

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday,
15 October 2025 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Councillor Beere (Chairman) and Cllr Woodward (Vice Chair)
Councillors: Dhesi, Thornhill and Tohill-Martin

Alternate attendance: none.

Officers: Robert Duxbury (Planning Officer)

PL.46/25

Apologies

Councillors Harwood.

PL.47/25

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Thornhill declared a personal interest as a member of the Cherwell District Council Planning Committee and also declared an interest in Application 25/02285/REM and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion and voting on the application.

PL.48/25

Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

PL.49/25

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.

➤ **25/01526/f and 25/01527/LB** – Patrick Bradshaw – 44 Market Place Banbury.

- **Banbury Town Council resolved** to raise no objections to these applications.

➤ **25/02124/F** – Mrs Sarah Robinson-Smith - Easington House Hotel, 50 Oxford Road, Banbury.

- **Banbury Town Council resolved** to raise no objections.

➤ **25/02174/OUT** – Lone Star Land Ltd - Land East Of Denbigh Close, Adjacent to Broughton Road, Banbury.

- **Banbury Town Council resolved** to OBJECT to the application on the grounds that the development proposed was in open countryside beyond the built up limits of Banbury and was therefore contrary to the existing and emerging Local Plan Policy. Whilst we recognise the current shortfall in housing land supply we believe that this should be resolved through the Local Plan process. We consider that the direction and extent of housing development around Banbury should be examined as part of the imminent Local Plan inquiry process, and approval at this time would be premature and would undermine that process. Furthermore, should the planning authority disagree with this position it should be noted that we raise no other objections subject to the completion of a legal agreement to ensure that all necessary on-site and off-site infrastructure is secured at the right times.

- **25/02285/REM** – Vistry Homes - Land East Of Warwick Road Drayton, Warwick Road, Banbury.
 - **Banbury Town Council resolved** to raise no objections.
- **25/02000/REM** – Lagan Homes - Land West Adj To Salt Way and West of Bloxham Road, Banbury.
 - **Banbury Town Council resolved** to OBJECT to the application on the grounds that construction access via the existing development to the north was unacceptable and would be hazardous to road safety and detrimental to the amenities of residents along the intended route. It was suggested that a direct route to the A361 should be required. It was also noted that OCC had other concerns about access and parking matters and we support these concerns. Overall it was considered that this application should be refused until these access issues were resolved.

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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.51/25

Decision Notices

The Town Clerk reported that no decision notices 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 05 November 2025 at 18:30pm**

The meeting ended at **7.15 pm**