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Bicester Town Council



Bicester Town Council Meeting

Ref: BTC01/2526, Mayor Making

Monday 12th May 2025

at 19:00hrs

**Whitlands Farm Sports Ground,
Whitlands Way,
Bicester,
OX26 1AJ**

Members:

Cllr Damien Maguire – **Chair**

Cllr Alisa Russell, Cllr Tom Beckett, Cllr Nick Cotter, Cllr Donna Ford,
Cllr Dan Hallett, Cllr Sam Holland, Cllr Harry Knight, Cllr Rachel Mallows,
Cllr Nicholas Mawer, Cllr Christopher Pruden, Cllr Les Sibley, Cllr Jim Webb,
Cllr John Willett and Cllr Paul Wheatley

Other Circulation:

CDC

Cllr John Broad, Cllr Frank Ideh, Cllr Simon Lytton,
Cllr Rob Parkinson

OCC

Cllr Sean Gaul, Cllr John Shiri and Cllr Matt Webb



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Tuesday 6th May 2025

To all members of the Bicester Town Council,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Full Council that will be held on **Monday 12th May 2025**, at **Whitelands Farm Sports Ground, Whitelands Way, Bicester, OX26 1AJ** to commence at **19:00** for the transaction of the following business.

Paul Canning
Deputy Town Clerk

Agenda

All Council Meetings are open to the public and press, unless otherwise stated.

1. Election of the Town Mayor and Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

To elect a Town Mayor for the 2025/2026 municipal year and to receive the acceptance speech.

2. Election of Deputy Mayor

Newly elected Mayor to propose a Deputy Mayor for 2025/2026 municipal year.

3. Appointment of Consort to Newly Elected Mayor

4. Report of the Retiring Mayor

To receive the report of the retiring mayor.

5. Vote of Thanks for the Retiring Mayor

The newly elected Mayor will propose a vote for thanks to the retiring 2024/2025 Mayor.

6. Apologies for Absence

To consider apologies and reasons for absence. Committee members who are unable to attend the meeting should notify Bicester Town Council (enquiries@bicester.gov.uk) prior to the meeting, stating the reason for absence.

7. Declarations of Interest

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

8. Public Session

In accordance with Standing Orders 1 d-f, members of the public may make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Time allocated shall not exceed 10 minutes. No member shall speak for more than 2 minutes.

9. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting

To confirm the Minutes and **RESOLUTIONS** contained in the minutes of the following **Bicester Town Council** Meeting:

- **Monday 13th May 2024 - BTC01/2425**

10. Appointment of Mayor's Cadet

The Mayor will propose the 2025/2026 Mayor's Cadet.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 19th May 2025 – 7pm, The Chamber Room, The Garth

Close of Meeting.

Minutes of the Bicester Town Council

A meeting of the Bicester Town Council was held on **Monday 13th May 2024** at 19:00 hrs at the **Whitelands Farm Sports Ground, Whitelands Way, Bicester, OX26 1AJ**.

Present:

Cllr Harry Knight (Chairman)
 Cllr Damien Maguire (Vice-Chairman)
 Cllr Tom Beckett
 Cllr Donna Ford
 Cllr Dan Hallett
 Cllr Sam Holland
 Cllr Nick Mawer
 Cllr Christopher Pruden
 Cllr Alisa Russell
 Cllr Les Sibley
 Cllr Jim Webb
 Cllr Paul Wheatley
 Cllr John Willett

In Attendance:

Phil Evans, Town Clerk
 Maria Galic, Civic and Democratic Administrator

1/24 Election of the Town Mayor and Signing of Declaration of Acceptance 25 of Office

RESOLVED that Cllr Damien Maguire be elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year of 2024/2025.

Declaration of Acceptance

The new Mayor, Cllr Damien Maguire, signed his form Declaration of Acceptance of Office with the Town Clerk counter signing. The Mayor's chosen charities will be:

- Nai's House
- The Bicester Foodbank

2/24 Election of Deputy Mayor

25 RESOLVED that Cllr Jim Webb be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year of 2024/2025.

3/24 Appointment of Consort to Newly Elected Mayor

25 RESOLVED that Mrs Amanda Maguire be appointed as consort to the newly elected Mayor.

4/24 Report of the Retiring Mayor

25 RESOLVED The report of the retiring Mayor, Cllr Harry Knight, was given.

5/24 Vote of Thanks for the Retiring Mayor

25 RESOLVED That thanks was given to the outgoing Mayor Cllr Harry Knight by Cllr Damien Maguire as follows:

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Signed

Dated

"That whereas Councillor Harry Knight was elected Mayor of the Bicester Town Council for the year 2023-2024 at the meeting of the Council held on 15th May 2023.

And whereas by his unswerving devotion to his duties, he has maintained the dignity and honour of such an office;

And whereas the Council is desirous of expressing and recording grateful thanks to Councillor Harry Knight for the dedicated service which he has so willingly and freely given to the town during this year of office.

Be it now **RESOLVED** that the Council do remember and record its gratitude to Councillor Harry Knight in the minutes of the proceedings of the Council held this day, 13th May 2024, and that this resolution be engrossed, sealed and presented in a suitable form by the Mayor and the Town Clerk on behalf of this Council."

6/24 Apologies for Absence

25 RESOLVED apologies were received from Cllr Nick Cotter and Cllr Rachel Mallows.

7/24 Declarations of Interest

25 RESOLVED that no declarations of interest were received.

8/24 Public Session

25 RESOLVED that there were no questions from the public.

9/24 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting

25 RESOLVED that the minutes of the following Town Council meeting were approved:

- Monday 15th May 2023 – BTC01/2324

10/2 Appointment of Mayor's Cadet

425 RESOLVED that Cllr Damien Maguire appointed Army Cadet Benji Blakey as Mayor's Cadet for the forthcoming municipal year 2024/2025 and presented him with the Mayor's Cadet Shield.

Date of next Meeting: Monday 20th May 2025 at 19:00

CLOSE OF MEETING: 7:33pm