

Minutes of the Planning Committee

A meeting of the **Planning Committee** was held on **Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 19:00 hrs** at the **The Chamber Room, Bicester Town Council, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, Oxon OX26 6PS**.

Present:

Cllr Nick Cotter (Chairman)
 Cllr Tom Beckett
 Cllr Donna Ford
 Cllr Dan Hallett
 Cllr Damien Maguire
 Cllr Rachel Mallows (entered the meeting at 8.09 pm)
 Cllr Nicholas Mawer
 Cllr Christopher Pruden
 Cllr Les Sibley
 Cllr Jim Webb
 Cllr Paul Wheatley

In Attendance:

Paul Canning - Service Manager
 Julie Trinder – Administration Officer (Civic & Democratic)

62/ Apologies for Absence

2324 RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr Sam Holland.

63/ Declarations of Interest

2324 RESOLVED that declarations of interest were received from Cllr Damien Maguire due to him being a member of the Graven Hill Residents Society, Cllr Nicholas Mawer due to him being the portfolio holder for Housing at Cherwell District Council regarding planning application number 23/02073/F and that Cllr Donna Ford and Cllr Nicholas Mawer are on the CDC Shareholder Committee.

64/ 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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65/ Declarations of Interest for District & County Councillors

2324 RESOLVED that declarations of interest were received from Cllr Tom Beckett, Cllr Nick Cotter, Cllr Donna Ford, Cllr Christopher Purden, Cllr Nicholas Mawer and Cllr Les Sibley as Cherwell District Councillors and Cllr Donna Ford and Cllr Les Sibley as Oxfordshire County Council on the Planning Committee will make their comment's 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.

66/ Minutes of the Planning Meeting

2324 RESOLVED that **MINUTES** of the planning committee meeting were deferred due to errors in the minutes which have now been resolved and will be signed at the next meeting taking place on the 3rd October 2023.

67/ Public Session

2324 **RESOLVED** that no members of the public were present.

68/ Updates on large developments and associated issues**2324****69/ North West Bicester**

2324 It was reported that the Consultation Draft Cherwell Local Plan Review 2040 was considered by Cherwell Districts Council's Executive on Monday 4th September 2023.

A draft plan will be published for a 6-week consultation in mid-September (dates to be confirmed).

70/ Graven Hill

2324 Following an update from councillors that a primary school, a pre-school nursery and a community centre as well as local shops at Graven Hill are now open.

The Town Clerk expressed his concern and reminded councillors that a provision for a sports field and cemetery are still needed.

71/ Other Business Strategic Sites**2324**

It was reported that Cherwell District Council will be appointing specialist design and consultation companies for the Market Square redevelopment. Later in 2023 an exhibition will be held inviting views from resident, local businesses and stakeholders, on the Market Square transformation and how it should be delivered.

Cllr Donna Ford encouraged residents and councillors to get involved with the consultation and will give an update at the next Planning Committee meeting taking place in October.

72/ Planning applications from Cherwell District Council**2324**

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

23/01805/ADV – 73 Sheep Street

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

23/01808/F – 19 Sedgefield

RESOLVED that following Bicester Town Council's last comments, concerns have since been raised regarding the comments by the Residents.

23/01941/5 – Bicester Heritage

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council are in support of and echo Historic England's concerns regarding this planning application.

23/01972/REN56 – David Lloyd Clubs

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council **WELCOME** this planning application.

23/02047/F – 10 Merlin Way

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

23/02056/F – 38 London Road

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council has no objections to this planning application but however, do have concerns with parking.

23/02060/F – 7 Beckett Way

RESOLVED that Bicester Town council has no objections to this planning application.

23/02073/F - 111 Buckingham Road

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

- Highway concerns
- Inadequate bin storage
- Overcrowding and lack of habitable space
- Quality of the building is sub-standard

23/02094/F – 4 Chapel Street

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

23/02106/F – 1 Churchill Road

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

23/02124/F – 173 Whitelands Way

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

23/02160/F – Street Record, Wren Way

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council will leave this to the Arborculturalist.

23/02170/F – 10 Lerwick Croft

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council has concerns regarding the loss of amenity land and car parking space.

23/02179/F – 20 Bernwood Road

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

23/02211/F – Caprinos Pizza

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council would recommend extended openings are trailed at the weekend first before committing to 7 days a week.

23/02215/DEM – Building G5, Palmer Avenue

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

23/02239/TPO – G4S Magnolia House, Banbury Road

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council will leave this to the Arborculturalist.

23/02259/TCA – 3 The Priory

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council will leave this to the Arborculturalist.

23/02261/F – Specsavers

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

23/02267/F and 23/02269/ADV– Pizza Express

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council welcome this planning application.

23/02275/F – 21 Martin Close

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

23/01978/DISC – Harrow Estates

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council echo their original comments made to this planning application, with, no objection.

73/ Withdrawn plan

2324 RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the Withdrawn Planning application, however, there is now a re-submission which Bicester Town Council has no objection to.

74/ Appeal

2324 RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the Appeal decisions and that Cllr Donna Ford requested, going forward, that the Appeal decisions received from Cherwell District Council formed part of the agenda.

75/ Notification of planning decisions from Cherwell District Council

2324 RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the planning decisions.

76/ Forward Plan

2324 RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the Forward Planning and requested that the Local Plan was added.

77/ Date of Next Meeting

2324 Tuesday 3rd October 2023 – 7pm, the Chamber Room, Garth House

Close of meeting: 8.28pm.