

Minutes of the Bicester Town Council

A meeting of the **Bicester Town Council** was held on **Monday 12th May 2025** at **19:00 hrs** at the **Whitelands Farm Sports Ground, Whitelands Way, Bicester, OX26 1AJ**.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Paul Canning, Deputy Town Clerk
Maria Galic, Civic and Democratic Administrator

1/25 Election of the Town Mayor and Signing of Declaration of Acceptance 26 of Office

RESOLVED that Cllr Alisa Russell be elected as Town Mayor for the ensuing municipal year of 2025/2026.

Declaration of Acceptance

The new Mayor, Cllr Alisa Russell, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office with the Deputy Town Clerk counter signing. The Mayor's chosen charities will be:

- The Hummingbird Centre
- FLAG DV

2/25 Election of Deputy Mayor

26 RESOLVED that Cllr Paul Wheatley be elected as Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year of 2025/2026.

3/25 Appointment of Consort to Newly Elected Mayor

26 RESOLVED that Miss Antonela Brichis be appointed as consort to the newly elected Mayor.

4/25 Report of the Retiring Mayor

26 RESOLVED The report of the retiring Mayor, Cllr Damien Maguire, was given.

5/25 Vote of Thanks for the Retiring Mayor

26 RESOLVED That thanks was given to the outgoing Mayor Cllr Damien Maguire by Cllr Alisa Russell as follows:

“That whereas Councillor Damien Maguire was elected Mayor of the Bicester Town Council for the year 2024-2025 at the meeting of the Council held on 13th May 2024.

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 Damien Maguire 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 Damien Maguire in the minutes of the proceedings of the Council held this day, 12th May 2025, 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.”

6/25 Apologies for Absence

26 RESOLVED apologies were received from Cllr Donna Ford, Cllr Dan Hallett and Cllr Rachel Mallows.

7/25 Declarations of Interest

26 RESOLVED that no declarations of interest were received.

8/25 Public Session

26 RESOLVED that there were no questions from members of the public.

9/25 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting

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

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10/ Appointment of Mayor's Cadet

2526 RESOLVED that Cllr Alisa Russell has appointed three Air Cadets: Sgt Ben Walker, Sgt Savannah Johnson and Cpl Sangwani Chirwa Benji Blakey as Mayor's Cadet for the forthcoming municipal year 2025/2026. The Cadets are to be presented with a Cadet badge following Mayor Making and new shield will be engraved with the Cadet names.

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

CLOSE OF MEETING: 7:30pm