

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

A meeting of the **Bicester Town Council Planning Committee** was held on **Tuesday 15th June 2021** at **19:00hrs** at **John Paul II Centre, Webb Court, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon OX26 3AW**

Present:

Cllr Nick Mawer – Chairman
Cllr Lynn Pratt – Vice Chairman
Cllr Sandy Dallimore
Cllr Harry Knight
Cllr Dan Hallett
Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Alex Thrupp

In Attendance:

Phil Evans – Service Manager
Julie Trinder – Administration Officer
Donna Ford – OCC

Residents

Melissa Short
Julian Martin
Paul Beaumont

1. 060/2122 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr Zoe McLernon, Cllr Fraser Webster and Samantha Shippen - Chief Officer.

2. 061/2122 Declarations of Interest

2.1 RESOLVED that no declarations of interest were given.

2.2 Declarations of Interest for District & County Councillors

RESOLVED that Cllr Sandy Dallimore, Cllr Nick Mawer, Cllr Lynn Pratt 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. 062/2122 Minutes of Planning Committee

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting **PL01/2122** held on **Tuesday 18th May 2021**.

4. 063/2122 Public Session

Residents of Bicester aired their concerns with planning application **21/01818/F** – Churchill Retirement Living, St Johns Street, Bicester. Concerns with this application were supported by the committee and are listed further in the minutes at agenda item number 7.

5. 064/2122 Update on Large Developments and Associated Issues

5.1 North West Bicester

RESOLVED that no report was given.

Cllr Pratt suggested a spokesperson for this agenda item should be appointed outside of the meeting.

5.2. Graven Hill

It was reported that all the development land set aside for businesses has been sold.

5.3 Garden Town

No report was given.

5.4 Other Business Strategic Sites

No report was given.

6. 065/2122 Consultations

No consultations to note.

7. 066/2122 Planning applications from Cherwell District Council

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council commented on the following planning applications:

21/00446/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.

21/01176/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.

21/01225/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.

21/01362/F – Bicester Town Council has concerns that this will lead to displaced parking.

21/01373/F – Bicester Town Council welcomes this application which will facilitate off road parking.

21/01387/F – Bicester Town Council welcomes this application which will reduced parking on the road.

21/01397/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.

21/01400/F – Bicester Town Council welcome the refurbishment of existing property but strongly object to properties two and three; Not meeting street scene, over development, insufficient parking, manoeuvring would be difficult, poor visibility due to properties being on a bend, concerns with access to and from the properties, consideration is needed to house number three with lighting issues and the building on a slope would potentially cause flooding, the properties would have an impact on overlooking neighbouring properties, landscape issues and the potential effect on the embankment line.

21/01414/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.

21/01423/REM - Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.

21/01424/REM - Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.

21/01425/REM - Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.

21/01532/F - Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.

21/01588/F - Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.

21/01630/OUT – Bicester Town Council commented that this could be a chance for the developers to use the wild space and ponding to mitigate flooding which currently occurs in this area.

21/01644/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.

21/01647/LB – Bicester Town Council welcomes the return of a traditional building.

21/01649/F – Bicester Town Council are happy with the change of use and welcome the unit being occupied.

21/01657/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.

- 21/01677/F** – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.
21/01678/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.
21/01688/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.
21/01697/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.
21/01725/TPO – Bicester Town Council leaves this application to the Arboricultural Officer.
21/01734/F – Bicester Town Council has concerns with this planning application due to parking in this area which is already a problem.
21/01735/F – Bicester Town Council welcomes this planning application.
21/01741/F – Bicester Town Council has concerns with inadequate car parking provisions and loss of character to the property.
21/01767/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.
21/01768/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.
21/01772/TPO – Bicester Town Council leaves this application to the Arboricultural Officer.
21/01793/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.
21/01818/F – Bicester Town Council object to this planning application and query who the owner of the amenity land is.
21/01811F – Bicester Town Council strongly object to this planning application and support the residents with the comments that were made; The oversize and height of the building will dominate the neighbourhood the nature of its size will block light; the roundabout at St John's Street is already busy and with the potential closure of the London Road will be impacted by the additional traffic of this business; the parking to be provided appears to be inadequate; air pollution is already a problem in this area so not practical for the elderly with health issues and will be exaggerated should the development commence; residents in Hunt Close still continue to have inconsiderate and illegal parking despite yellow lines having been applied; accessing and exiting the service road is not viable; it is felt that there are already several retirement and care homes close to the town centre, why demolish excellent family homes; an alternative site for this retirement home would be better placed on the outskirts of Bicester; it is felt that the community engagement is incomplete and residents were not consulted widely enough.
21/01833/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.
21/01850/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.
21/01873/F – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.
21/01874/ADV – Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.
21/01400/F – Bicester Town Council object to this planning application, this is additional planning applied to an existing planning application already submitted.

8. 067/2122 Amended Plans

RESOLVED there were no amended plans.

9. 068/2122 Withdrawn Plans

RESOLVED there were no withdrawn plans.

10. 069/2122 Refused Plans

RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** there refused plans.

11. 070/2122 Appeals Against Refusal

RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the appeals against refusal.

12. 071/2122 Notification of planning decisions from Cherwell District Council

RESOLVED that Committee **REVIEWED** the planning decisions from Cherwell District Council.

13. 072/2122 Forward Plan

RESOLVED that Committee **REVIEWED** the forward plan.

14. 073/2122 Date of next 12th July 2021 – 19.00 hrs – *venue to be confirmed*

Close of meeting: 20.12hrs