

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

A meeting of the **Bicester Town Council Planning Committee** was held on **Monday 8th February 2021 19:00hrs** on Zoom.

Present:

Cllr Nick Mawer - Chairman
Cllr Dan Hallett
Cllr Zoe McLernon
Cllr Richard Mould
Cllr Robert Nixon
Cllr Les Sibley

In Attendance:

Samantha Shippen – Chief Officer
Julie Trinder – Administration Officer
Cllr John Broad – CDC
Lisa Addiscot – Mosaic Urban Design
Rob Bolton – Review Partners
Steve Houkes – Political Developments
Mark Kirby – Velocity Transport Planning
Hannah Leary – Barton Willmore
Eleanor Musgrove – Firethorn Developments Limited

Resident:

One local resident

1. 311/2021 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr Harry Knight, Cllr Lynn Pratt and Cllr Jason Slaymaker.

2. 312/2021 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 as 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. 313/2021 Minutes of Planning Committee

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting **PL09/2021** held on **Monday 11th January 2021 to be signed at a later date.**

4. 314/2021 Public Session

There were no public questions or representations.

5. 315/2021 Updates on Large Developments and Associated Issues

5.1 North West Bicester

Cllr Richard Mould reported that work on the bridge is progressing well and on schedule.

It was also reported that planning had been submitted for North-West Bicester on the Himley Village Site.

5.2 Graven Hill

Progressing well

5.3 Garden Town

Funding has been granted for the bridge at Howes Lane.

5.4 Other Business Strategies Sites

Building works on David Lloyd site progressing well and will open later this year.

6. 316/2021 Consultations

6.1 Presentation on a proposal for development at North West Bicester

Steve Houkes from Political Developments introduced a proposed development at North West Bicester presenting an opportunity to create a community based upon sustainable and healthy lifestyles, a place that is connected with its neighbours and surrounding landscape that encourages a reduced carbon footprint, to incorporate:

- Connected multi-functional green spaces
- A development that integrates with its context
- Healthy lifestyles
- Walkable neighbourhoods and active travel
- True zero carbon development that is adapted for climate change
- Homes for all ages and abilities that are adapted and enabled for home working

A presentation had been circulated and added to the Agenda file.

RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the presentation regarding the proposed development at North West Bicester.

6.2 Various Roads (Bicester) proposed 20mph speed limit and active travel measures

RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the consultation and **WELCOMED** the active travel initiative, however Bicester Town Council have concerns with the 2-way system proposed for the Causeway.

6.3 Various Roads (Cherwell & West) and (Oxford City) proposed disabled persons parking places

RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the consultation and **WELCOMED** the proposals that relate to Bicester.

6.4 Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (MWLP): Part 2 site allocations – sustainability appraisal and site assessment methodology

RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the consultation.

6.5 School Streets Scheme

RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the consultation.

6.6 Various Roads (Western Bicester) Proposed Parking Restrictions

RESOLVED that Committee welcomed the proposals.

7. 317/2021 Planning applications from Cherwell District Council

RESOLVED that the following comments be made:

20/03260/F - Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/03491/OBL – Bicester Town Council has no comment on this application.

20/03513/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/03549/TPO – Bicester Town Council leaves this application to the Arboricultural Officer.

20/03624/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/03635/F – Bicester Town Council object to this application due to loss of amenity space, over development of site, access issues and the impact it will have on neighbouring properties. Concern was expressed in relation to parking access and visibility splays.

20/03671/F – Bicester Town Council welcomes this application.

20/03697/F and 20/03680/LB – Bicester Town Council has no object to this application but request the property is in-keeping of the current street scene.

20/03693/F – Bicester Town Council are in favour of increasing habitation into the town centre but request the ground floor is retained for retail, specifically for the provision of smaller units suitable for retail in accordance with NPPF 7 Ensuring the Viability of Town Centres being as this application is in Bicester's primary shopping area.

20/03696/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

20/03699/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

21/00033/F – Bicester Town Council welcomes this application.

21/00075/F and 21/000767/LB – Bicester Town Council welcomes this application, particularly as it brings a property back into use in the primary retail area.

21/00115/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

21/00117/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

21/00120/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

21/00135/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

21/00154/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

21/00155/F – Bicester Town Council welcomes this application.

21/00194/F – Bicester Town Council has concerns with this application, this area already suffers with parking issues which this development could exacerbate and are concerned with the lack of parking spaces being allocated and the associated loss of green space.

21/00214/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this application.

8. 318/2021 Amended Plans

None to note.

9. 319/2021 Withdrawn Plans

None to note.

10. 320/2021 Appeals

None to note.

11. 321/2021 Notification of planning decisions from Cherwell District Council

RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the planning decision from Cherwell District Council.

12. 322/2021 Forward Plan

No amendments were made.

13. 323/2021 Date of next meeting Monday 15th March 2021 19.00hrs

Close of meeting: 20.48hrs