

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday,
14 January 2026 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Councillor Beere (Chairman) Woodward (Vice Chairman)
Councillors: Dhesi, Harwood and Thornhill.

Officers: Robert Duxbury (Planning Officer)
Helen Durkin (Executive Officer)

PL.1/26

Apologies

Councillor Tohill-Martin

PL.2/26

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Harwood and Thornhill declared a personal interest as members of the Cherwell District Council Planning Committee.

PL.3/26

Minutes of the Last Meeting

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10 December 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor Beere.

PL.4/26

Planning Applications to be Considered

The Committee considered various planning applications that had been referred to the Town Council for consideration by Cherwell District Council (CDC) and were matters that had been delegated to the Planning Committee or where a Ward Member had referred a delegated application.

Officers responded to a number of questions raised by Members.

- **25/03139/F – Stepper Point** - Dashwood Apartments, Dashwood Road, Banbury - Change of Use from serviced apartments (Use Class C1) to their original use (Use Class C3) and as specialist supported accommodation.
 - **Banbury Town Council – Banbury Town Council support the provision of this needed from of accommodation and raise no objections**
- **25/03180/REM – Persimmon Homes South Midlands** - OS Parcel 5257, East Of Bloxham Road, Banbury - Application for approval of Reserved Matters relating to layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for the construction of 165 dwellings (Phase 3), associated works and infrastructure pursuant to the outline planning permission 14/01932/OUT.
 - **Banbury Town Council – Banbury Town Council raise no objections to this proposal.**
- **25/03182/F – AMP Clean Energy** - Grass verge at Ruscote Avenue, Banbury - Construction and operation of a micro energy storage project.
 - **Banbury Town Council – Object on the grounds that this proposal will be highly visible alongside this busy distributor road, and will have an unacceptable impact upon the visual amenities of the area and upon the residential amenities of the adjacent houses. Whereas in considering a similar proposal in Middleton Road in July 2025, no objections were raised to the visual and amenity impact in a commercial area, the Town Council believe that in this case there must be less obtrusive and harmful locations than this proposed in Ruscote Avenue.**

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Planning Applications Delegated to the Town Clerk

The Town Clerk had submitted a schedule containing details of planning applications which had been delegated to him in consultation with the Chairman, setting out the observations that had been forwarded to Cherwell District Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the report be noted.

PL.6/26

Decision Notices

The Town Clerk had submitted a schedule containing details of decision notices which had been sent by Cherwell District Council which were contrary to the recommendations of the Town Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Date of next meeting – **Wednesday 25 February 2026 at 18:30pm**

The meeting ended at **7.20pm**