

Minutes of the Bicester Town Council Meeting

A meeting of the **Bicester Town Council Meeting** was held on **Tuesday 7th September** at **19:00hrs** at **The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, Oxon OX26 6PS**

Present:

Cllr Nick Mawer – Chairman
 Cllr Donna Ford
 Cllr Dan Hallett
 Cllr Zoe McLernon
 Cllr Richard Mould
 Cllr Lynn Pratt
 Cllr Dan Sames (arrived at 19:06)
 Cllr Les Sibley
 Cllr Jason Slaymaker
 Cllr Fraser Webster

In Attendance:

Phil Evans – Service Manager
 Julie Trinder – Administration Officer
 Rt. Hon. Sir Tony Baldry DL
 Miranda Markham, DL
 Cllr Michael Waine

1. 179/2122 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED that apologies were received from Samantha Shippen, Chief Officer, Cllr Sandy Dallimore, Cllr Harry Knight, Cllr Alex Thrupp, and Cllr Calum Miller, OCC.

2. 180/2122 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED that no declarations of interest were received.

3. 181/2122 Public Session

Cllr Waine enquired as to when a decision would be made on referred play areas discussed in the Environment Committee meeting which took place on 26th July 2021 (Agenda Item 9).

The Chairman of Environment Committee reported that no decision had been made to date. Officers are still looking at lease agreements and costs associated to these play areas.

4. 182/2122 Portrait of Sir Tony Baldry

RESOLVED that Cllr Nicholas Mawer received a portrait of Sir Tony Baldry, DL, which was commissioned by Miranda Markham, DL, on behalf of Bicester Town Council.

5. 183/2122 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting

RESOLVED that the Council confirmed the minutes and resolutions of the following Town Council Committee meeting:

BTC02/22122- 21st June 2021

6. 184/2122 Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting

RESOLVED that the Council confirmed the minutes and resolutions of the following Environment Committee meeting:

ENV01/2122 - 26th July 2021

7. 185/2122 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting

RESOLVED that the Council confirmed the minutes and resolutions of the following Finance Committee meeting:

FN01/2122 – 26th July 2021

8. 186/2122 Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings

RESOLVED that Council confirmed the minutes and resolutions of the following Planning Committee meetings:

PL02/2122 - 12th July 2021

PL03/2122 - 9th August 2021

9. 187/2122 Questions on Working Parties and Other Groups

RESOLVED that no questions were raised.

10. 188/2122 Report from Oxfordshire County/Cherwell District Councillor**Councillor Waine reported:**

A new administration has been formed at Oxfordshire County Council. Two Oxfordshire County Council meetings had already taken place at Spice Ball, Banbury with the first Full Council meeting taking place at County Hall next week.

Active Travel Plans - The Causeway is back in the frame for consideration linking in with improvements for Market Square.

Congratulations to Bicester Schools and what they have achieved. The Cooper School A-Level results in 2020 came in the top 10% nationally, in 2021 came in the top 5%.

Councillor Sibley reported:

Cllr Sibley has requested that residents should be made aware of the new 20 mph speed limits and the Civil Parking Enforcement campaign soon to be implemented. Full information regarding these campaigns will be published on Bicester Town Council's website and Facebook page.

Cllr Mould reported:

Cherwell District Council are working alongside Afghanistan Refugees to find accommodation for 10 families who are fleeing Afghanistan after recent events in the country with the help of Government funding for the first twelve months.

Cllr Dan Sames reported:

The roll out of food waste collection is progressing.

Concern for 'pay for street parking' around Market Square, Bicester Town Council also to convey their concerns.

11. 189/2122 Report of the Town Mayor

RESOLVED that report of the Town Mayor was **NOTED**.

12. 190/2122 Financial Regulations (GP8) Review

RESOLVED that Council **ADOPTED** the amendments to Financial Regulations (GP8).

13. 191/2122 Date of Next Meeting - 16th November 2021 - 19.00 hrs

14. 192/2122 Exclusion of Press and Public

RECOMMENDED

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.

15. 193/2122 Minutes of the Special Personnel Meeting

RESOLVED that the Council confirmed the minutes and resolutions of the following Personal Committee meetings as an accurate record:

PCS01/2122 - 6th July 2021
SPECIAL PCS02/2122 - 28th July 2021

16.194/2122 Staff Updates

RESOLVED that Council **NOTED** the report regarding staff updates.

Close of Meeting: 19.26hrs