

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

A meeting of the **Bicester Town Council Planning Committee** was held on Tuesday 15th December 2020 at 19:00hrs on Zoom.

Present:

Cllr Lynn Pratt – Vice Chairman
Cllr Dan Hallett
Cllr Richard Mould
Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Richard Mould

In Attendance:

Samantha Shippen – Chief Officer
Julie Trinder – Administration Officer
Cllr John Broad – CDC
Thaina Sa'id – East West Rail Alliance
Lesia Smith – East West Rail Alliance
Monty Ashworth – Bicester Motion
Sarah-Jane Curtis – Bicester Motion

Residents:

Bryony Harrington
Dr Pam Roberts

1. 242/2021 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr Nick Mawer, Cllr Harry Knight, Cllr James Metcalf and County Councillor Lawrie Stratford.

2. 243/2021 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest for District & County Councillors

RESOLVED that Cllr Richard Mould, Cllr Lynn Pratt and Cllr Les Sibley as District Councillors and Cllr Les Sibley as County Councillor on this Planning Committee will make their comments and decision based upon information available at the time of the Meeting. It is accepted that District Councillors may come to different decision in the light of more information being made available at District Planning Meetings.

3. 244/2021 Minutes of Planning Committee

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting **PL07/2021** held on **Monday 9th November 2020 to be signed at a later date.**

4. 245/2021 Public Session

4.1 A resident attended the meeting and spoke with reference to a planning application **20/03091/PIPTech** that has been submitted. The resident wished to ensure the Committee that the house in question will be energy sufficient and sustainable and in-keeping with Eco Town standards.

4.2 A resident voiced her concerns regarding the pre-application for Bicester Motion and asked that the requirement for a mandatory 10% biodiversity net gain be taken into consideration.

5. 246/2021 Updates on Large Developments and Associated Issues

5.1 North West Bicester

Bridge underneath railway and road by passing Howes Lane to be completed 2021.

5.2 Graven Hill

Development going ahead, construction still proceeding.

5.3 Garden Town

Funding has been provided to do roundabout implements.

5.4 Other Business Strategies

- Work has started on David Lloyd Health Club
- Bloombridge Developments, Bicester Gateway progressing
- Warehouse on Symmetry Park, application has been submitted

6. 247/2021 East West Rail

RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the update given by Communities Engagement Officer, East West Rail.

7. 248/2021 Bicester Motion

RESOLVED that the Committee **NOTED** the presentation regarding developments at Bicester Motion.

8. 249/2021 Planning Applications from Cherwell District Council

RESOLVED that the following comments be made:

20/02782/ADV – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/02873/CLUE – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/02905/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/02959/TPO – Land belongs to Bicester Town Council, no comment to be made.

20/02960/TPO – Bicester Town Council leaves this application to the Arboricultural Officer.

20/03000/F – Bicester Town Council has concerns with this application being submitted retrospectively.

20/03024/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/03068/F – Bicester Town Council welcomes the application for additional covered cycle parking.

20/03084/TCA - Bicester Town Council leaves this application to the Arboricultural Officer.

20/03091/PIPTech – Bicester Town Council welcomes this application and is happy with self-build inline with high Eco standards.

20/03131/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/03199/F – Bicester Town Council **strongly object** to this application and the variation of employment usage. The employment expectation at approval had already been increased to 70% B8, to now increase to 100% is unacceptable as it does not accommodate a wide range of skills and employment as would be gained from a mixed B classes use. Employment variety from this and other sites is key to the achievement of local plan policy objectives and local expectations. In addition, the additional impact on

the road network for a complete B8 use is significant and detrimental to the local area and nearby residential properties.

20/032021/F – Bicester Town Council **object** to this application, the location of the development means the property will overlook the nature reserve causing a negative impact on nature and ecology in this area including the nearby newt pond, the development is also out of keeping with the local street scene and will have an adverse effect on nearby properties. BTC would like to see the retention of a bungalow on this site.

9. 250/2021 Amended Plans

None to note.

10. 251/2021 Withdrawn Plans

RESOLVED that the Committee **NOTED** the withdrawn plan **20/02246/REM – The Old Fox Inn.**

11. 252/2021 Appeal

None to note.

12. 253/2021 Notification of Planning Decisions from Cherwell District Council.

RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the planning decisions from Cherwell District Council **PL08/2021.**

13. 254/2021 Forward Plan

RESOLVED Committee reviewed the forward plan:

- To **REMOVE** East West Rail, Bicester Motion and A41 Roundabout
- To **MOVE** London Road level crossing to December 2021

14. 255/2021 Date of Next Meeting Monday 11th January 2021 – 7pm

Close of meeting: 8.22pm