

Minutes of the Policy Committee

A meeting of the **Policy Committee** was held on **Monday 12th June 2023** at **19:00 hrs** at **The Chamber Room, Bicester Town Council, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, Oxon OX26 6PS.**

Present:

Cllr Rachel Mallows (Chairman)

Cllr Dan Hallett
Cllr Sam Holland
Cllr Nicholas Mawer
Cllr Les Sibley
Cllr Paul Wheatley
Cllr Nick Cotter
Cllr Rich Oliver
Cllr Damien Maguire
Cllr Harry Knight

In Attendance:

Phil Evans, Town Clerk
Jodi Clarke, Office Administrator

6622 Apologies for Absence

324 RESOLVED that no apologies were received.

6632 Appointment of Vice Chairman

324 RESOLVED Committee **APPOINTED** Cllr Wheatly as the Vice- Chairmain for the Policy Committee.

6642 Appointment of Substitute Members

324 RESOLVED that Committee **APPOINTED** Cllr Jessett, Cllr Ford, Cllr Pruden, Cllr Webb and Cllr Beckett as Substitute Members for the Policy Committee.

6652 Appointment of Chairman for Personnel Sub-Committee

324 RESOLVED that Committee **APPOINTED** Cllr Pruden as the Chairman for Personnel-Sub Committee.

6662 Declarations of Interest

324 RESOLVED that no declarations of interest were received.

6672 Minutes of Policy Committee

324 RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting:

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6682 Public Session

324 RESOLVED that no member of the public were present.

6692 Major Town Initiatives

324 RESOLVED that the Committee **NOTED** the minutes from:

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RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is to invite the Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Barber or a representative to the Policy Committee Meeting.

6702 Polices for Review

324 RESOLVED that the committee **APPROVED** the reimbursement of the Town Clerk for the service award handed to Raymond Crutchfield to the value of £89.99.

RESOLVED that the committee **APPROVED** the Flag Flying Policy (GP22) with the following amendments made, Cllr Mawer asked that the Town Clerk swaps the 'unscheduled flag flying' paragraph and the 'flags not covered by this policy' paragraphs.

19:17 Cllr Oliver arrived.

6712 Civility Pledge

324 RESOLVED that Committee **APPROVED** Bicester Town Council take the civility and respect pledge to the next Full Council meeting for adoption.

6722 Kingsmere Land Adoption

324 Committee **APPROVED** that officers from Bicester Town Council begin negotiations to understand:

- The condition of each plot of land.
- The cost of maintenance of each plot.
- The amount of money left in the S106

19:52 Cllr Wheatly left the room.

RESOLVED that Town Clerk is to meet with Tim Screen from Cherwell District Council to answer more questions.

Councillors were asked to email any questions they had regarding the Kingsmere Land Adoption to the Town Clerk before the Monday 19th June 2023.

19:55 Cllr Wheatly returned to the room.

6732 Exclusion of Press and Public

324 RESOLVED That in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the items set out below on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the general interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

6742 Lease Position (standing)

324 RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the report the content.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk set a deadline with Cherwell District Council for Whitelands Farm Sports ground lease renewal.

6752 Forward Plan

324 RESOLVED that Town Clerk is to invite Developer, Cherwell District Council and Hallam

Land to the Policy Committee.

APPROVED that Town Clerk reinstate Sale of Land on the Forward Plan.

RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the Forward Plan.

6762 Date of Next Meeting
324 Monday 14th August 2023 at 19:00

CLOSE OF MEETING: 20:22 hrs