

Minutes of the Bicester Town Council

A meeting of the **Bicester Town Council** was held on **Monday 13th May 2024** at **19:00 hrs** at the **Whitelands Farm Sports Ground, Whitelands Way, Bicester, OX26 1AJ**.

Present:

Cllr Harry Knight (Chairman)
Cllr Damien Maguire (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Tom Beckett
Cllr Donna Ford
Cllr Dan Hallett
Cllr Sam Holland
Cllr Nicholas Mawer
Cllr Christopher Pruden
Cllr Alisa Russell
Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Jim Webb
Cllr Paul Wheatley
Cllr John Willett

In Attendance:

Phil Evans, Town Clerk
Maria Galic, Civic and Democratic Administrator

1/23 Election of the Town Mayor and Signing of Declaration of Acceptance 24 of Office

RESOLVED that Cllr Damien Maguire be elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year of 2024/2025.

Declaration of Acceptance

The new Mayor, Cllr Damien Maguire, signed his form Declaration of Acceptance of Office with the Town Clerk counter signing. The Mayor's chosen charities will be:

- Nai's House
- The Bicester Foodbank

2/23 Election of Deputy Mayor 24

RESOLVED that Cllr Jim Webb be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year of 2024/2025.

3/23 Appointment of Consort to Newly Elected Mayor 24

RESOLVED that Mrs Amanda Maguire be appointed as consort to the newly elected Mayor.

4/23 Report of the Retiring Mayor 24

RESOLVED The report of the retiring Mayor, Cllr Harry Knight, was given.

5/23 Vote of Thanks for the Retiring Mayor 24

RESOLVED That thanks was given to the outgoing Mayor Cllr Harry Knight by Cllr Damien Maguire as follows:

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Signed

Dated

"That whereas Councillor Harry Knight was elected Mayor of the Bicester Town Council for the year 2023-2024 at the meeting of the Council held on 15th May 2023.

And whereas by his unswerving devotion to his duties, he has maintained the dignity and honour of such an office;

And whereas the Council is desirous of expressing and recording grateful thanks to Councillor Harry Knight for the dedicated service which he has so willingly and freely given to the town during this year of office.

Be it now **RESOLVED** that the Council do remember and record its gratitude to Councillor Harry Knight in the minutes of the proceedings of the Council held this day, 13th May 2024, and that this resolution be engrossed, sealed and presented in a suitable form by the Mayor and the Town Clerk on behalf of this Council."

6/23 Apologies for Absence

24 RESOLVED apologies were received from Cllr Nick Cotter and Cllr Rachel Mallows.

7/23 Declarations of Interest

24 RESOLVED that no declarations of interest were received.

8/23 Public Session

24 RESOLVED that there were no questions from the public.

9/23 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting

24 RESOLVED that the minutes of the following Town Council meeting were approved:

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10/2 Appointment of Mayor's Cadet

324 RESOLVED that Cllr Damien Maguire appointed Army Cadet Benji Blakey as Mayor's Cadet for the forthcoming municipal year 2024/2025 and presented him with the Mayor's Cadet Shield.

Date of next Meeting: Monday 20th May 2025 at 19:00

CLOSE OF MEETING: 7:33pm