

Minutes of the Council held on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019** at **The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester OX26 6PS.**

**Present:**

- Cllr Sean Gaul – Mayor
- Cllr Jason Slaymaker – Deputy Mayor
- Cllr David Anderson
- Cllr Nick Cotter
- Cllr Dave Magee
- Cllr Nick Mawer
- Cllr Lynn Pratt
- Cllr Przemek Rybka
- Cllr Dan Sames
- Cllr Les Sibley

**In Attendance:**

- Samantha Shippen – Chief Officer
- Karen Green – Administration Officer

Minute Number	Agenda item No	
413/1819	1	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that apologies were received from Cllr Melanie Magee, Cllr Richard Mould, Cllr Debbie Pickford, Cllr Lawrie Stratford and Cllr Rose Stratford.</p>
414/1819	2	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that no declarations of interest were received.</p>
415/1819	3	<p><b>PUBLIC SESSION</b></p> <p>A member of the public commented on the possibility of Bicester Town Council offering support to convert the old library into a new community building to be used by Forget Me Not (Bicester) Limited, the aim of the charity being to combat loneliness in the elderly and to give carers a break.</p> <p>Three further members of the public requested Bicester Town Council offer support in raising the profile of “Nai’s House” by opening a holistic mental support hub in the town for young adults aged between sixteen and twenty five.</p> <p>A resident voiced concerns over the loss of the Oxford Road Sports Ground to Bicester Village. It was noted a significant number of residents had signed a petition to save Bicester’s communal sports ground.</p>

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416/1819	4	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE BICESTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Committee confirmed the following minutes of the Town Council meetings:</p> <p><b>BTC06/1819 – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019</b>  <b>BTC07/1819 – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b></p>
417/1819	5	<p><b>REPRESENTATIVE FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE</b></p> <p>Inspector John Batty from Thames Valley Police gave an update on local police matters. The emphasis was that overall crime figures have reduced in the town and Bicester remains a safe place to live.</p> <p>It was noted police have a limited capacity to enforce parking and try to focus on the worst areas. Cherwell District Council are looking into Civil Parking Enforcement – although still in the early stages.</p> <p>The town’s excellent strategic travel links give opportunity to drug dealers from bigger cities who have found a lucrative market with the young people of Bicester, and it has become an issue with county lines bringing violence to the town. The police have targeted the dealers and have had success with arrests. The police are also tackling the drug market this will include getting schools on board and educating children about the danger of drugs at primary school level.</p> <p>It was commented that nitrous oxide capsules are being found around the town. It was of the opinion of the police representative that local shopkeepers need to be more aware of the dangers of selling nitrous oxide.</p> <p>The problem with a small group of youngsters and anti-social behaviour was raised, Police have taken action and will continue to do so.</p> <p>In respect of unauthorised encampments residents are of the opinion these are not dealt with quickly enough. It was noted that it is a difficult issue with lots of complexities and because of legislation police can only use their power in certain circumstances. Local authorities and private land owners must play their part. Police will always intervene, where appropriate, if there is a significant impact to the local community and where criminal and environmental damage has taken place or if there is a danger to life in accordance with an agreed protocol.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Thames Valley Police be invited to contribute an article concerning drug use in the next issue of the Garth Gazette and the Council thanked the police representative for the update.</p>

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418/1819	6	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council confirmed the following minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting:</p> <p><b>ENV05/1819 – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b></p>
419/1819	7	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council confirmed the following minutes of the Planning Committee meetings:</p> <p><b>PL09/1819 – 14<sup>th</sup> January/ Reconvened 28<sup>TH</sup> January 2019</b>  <b>PL10/1819 – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019</b></p>
420/1819	8	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council confirmed the following minutes of the Policy Committee Meetings:</p> <p><b>POL04/1819 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>  <b>POL05/1819 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>  <b>POL06/1819 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b></p>
421/1819	9	<p><b>QUESTIONS ON WORKING PARTIES &amp; OTHER GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Council had no questions regarding the minutes of Working Parties and Other Groups contained in the Minute Book.</p>
422/1819	10	<p><b>REPORT FROM OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY/CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</b></p> <p>No reports were delivered.</p>
423/1819	11	<p><b>REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Mayor's report was <b>NOTED</b>.</p>
424/1819	12	<p><b>DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2019/2020</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that draft calendar of 2019/2020 meetings was <b>AGREED</b> to be submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Council for confirmation.</p>
425/1819	13	<p><b>ANNUAL TOWN MEETING DATE</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 was <b>AGREED</b> to be the date of the next Annual Town Meeting.</p>

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426/1819	14	<b>FEOFFEE NOMINATIVE TRUSTEE</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the appointment of Mrs Diana Edwards as nominative trustee to FEOFFEE was <b>AGREED</b> .
427/1819	15	<b>REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL CONTROL</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that review of the effectiveness of internal control was <b>APPROVED</b> .
428/1819	16	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the risk management schedule was reviewed and <b>APPROVED</b> .
429/1819	17	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 13<sup>TH</sup> May 2019.</b>  <b>CLOSE OF MEETING: 08.20pm</b>