

Minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on **Monday 25th November 2019** at 7.00pm in **The Garth, Garth Park, Launton Road, Bicester, OX26 6PS.**

Present:

Cllr Richard Mould - Chairman
 Cllr Nick Mawer
 Cllr Lynn Pratt
 Cllr Dan Sames - (arrived at 7.35pm)
 Cllr Les Sibley - (left at 8.55pm)
 Cllr Jason Slaymaker
 Cllr Alex Thrupp
 Cllr Fraser Webster


In Attendance:

Samantha Shippen – Chief Officer
 Julie Trinder - Administration Officer

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		<p>Ahead of the meeting, Cllr Richard Mould read out the following statement followed by a minute's silence:</p> <p>Harry Hovard – Mayor of Bicester 1974-75</p> <p><i>“Harry Hovard holds a unique place in the history of both Bicester and its Town Council. Having previously served as the last Chairman of Bicester Urban District Council, he became the first Town Mayor upon the creation of Bicester Town Council following local government reorganisation in 1974. It is understood that he served for the first electoral term which would have been until 1978.</i></p> <p><i>He was a highly regarded public servant in the town having first been a maths teacher at the Bicester Grammar School in London Road, where Hometree House now stands, from the early 1950's until its closure in 1963, when he relocated to the Highfield site where the Bicester School remains today.</i></p> <p><i>The members and staff of Bicester Town Council wish to convey their condolences to his godson, Angus Goble, and his family & friends on his passing.”</i></p>
277/1920	1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>RESOLVED that apologies received from Councillor Dan Hallett.</p>
278/1920	2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>RESOLVED that a declaration of interest be received regarding Agenda Item number 9 as an employee of Bicester Green by Cllr Jason Slaymaker.</p>
279/1920	3	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Committee CONFIRMED the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting:</p> <p>POL03/1819 – 10th September 2019 SPECIAL POLICY POL02/1920 - 14th October 2019</p>

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280/1920	5	<p>ASSET MANAGEMENT UPDATE</p> <p>Chief Officer gave a presentation and update on Asset Management.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Committee AGREED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To instruct officers in respect of the preferred option for moving the Garth House project to the next stage. 2. To instruct officers in respect of the preferred option for moving the Garth Stables project to the next stage. <p>RESOLVED that the Committee NOTED the updates on Burial Ground and Garth Lodge. It was requested that Bicester Town Council are made aware of a date when land will be made available.</p>
281/1920	6	<p>MAJOR TOWN INITIATIVES</p> <p>RESOLVED that Committee NOTED the minutes from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicester Strategic Delivery Board Meeting - 25th July 2019 • Bicester Vision Partnership Meeting - 12th September 2019 • Bicester Vision Executive Board Meeting - 3rd October 2019
282/1920	7	<p>PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE</p> <p>RESOLVED that Committee CONFIRMED the minutes and recommendations of the meetings:</p> <p>PSC03/1920 – 3rd September 2019 PSC04/1920 – 9th October 2019</p>
283/1920	8	<p>WHITELANDS TRANSFER</p> <p>RESOLVED that Committee REQUEST more information to consider the transfer of Whitelands Farm Sports Ground from Cherwell District Council to Bicester Town Council in line with the Summary/Recommendations contained in Section 3 of this report.</p>
284/1920	9	<p>BICESTER GREEN</p> <p><i>Cllr Jason Slaymaker left the room.</i></p> <p>RESOLVED that the Committee AGREED in principle the extension of lease and license to Bicester Green for a 12 month period from 1 April 2020 subject to planning consent being obtained and a break clause of three months.</p> <p><i>Cllr Jason Slaymaker re-entered the room.</i></p>
285/1920	10	<p>MODERN.GOV</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Committee AGREED to purchase the Modern.Gov system.</p>

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286/1920	11	<p>GARTH HIRE FEES</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Committee AGREED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The removal of the 'Voluntary Groups Fees. 2. The remaining fees are not increased.
287/1920	12	<p>BUDGET</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Committee AGREED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The budget draft for Policy and Finance for 2020/21 for recommendation to Town Council for adoption at its budget setting meeting on January 21st 2020. 2. That the budget be further reviewed by the Chief Officer in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Policy Committee and the Chairman of Finance Committee following the meeting of the Environment Committee before a recommendation is made to Council.
288/1920	13	<p>FORWARD PLAN</p> <p>RESOLVED that Committee NOTED the forward plan.</p>
289/1920	14	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 27th January 2020 - 7pm</p> <p>CLOSE OF MEETING – 9.15pm</p>



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