minutes of the Council held on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019** at **The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester OX26 6PS** to commence at **7.00 pm**.

**Present:**

Cllr Sean Gaul – Mayor  
 Cllr Dave Magee  
 Cllr Nick Mawer  
 Cllr Richard Mould  
 Cllr Debbie Pickford  
 Cllr Lynn Pratt  
 Cllr Les Sibley  
 Cllr Lawrie Stratford  
 Cllr Rose Stratford

**In Attendance:**

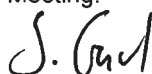
Samantha Shippen – Chief Officer  
 Julie Trinder – Administration Officer

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318/1819	1	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> apologies were received from Cllr Melanie Magee, Cllr Przemek Rybka and Cllr Jason Slaymaker.</p>
319/1819	2	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that declarations of interest were received from Cllr Les Sibley and Cllr Lawrie Stratford as County Councillors.</p>
320/1819	3	<p><b>PUBLIC SESSION</b></p> <p>Members of the public were in attendance, but no matters were raised.</p> <p><i>Members requested that Item 11 be bought forward to this point.</i></p>
321/1819	11	<p><b>FREEDOM OF ENTRY – DEMS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Council <b>APPROVED</b> the Freedom of Entry be bestowed upon DEMS Training Regiment on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Council <b>AGREED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commemorative scroll and appropriate gift for exchange with DEMS to be sourced by Chief Officer in agreement with Cllr Mould and Cllr Gaul.</li> <li>• Wording of scroll to be circulated to Council.</li> <li>• Wording on scroll to be detailed in full.</li> </ul>

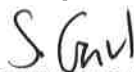


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322/1819	4	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE BICESTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes and resolutions of the following Town Council meeting be confirmed:</p> <p><b>BTC05/1819 - 12 November 2018</b></p>
323/1819	5	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes and resolutions of the following Environment Committee meetings be confirmed:</p> <p><b>ENV03/1819 – 4 December 2018</b></p>
324/1819	6	<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> <p><b>FIN04/1819 – 10 December 2018</b></p>
325/1819	7	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes and resolutions of the following Policy Committee meeting be deferred to next Policy meeting:</p> <p><b>POL04/1819 – 26 November 2018</b></p>
326/1819	8	<p><b>QUESTIONS ON WORKING PARTIES &amp; OTHER GROUPS</b></p> <p>No questions were raised.</p>
327/1819	9	<p><b>REPORT FROM OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY/CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</b></p> <p><i>Oxfordshire County Councillor, Cllr Lawrie Stratford gave a report covering the following points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2019/20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment of almost £6m by 2023 to increase care packages to meet assessed needs for adults with learning and physical disabilities.</li> <li>• An increase of £5.8m is proposed to be added to the budget in 2022/23 in adult social care to meet projected increased need as a result of the aging population. The council's existing planning up to 2021/22 already includes provision for budget increases of £5.0m in 2019/20 and 2020/21 and £5.6m in 2021/22.</li> <li>• Invest £3.2m up to 2023 (£800,000 per year) to support the increasing number of children qualifying for school transport – in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<p>particular children with special educational needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invest £17m to support the predicted increasing numbers of children in care, including more permanent care staff.</li> <li>• Council Tax, the council's plan – agreed at the last budget in February 2018 – to raise Council Tax by 2.99 per cent in 2019/20 and 1.99 per cent in the years thereafter remains the same in the new budget proposals. However, funding for local government beyond 2020 is currently uncertain, with councils waiting for funding decisions from central government which will not be known until late 2019.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Daytime Support Sustainability Grant Awards</b> <p>Twenty-nine organisations have been recommended to receive grants from the county council's adult social care Sustainability Fund. A grant pot of £250,000 was approved for 2019/20 and community and voluntary organisations were invited to apply for the fund services recommended for funding are Day Break Oxford (£50,000), Age UK (£27,500), October Club (£14,000) and Aspire (£12,500).</p> </li> <li>• <b>Older Peoples Strategy</b> <p>Living longer and living better is the drive behind a new Older People's Strategy for Oxfordshire. The strategy sets out how OCC and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group will deliver a positive future for the county's older population. The strategy will be used to inform the planning, commissioning and delivery of services across Oxfordshire and will be monitored by the Better Care Fund Joint Management Group.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Send Sufficiency Strategy</b> <p>Plans to create significant new provision for Oxfordshire children with special educational needs (SEND) have been agreed with a £15m investment set to create 300 new places which will involve a major rebuild for Northfield School in Oxford. The county council has conducted a wide-ranging review of its special educational needs provision in light of the large increases in the numbers of children with such needs entering the educational system in recent years and the forecast for continued increases in the future.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Road Repairs</b> <p>£10million has been spent by OCC this year on repairing and improving road surfaces. Government announced in November that OCC would get £7.4 in additional funding to top-up this activity. A range of different methods of road repair and sealing are used to extend the life of county roads and reduce the</p> </li> </ul>



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		<p>likelihood of potholes forming which include resurfacing, patching, Dragon-patching and surface dressing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Government Waste Strategy</b></li> </ul> <p>OCC has welcomed the government's new Waste and Resources Strategy for England.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recycling Rates</b></li> </ul> <p>Oxfordshire has been named the best performing county council waste disposal authority in England for its recycling rates during 2017/18.</p> <p>Oxfordshire is top in two categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The highest proportion of waste which is reused, recycled and composted (57.2%).</li> <li>• The lowest amount of general waste (non-recyclable waste) produced per household (430kg).</li> </ul> <p><i>Cherwell District Councillor, Cllr Lynn Pratt gave a report covering the following points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gardeners Close Development</b> There are only 9 units left on this development which has been very well received by those wishing to buy on the shared ownership scheme.</li> <li>• <b>Castle Quay 2</b> Preparatory work has started on the development and it is anticipated building work will start in March.</li> <li>• <b>Old Library</b> I am working with officers to determine use of the Old Library in Old Place Yard.</li> <li>• <b>Crown Walk</b> Sainsbury's have sold Crown Walk to an investment company.</li> <li>• <b>Tramway Industrial Site, Banbury</b> The Council have bought this site as it will help when work starts regeneration work on Canal side.</li> </ul> <p><i>Cherwell District Councillor, Cllr Debbie Pickford have a report covering the following points:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas waste collections went to plan. Cllr Pickford thanked all Waste Officers for their hard work during this period.</li> </ul>



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328/1819	10	<p><b>REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be <b>NOTED</b>.</p>
329/1819	12	<p><b>BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2019/20</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Council <b>AGREED</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The budget for 2019/20 with a gross expenditure of £1,687,157, income of £214,471 and a resulting net expenditure of £1,472,686;</li> <li>2. The total precept for 2019/20 at £1,472,686;</li> <li>3. The Band D be increased by 1.98% to £127.22, an increase of £2.47 per year per Band D property.</li> </ol>
330/1819	13	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b></p> <p><b>CLOSE OF MEETING: 07.45pm</b></p>

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