

Minutes of the Planning Committee

A meeting of the **Planning Committee** was held on **Tuesday 4th July 2023** at **19:00 hrs** at the **The Chamber Room, Bicester Town Council, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, Oxon OX26 6PS**.

Present:

Cllr Damien Maguire – Vice-Chairman
 Cllr Tom Beckett
 Cllr Donna Ford
 Cllr Dan Hallett
 Cllr Sam Holland
 Cllr Nicholas Mawer
 Cllr Christopher Pruden – *Left the meeting at 7.53pm*

In Attendance:

Paul Canning – Service Manager
 Julie Trinder – Office Administrator (Civic & Democratic)
 Dominic Hilton – Office Administrator (Civic & Democratic)
 Matthew Carr – SSE
 Nick Brown – OCC
 Keith Stenning – OCC

32/2 Apologies for Absence

324 RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr Nick Cotter, Cllr Rachel Mallows, Cllr Rich Oliver, Cllr Les Sibley, Cllr Jim Webb and Cllr Paul Wheatley.

33/2 Re-Appoint Vice-Chairman of Planning Committee

324 RESOLVED that Cllr Damien Maguire was **APPOINTED** as Vice-Chairman for Planning Committee meetings.

34/2 Councillors are reminded to declare any interests on any item on this agenda in accordance with Bicester Town Council's Code of Conduct.
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35/2 Declarations of Interest

324 RESOLVED that declarations of interest were received from Cllr Damien Maguire due to being a resident at Graven Hill and being a member of the Graven Hill Residents Society.

36/2 Declarations of Interest for District & County Councillors

324 RESOLVED that declarations of interest were received Cllr Tom Beckett, Cllr Donna Ford, Cllr Nicholas Mawer and Cllr Christopher Pruden as District Councillors and Cllr Donna Ford as Oxfordshire County Councillor on the 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.

37/2 Minutes of the Planning Meeting

324 RESOLVED that **MINUTES** and **RESOLUTIONS** of the following Planning Committee were **APPROVED**:

PL02/2324 – Tuesday 13th June 2023

Agenda Item 23/2324 – should have read Karen Curtin.

38/2 Public Session

324 **RESOLVED** that no members of the public were present, however, Standing Orders were suspended whilst a presentation was held with Nick Brown NRSWA Principal Officer OCC, Keith Stenning Head of Service - Network Management OCC and Matthew Carter Project Manager (SSE) regarding the A4095 33kva Reinforcement.

39/2 Updates on large developments and associated issues**324****40/2 North West Bicester**

324 No update to be given.

41/2 Graven Hill

324 No update to be given.

Karen Curtin, Managing Director at Graven Hill, has agreed to attend the Planning Committee in November, however committee have requested for earlier attendance.

42/2 Other Business Strategic Sites

324 No update to be given.

43/2 Planning applications from Cherwell District Council

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

23/00913/F – 63 Jay Close

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning applications.

23/01441F – 10 Derwent Road

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning applications.

23/01489/F – 136 Roman Way

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council has concerns with this planning application due to:

- Over development of site
- Not within street scene
- Over adequacy of parking for the size of the property

23/01493/F – Proposed Himley Village

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council **REJECT** this planning application until Howes Lane re-development has taken place . Bicester Town Council also has concerns regarding the pedestrian access and not meeting ECO Town status.

23/01519/TPO – 3 The Priory, Priory Lane

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council leave this to the Arboriculturalist.

23/01556/TEL – Street Record, Leach Road

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council recommend that:

- CDC explore the rationale for this
- Make the site more aesthetically pressing
- Explore using current sites

23/01559/F – Thames Valley Police, Howes Lane

RESOLVED Bicester Town Council welcomes this planning application and support the high class jobs coming into Bicester. However, regret that this application is going ahead without the realignment of Howes Lane.

23/01584/F – 13 Perth Road

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning applications.

23/01586/F - Proposed Himley Village

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council **REJECT** this planning application until Howes Lane re-development has taken place . Bicester Town Council also has concerns regarding the pedestrian access and not meeting ECO Town status.

23/01635/F – 24 Flanders Close

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council object to this planning application due to:

- Over development of the site
- Loss of privacy to neighbouring properties
- Impact on current street scene

23/01654/F – Bure Park FC, Old Place Yard

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council has no objection to this planning application.

44/2 Appeal Against Refusal

324 RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council **NOTED** the Appeal Against Refusal.

45/2 Notification of planning decisions from Cherwell District Council

324 RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** and **REVIEWED** planning decisions from Cherwell District Council.

46/2 Forward Plan

324 RESOLVED that committee **NOTED** and **REVIEWED** the Forward Plan.

47/2 Date of Next Meeting

324 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th August 2023 – 7pm, The Chamber Room

Close of meeting: 8.36pm