

Minutes of the Planning Committee

A meeting of the **Planning Committee** was held on **Tuesday 3rd October 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
Cllr Christopher Pruden
Cllr Jim Webb
Cllr Paul Wheatley
Cllr Harry Knight (Substitute)

In Attendance:

Paul Canning – Service Manager
Jodi Clarke – Administration Officer

78/2 Apologies for Absence

324 RESOLVED that apologies were received from Cllr Nick Mawer, Cllr Paul Wheatley and Cllr Les Sibley.

Cllr Harry Knight substituted for Cllr Les Sibley.

79/2 Declarations of Interest

324 RESOLVED that declarations were received from the following councillors:

- Cllr Mallows – Due to knowing an Applicant.
- Cllr Webb – Due to knowing an Applicant.
- Cllr Pruden – Due to knowing and Applicant at 188 Whitelands Way.
- Cllr Hallett – Due to knowing an Applicant at 1 Stevenson Close.
- Cllr Maguire – Due to being a resident at the Graven Hill site.
- Cllr Beckett – Due to an Applicant being his next door neighbour.

80/2 Councillors are reminded to declare any interests on any item on this agenda in accordance with Bicester Town Council's Code of Conduct.
324 19:04 Cllr Beckett arrived.

RESOLVED that declarations were received from the following councillors:

- Cllr Pruden – Due to knowing and Applicant at 188 Whitelands Way & as a councillor for Cherwell District Council.

- Cllr Beckett – Due to an Applicant being his next door neighbour & as a councillor for Cherwell District Council.
- Cllr Ford – As a councillor for Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council.

81/2 Declarations of Interest for District & County Councillors

324 RESOLVED that declarations of interest were received from Cllr Tom Beckett, Cllr Nick Cotter, Cllr Donna Ford and Cllr Christopher Purden, as Cherwell District Councillors and Cllr Donna Ford 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.

82/2 Minutes of the Planning Meeting

324 RESOLVED that the Minutes from the following meetings were **APPROVED** with the following amendments being made:

- **PL04/2324 – 8th August 2023.**
- **PL05/2324 – 5th September 2023**, with the amendments to page 2 section **70/2324**: To remove the section regarding the Community Centre due to incorrect information.

83/2 Public Session

324 2 members from the Impact Centre expressed their interest in the old Magistrates Court on Queens Avenue, they would like to turn this into a community centre for the town instead of having flats built. They expressed what they would like to do with the building and what they would offer to the community.

19:08 Cllr Nick Cotter arrived.

Paul Canning wrote to Cherwell District Council regarding this matter and asked for the building to remain in the communities hands.

RESOLVED that Paul Canning will share the ownership with councillors along with the Forward Plan for the Impact Centre once received from the members.

84/2 Updates on large developments and associated issues

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85/2 North West Bicester

324 RESOLVED that no update was given.

86/2 Graven Hill

324 RESOLVED that no update was given.

87/2 Other Business Strategic Sites

324 RESOLVED that no update was given.

88/2 Planning applications from Cherwell District Council
324 23/00018/F – Whitelands Farm Sports Grounds

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council did not comment on this planning application.

23/1039/F – My Village Bakery, 19 Field Street

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council has no objections to this planning application but however, do have concerns regarding bins & drainage alongside the residents' concerns.

23/01990/F – 23 Taylor Street

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council did not support amenity land being taken before permission was granted.

23/02034/F – Land to the rear of Langford Park Cottages

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council raise concerns on behalf of residents, these concerns were: Road access, the mud path that is already an issue will become worse, Sound barrier between the cottages and the A41 if trees' are removed and the removal of the trees'.

23/02050/F – 1 Ashdene Road

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

23/02131/F – 18 Beckett Way

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council **NOTED** the planning application.

23/02355/F & 23/02604/DEMPA – GG Oxford Investment Ltd, Central Government, Registrar

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council **STRONGLY** object to this planning application and question why the building is to be demolished and request it is kept as is for use by the local community.

23/02399/REM – Land north of Bicester Ave Garden Centre

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council has no objections to this planning application and request that the roof to support solar panels.

23/02412/F – 20 Almond Road

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council welcome this renovation but have concerns with:

- With parking in this area
- Overdevelopment of site
- Concerns with potential HMO being on dangerous bend on the road
- Will be out of keeping with current street scene

23/02416/ – Mixu Oxford, 73 Sheep Street

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

23/02420/LB – 24 Sheep Street

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

23/02432/F – 17 Ravencroft

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

23/02437/F – 1 Stevenson Close

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

23/02439/F – 7 Jubilee Way

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

23/02455/TCA – The Old Priory, Priory Lane

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council leaves this to the Arboriculturalist.

23/02585/F – 188 Whitelands Way

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

23/02485/F – 7 Ashdene Road

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

23/02620/TCA – First Port Retirement Property, Hometree House

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council leaves this to the Arboriculturalist.

R3.0108/23, R3.0110/23, R3.0111/23, R3.0112/23, R3.0114.23, R3.0155/23
Land at existing roundabout junction of the B4100 Banbury Road and the A4095
Southwold Land and the agricultural/open space adjacent to it, Bicester,
Oxfordshire.

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council **NOTED** the above applications from Oxfordshire County Council.

89/2 Withdrawn Plan

324 RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the Withdrawn Plan.

90/2 Refused Plans

324 RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the Refused Plans.

91/2 Notification of planning decisions from Cherwell District Council

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

92/2 Forward Plan

324 RESOLVED that Committee **REVIEWED** and **COMMENTED** on the Forward Plan.

Officers to arrange with Cherwell District Council planning officers to address Bicester Town Council councillors regarding the Local Plan.

93/2 Date of Next Meeting

324 Tuesday 7th November 2023 – 7pm, The Chamber Room, Garth House

Close of meeting: 20.16 hrs.