

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday,
16 August 2023 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Banbury.

Present: Councillor Bunce (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors: Ahmed, Beere, Bishop, Hussain, Kilsby,
Mears, and Richards.

Alternate Members: Cllr Mears for Cllr Hodgson
Officers: Robert Duxbury (Planning Officer)
Martyn Surfleet (Executive Officer)

PL.20/23 Apologies

Councillor Ayers, Councillor Hodgson, Cllr Ilott

PL.21/23 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Beere declared personal interests as a member of the Cherwell District Council Planning Committee. Members indicated that any views expressed at the meeting would be based on the information currently available and a final decision, which in the light of further information, might differ from previous views, would be made at the Local Planning Authority Meeting.

PL.22/23 Minutes of the Last Meeting

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19 July 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by Cllr Bunce.

PL.23/23 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, there was then a discussion between members resulting in a vote on whether to raise no objections to applications 23/01799/F – 23/01811/F – 23/01848/F based on planning grounds. The results of said vote were as follows:

For – 2

Against – 1

Abstain – 4

A further vote was taken on whether to raise concerns on the operational and safeguarding viability of the proposals presented in applications 23/01799/F – 23/01811/F – 23/01848/F.

The results of said vote were as follows:

For – 6

Against – 1

Abstain – 0

Members agreed that the proposals set out by the Planning officer regarding as the observations included within Appendix 1 be forwarded to the local planning authority for consideration.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the comments, as set out in Appendix 1, be forwarded to the Local Planning Authority.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED that a letter be written to Oxfordshire County Council Children's services to raise the concerns set out in Appendix 1, and request a response for members.

PL.24/23 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.25/23 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 noted that there were two contrary determinations.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the report be noted.

PL.26/23 Oxfordshire County Council - Local Transport & Connectivity Plan (Transport Hubs)

The committee considered the report of the Planning Officer regarding Oxfordshire County Councils Local Transport and Connectivity Plan.

Members were briefed on the proposals regarding transport hubs within Banbury and were requested to provide feedback and suggestions to be passed onto Oxfordshire County Council for consideration.

IT WAS RESOLVED to receive and note the report.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED that members will provide feedback to the planning officer prior to the closing date for comments on **01 September 2023**.

The meeting ended at 19.53 pm