

Minutes of the Bicester Town Council Policy Committee Meeting

A meeting of the **Bicester Town Council Policy Committee** was held on Monday 21st December 2020 at 19:00hrs on Zoom.

Present:

Cllr Lynn Pratt – Chairman
Cllr Dan Hallett
Cllr Nick Mawer
Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Jason Slaymaker
Cllr Alex Thrupp
Cllr Fraser Webster

In Attendance:

Samantha Shippen – Chief Officer
Julie Trinder – Administration Officer

1. 256/2021 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr Richard Mould and Cllr Dan Sames.

2. 257/2021 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED that Councillor Lynn Pratt declared an interest in item 14 as a Cherwell District Council executive member.

3. 258/2021 Minutes of Policy Committee

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting **POL3/2020** held on **3rd November 2020 to be signed at a later date.**

4. 259/2021 Public Session

No members of the public were present.

5. 260/2021 Assets Management Update

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee reported that a meeting had been held with Caroline Ford, CDC Planning Officer for NW Bicester, and requested a meeting be arranged with the developers and councillors as a matter of urgency to discuss the proposed cemetery provision that appears in the master plan.

RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the update.

6. 261/2021 Major Town Initiatives

RESOLVED that the Committee **NOTED** the minutes from:

Bicester Vision Executive Board Meeting: 5th November 2020

7. 262/2021 Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting

RESOLVED that the Committee **CONFIRMED** the minutes and recommendations of the meeting:

PCS04/2021 – 1st December 2020

8. 263/2021 Draft Budget

RESOLVED that the Committee **AGREED** budget and precept draft for 2021/2022 for recommendation to Council on 18th January 2021 for adoption.

The Chief Officer to forward any adjustments to councillors as soon as figures are available.

9. 264/2021 Standing Orders Review

RESOLVED that the Committee **AGREED** the draft Standing Orders for **RECOMMENDATION** to the Town Council for **ADOPTION**.

10. 265/2021 Cherwell District Council Statement of Licensing Policy Consultations

RESOLVED that the Committee **AGREED** not to send a response to Cherwell District Council's Statement of Licensing Policy consultation.

11. 266/2021 Freedom of Information Appeals Panel

RESOLVED that the Committee **AGREED**:

1. to **APPROVE** an Appeals Panel meet on a date to be as soon as possible in January to hear an FOI appeal.
2. to appoint Cllr Fraser Webster as a member of the FOI Appeals Panel.

12. 267/2021 Forward Plan

RESOLVED that Committee reviewed the forward plan and made the following observations:

1. **REMOVE** London Road level crossing and NW Bicester under path or tunnel.
2. **ADD** 'new' to Future management of open space play areas.

13. 268/2021 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED

That in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the items set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

14. 269/2021 Land and Leases Update

RESOLVED that Committee **AGREED** that

1. Land on Wretchwick Way be transferred subject to a request that CDC pay the legal costs of transfer of ownership;
2. Cherwell District Council be approached for a meeting in respect of expired leases and no investment be made in land until leases are renewed.

15. 270/2021 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 2nd March 2021 – 7pm

Meeting close: 7.53pm