

Minutes of the Planning Committee

A meeting of the **Planning Committee** was held on **Tuesday 8th August 2023** at **19:00 hrs** at the **The Chamber Room, Bicester Town Council, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, Oxon OX26 6PS**.

Present:

Cllr Donna Ford
Cllr Dan Hallett
Cllr Sam Holland
Cllr Damien Maguire
Cllr Nicholas Mawer
Cllr Christopher Pruden
Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Jim Webb
Cllr Paul Wheatley

In Attendance:

Dominic Hilton
Paul Canning

48/2 Apologies for Absence

324 RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr Nick Cotter, Cllr Rachel Mallows and Cllr Rich Oliver.

49/2 Declarations of Interest

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

50/2 Councillors are reminded to declare any interests on any item on this agenda in accordance with Bicester Town Council's Code of Conduct.

51/2 Declarations of Interest for District & County Councillors

324 RESOLVED that declarations of interest were received Cllr Tom Beckett, Cllr Donna Ford, Cllr Christopher Pruden and Cllr Les Sibley as District Councillors and Cllr Donna Ford and Cllr Les Sibley 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.

52/2 Minutes of the Planning Meeting

324 RESOLVED that **MINUTES** of the following planning committee were **APPROVED**:

PL03/2324 – Tuesday 4th July 2023

53/2 Public Session

324 RESOLVED that Cllr Nick Mawer Entered the meeting at 19:04

54/2 Updates on large developments and associated issues**324****55/2 North West Bicester****324****56/2 Graven Hill****324****57/2 Other Business Strategic Sites****324**

It was requested that the Chairman of Planning Committee write to Oxfordshire County Council regarding their concerns with the A4095 / B4100 Banbury Road roundabout improvements.

58/2 Planning applications from Cherwell District Council**324**

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

R3.0094/21 – Banbury Road Roundabout

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council strongly objects this planning application due to:

- Howes Lane Redevelopment needs to happen first
- Not Wanted by anyone in Bicester

23/01058/F – 7 Walpole Close

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

23/01249/F – 84 Westacott Road

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

23/01658/F Axis J9 Phase 1

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

23/01711/REM Land North of Bicester Avenue

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

23/01720/ADV – 25 Sheep Street

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

23/01722/F – Bicester Park

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

23/01731/F – Shell Chase

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

- Possible London Road Closure

- Land maybe required for London Road Redevelopment
- Negative impact on the environment and local allotment that this site backs onto.

23/01737/F – 29 Banbury Road

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

- **Large Development – affecting the street scene**
- **Negative impact on neighbours**
- **Overdevelopment of the site**

23/01747/F – 76 Longfields

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

23/01756/F – 46 Isis Avenue

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

23/01761/F – 88 Sheep Street

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

23/01762/LB – 88 Sheep Street

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

23/01771/F – Fortescue House

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council strongly objects this planning application due to:

- Height of the building
- Safety Concerns

23/01782/F – Bicester Vets

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

23/01808/F – 19 Sedgefield

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

23/01840/F – The Sanctuary

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

- **Large Development – affecting the street scene**

23/01843/F – 98 Kestrel Way

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

23/01858/F – 8 Newton Close

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

23/01927/F – 43a George Street

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council strongly objects this planning application due to:

- High level of Public interests in this application.
- Objections raised by neighbouring residents at No 43 & 43B.
- Highway safety issues for vehicle movements on site and in a restricted area
- Lack of visibility splays both on and off site
- No parking spaces on site for blue badge drivers.
- Existing noise and light pollution levels causing a disturbance to neighbouring properties.
- To provide a 4th parking bay next to the waste bins and cycle rack may not be achievable.
- Safety concerns for pedestrians with vehicles being parked close to the footpath.
- A dropped kerb has been installed across the whole of the frontage at 43a George Street Bicester without prior approval.
- Not in keeping with the street scene.
- On street parking restrictions (double yellow lines) are required for highway safety issues on George Street, from the corner of West Street to
- The Oval and from the corner of Leach Road to Market End Way.
- George Street which is a narrow road already suffers from on street parking issues with vehicles parking on footpaths and grass verges.
- The footpath either side of George Street which is a narrow road is well used by pedestrians to access the Schools,
- Sports & Leisure Centre, the two recreational areas and is a route into the town centre.
- Concerns over the location at the front of the development and the number of household waste, recycling, garden and food waste bins being collected / left on the footpath.
- The Refuse Crews will only collect waste / recycling and food waste bins from the highway.
- Location of cycling facilities questionable.

59/2 Notification of planning decisions from Cherwell District Council
324 RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** and **REVIEWED** planning decisions from Cherwell District Council.

60/2 Appeal Decision
324 RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council **NOTED** the Appeal Against Refusal.

61/2 Forward Plan
324 RESOLVED that committee **NOTED** and **REVIEWED** the Forward Plan.

Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th September 2023 – 7pm, The Chamber Room

Close of meeting: 8.01pm

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CLOSE OF MEETING: Time Not Specified hrs