

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

A meeting of the **Bicester Town Council Planning Committee** was held on Monday 11th January 2021 19:00hrs on Zoom.

Present:

Cllr Nick Mawer - Chairman
Cllr Dan Hallett
Cllr Harry Knight
Cllr James Metcalf
Cllr Richard Mould
Cllr Robert Nixon
Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Alex Thrupp

In Attendance:

Samantha Shippen – Chief Officer
Julie Trinder – Administration Officer

1. 271/2021 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr Lynn Pratt, Cllr Zoe McLernon and Cllr Jason Slaymaker. Cllr Alex Thrupp substituted for Cllr Lynn Pratt.

2. 272/2021 Declarations of Interest

2.1 RESOLVED that no declarations of interest were received.

2.2 Declarations of Interest for District & County Councillors

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

3. 273/2021 Minutes of Planning Committee

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting **PL08/2021** held on **Tuesday 15th December 2020 to be signed at a later date.**

4. 274/2021 Public Session

No public were present.

5. 275/2021 Updates on Large Developments and Associated Issues

5.1 North West Bicester

Cllr Richard Mould and Cllr Lynn Pratt met with a planning officer from Cherwell District Council. Still awaiting news from Developers on the burial ground area. No progress on second section until new link road is completed.

5.1 Graven Hill

Progressing well. Old MOD buildings have been demolished.

5.2 Garden Town

Funding has been granted to provide road works at Graven Hill and Banbury Road.

5.3 Other Business Strategies Sites

- Large warehouse on A41 being let to Ocado, providing high paid technical jobs.
- Ground works on David Lloyd site taking place.

6. 276/2021 Planning Applications from Cherwell District Council

RESOLVED that the following comments be made:

20/03203/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/03264/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/03265/F – Bicester Town Council strongly object to this application due to the layout and concerns for overcrowding leading to unsuitability for an HMO in this location, the size of property and ability to house seven individuals, the proposal is considered to be overdevelopment of the site and not in keeping with current street scene. The property is in an area that already suffers with on street parking both on the road and on grass verges, it is considered that this proposal will lead to additional parking which could restrict access to the nearby playing fields, especially as there is no proposal for a turning area. The proposal and associated resultant parking could have an adverse effect on a main cycling/walking route to Bicester.

20/03269/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/03285/O56 – Bicester Town Council welcome the change of use providing there is no adverse impact on the conservation area and has no conflict with active travel proposals.

20/03302/F – Bicester Town Council welcome this application as it provides additional manufacturing capacity within the town.

20/03327/F – Bicester Town Council strongly object to this application and wish to re-iterate previous comments due to access onto Howes Lane which is a busy road with significant HGV and construction traffic. The proposal is considered inappropriate in this location.

20/03330/F – Bicester Town Council strongly object to this application due to overdevelopment and the potential impact on neighbouring properties, particularly the space to the wall; it is not in keeping with the current street scene Concern has also been expressed in relation with parking & traffic movement within the site Bicester Town Council would welcome appropriate development in this area, however, attention needs to be given to the layout of the site.

20/03383/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/03404/F – Bicester Town Council welcomes this application and the quality of jobs it will bring but has concerns with how the large number of waiting vehicles will be managed, with a requirement for a managed holding area to be established. Assurance is also requested to ensure that improvements being made between the A41 and Site boundary with Wretchwick Green are of an adequate width and specification to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians in line with active travel plans.

20/03429/F and 20/03429/REM – Bicester Town Council has no objection to these applications.

20/03461/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/03484/F and 20/03485/LB – Bicester Town Council welcomes this application.

20/03542/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/03553/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/03657/F – Bicester Town Council has concerns with displaced parking in this area which has existing issues caused by narrow roads.

7. 277/2021 Amended Plans

None to note.

8. 278/2021 Withdrawn Plan

None to note.

9. 279/2021 Appeal

None to note.

10. 280/2021 Notification of Planning Decisions from Cherwell District Council.

RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the planning decisions from Cherwell District Council **PL09/2021**.

11. 281/2021 Forward Plan

No amendments were required.

12. 282/2021 Date of Next Meeting Monday 8th February 2021 – 7pm.

Close of meeting: 7.45pm