

Minutes of the Planning Committee

A meeting of the **Planning Committee** was held on **Monday 8th June 2026** at **19:00hrs** at **The Chamber Room, Bicester Town Council, The Garth, Launton Road, Bicester, Oxon OX26 6PS.**

Present:

Cllr Nick Mawer– **Chair**
 Cllr Dan Hallett
 Cllr Sam Holland
 Cllr Chris Pruden
 Cllr Harry Knight
 Cllr Damien Maguire
 Cllr Rachel Mallows
 Cllr Jim Webb
 Cllr John Willett

In Attendance:

Paul Canning, Officer / Deputy Town Clerk
 Chloe Challinger, Civic & Cemetery Administrator

01/ Apologies for Absence

2627 RESOLVED that apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tom Beckett, and Cllr Nick Cotter

02/ Declarations of Interest for District & County Councillors

2627 RESOLVED that declarations of interest were received from Cherwell District Councillors Chris Pruden, Harry Knight, Nick Mawer and John Willett.

03/ Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

2627 RESOLVED that the **MINUTES** and **RESOLUTIONS** of the **Planning Committee Meeting** were **APPROVED**:

- PL10/2526 – Tuesday 21st April 2026

04/ Appointment of the vice Chair

2627 RESOLVED that Cllr Chris Pruden was nominated and all councillors voted in favour for him to hold the position of Vice Chair for the Planning Committee 2026-2027.

05/ Public Session

2627 RESOLVED that there were no members of the public present for the public session.

06/ Updates on Large Developments and associated issues

2627 RESOLVED the following updates were received:

Data Centre:

- Changes within legislation resulting in trying to remain compliant, however this is proving to be difficult within the current regulations and plans.
- Power to the data centre via a substation with diesel back-up generators.
- Large opposition with the main concern being about noise.

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Dated 7/7/26

- Concern raised about being able to oppose this at Town Council level and whether the scheme is pushed by central government. It was raised that this is national infrastructure, meaning it would be managed and processed at national level.
- Raised the possibility to put forward a letter to discuss this further despite the deadline having already passed.

07/ Planning Applications from Cherwell District Council

2627 **RESOLVED** that Committee **CONSIDERED** and **COMMENTED** on the following applications:

26/00670/F – 3A Cowper Close

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council has **RAISED CONCERNS** on this application due to:

- Noted that there is no ground floor escape

26/00745/EL – Street Record

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/00774/F – The White Horse

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/00785/DISC – Land South of Anniversary Avenue

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/00812/F – Land Adjacent 83 And 85

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council **WELCOMED** the application.

26/00821/DISC – Land North And South of Pingle Drive

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/00851/F – 35 West Hawthorn Road

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/00854/LB– Building 137 Bicester Heritage

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **RAISED CONCERNS** on this application due to:

- The advertisement not being in keeping within the site and other businesses

26/00864/ADV – Building 137 Bicester Heritage

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **RAISED CONCERNS** on this application due to:

- The advertisement not being in keeping within the site and other businesses

26/00866/OBL – Land North And South of Pingle Drive

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/00879/F – Building 145 The Command Works

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/00889/CLUP – 24 Fallowfields

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/00916/F – 21 Fontwell Road

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/00917/F – 7 Odsey Close

RESOLVED that this was an invalid application.

26/00931/CLUP – 3 Stoneburge Crescent

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council **APPROVES** of the application however would like it noted that consideration for neighbours parking should be given due to a history of parking issues.

26/00936/F – 29 Longfields

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **RAISED CONCERNS** on this application due to:

- The positioning of the window
- Resident comment was raised regarding the window

26/00947/HPA – 65 Merganser Drive

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council required access to the application to comment.

26/00951/CLUP – 8 Sage Street

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **RAISED CONCERNS** on this application due to:

- Negative effect on other residents that don't wish to transition to air source heat pump

26/00963/F – 1 Longfields Court

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/00967/F - Boxengasse Langford Lane

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/00986/F – 47 Birch Road

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/00992/F – 63 Spruce Drive

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/01004/REM – The Innovation Quarter

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/01007/F – 8 Colne Close

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **RAISED CONCERNS** on this application due to:

- The dwelling becoming an HMO and not upholding current building environmental regulations.
- Fire resistance between walls.
- Increase risk to local areas with children play areas close to location and increased parking requirements.

26/01012/DISC – Land to North of Blackthorn Rd

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/01017/DISC – Land Adj to promised Land Farm

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/01028/CLUP – 67 Merlin Way

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/01042/CLUP – 10 Home Farm Close

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/01048/TCA – Garth Park

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council would allow the **ARBORICULTURAL OFFICER** to comment on this application.

26/01054/TCA – The Garth

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council would allow the **ARBORICULTURAL OFFICER** to comment on this application.

26/01057/TPO – Rear of 16 Primrose Drive

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council would allow the **ARBORICULTURAL OFFICER** to comment on this application.

26/01067/TPO – 54 Corncrake Way

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council would allow the **ARBORICULTURAL OFFICER** to comment on this application.

26/01076/NMA – 63 Lawrence Way

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/01080/F – 23 Taylor Close

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/01084/F – Thames Valley Police Authority

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council **WELCOMED** the application.

26/01105/F – 3 Fair Close

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/01112/F – 9 Fair Close

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/01123/DISC – The Laurels Parts of OS Parcel

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/01136/TCA – St Edburys Church

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council would allow the **ARBORICULTURAL OFFICER** to comment on this application.

26/01143/TCA – The Old Coach House

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council would allow the **ARBORICULTURAL OFFICER** to comment on this application.

26/01147/TCA - 4 Bath Terrace

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council would allow the **ARBORICULTURAL OFFICER** to comment on this application.

26/01152/TEL – Street Record Kingsclere Road

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/01153/NMA – Land North and South of Pingle Drive

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/01161/TCA – Building 113 Bicester Motion

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council would allow the **ARBORICULTURAL OFFICER** to comment on this application.

26/01180/TPO – Street Record Redwing Close

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council would allow the **ARBORICULTURAL OFFICER** to comment on this application.

26/01181/TPO – Land Adjacent 1 And 5

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council would allow the **ARBORICULTURAL OFFICER** to comment on this application.

25/02335/REM – Land North and Adjoining Home Farm Banbury Road B4100

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

26/00961/NMA - Land to North of Blackthorn Rd

RESOLVED that Bicester Town Council made **NO COMMENT** on this application.

08/ Notification of Planning Decisions from Cherwell District Council

2627 RESOLVED that Committee **NOTED** the decisions from Cherwell District Council.

09/ Forward Plan

2627 RESOLVED that Committee made the following comments:

- Requested that any updates regarding the cemetery are provided to the planning committee to keep the up to date and well informed.
- London Road Crossing consultations to be inputted if required.

10/ Date of next Meeting:

2627 Tuesday 7th July 2026 – 7pm, The Chambers, The Garth, Launton Road

CLOSE OF MEETING: 19:37hrs