

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday,
18 December 2024 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Councillor Beere (Chairman)
Councillors: Dhesi, Elugwu, Harwood, Thornhill, Woodward
Officers: Robert Duxbury (Planning Officer)
Helen Durkin (Executive Officer)

PL.39/24 Apologies
None

PL.40/24 Declarations of Interest
Councillor Harwood and Thornhill declared personal interests as a member of the Cherwell District Council Planning Committee.

PL.41/24 Minutes of the Last Meeting
IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 23 October 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by Cllr Beere.

PL.42/24 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.

- 24/02724/F Banbury Town Council raise no objections but seek assurances about the treatment of the shop window to ensure its appropriateness, and ask that bin and cycle storage is available for all 4 flat units. We also would ask for a condition to ensure that the units are well insulated against external noise sources.
- 24/02121/F Banbury Town Council raise no objections.
- 24/00897/F (Re-consultation) Banbury Town Council do not object to the proposal despite the lack of doctor's provision, but instead support the early provision of this long-awaited shopping facility.
- 24/02661/F Banbury Town Council objects to this proposal on the grounds of the unacceptable impact upon the living environment of the adjacent flats by reason of the scale and siting of those proposed units relative to the existing flats and possible nuisance caused by non-conforming uses. The Town Council also agrees with the objection of the County Council. In our opinion the future of this site should await the outcome of the review of the Local Plan.

PL.43/24 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.44/24 Report of the Planning Officer

To allow discussion of a request from Banbury Civic Society to the Town Council to consider the introduction of a scheme for Blue Plaques to honour significant persons, events and buildings.

- Banbury Town Council resolved that they do not, at this time, agree to the setting up of a separate blue plaque scheme for Banbury, but that instead that the Town Council officers be instructed to offer to work closely with the Banbury Civic Society to promote proposals to the Oxfordshire scheme for historic Banbury people, places and events that it is considered deserve recognition with a plaque.

PL.45/24 Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee

To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the BTAC held on 27 November 2024

IT WAS RESOLVED that the report be noted.

PL.46/24 Decision Notice

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.

The meeting ended at **7.37 pm**