

Cherwell District Council

Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 17 July 2017 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Maurice Billington (Chairman)
Councillor Jolanta Lis (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor David Anderson
Councillor Hannah Banfield
Councillor Andrew Beere
Councillor Claire Bell
Councillor Hugo Brown
Councillor Mark Cherry
Councillor Colin Clarke
Councillor Ian Corkin
Councillor Nick Cotter
Councillor Surinder Dhesi
Councillor John Donaldson
Councillor Sean Gaul
Councillor Carmen Griffiths
Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE
Councillor Chris Heath
Councillor David Hughes
Councillor Shaida Hussain
Councillor Tony Ilott
Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes
Councillor James Macnamara
Councillor Kieron Mallon
Councillor Nicholas Mawer
Councillor Andrew McHugh
Councillor Alastair Milne-Home
Councillor Richard Mould
Councillor D M Pickford
Councillor Lynn Pratt
Councillor Neil Prestidge
Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Barry Richards
Councillor Dan Sames
Councillor Les Sibley
Councillor Nigel Simpson
Councillor Tom Wallis
Councillor Douglas Webb
Councillor Bryn Williams
Councillor Barry Wood
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Apologies for Councillor Ken Atack
Councillor Mike Bishop

absence: Councillor Simon Holland
Councillor Alan MacKenzie-Wintle
Councillor Nigel Morris
Councillor Sandra Rhodes
Councillor Jason Slaymaker
Councillor Nicholas Turner

Officers: Yvonne Rees, Chief Executive
Scott Barnes, Director of Strategy and Commissioning
Ian Davies, Director of Operational Delivery
Paul Sutton, Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer
Natasha Clark, Interim Democratic and Elections Manager
James Doble, Interim Assistant Director Transformational
Governance / Monitoring Officer

19 **Declarations of Interest**

9. Motions.

Councillor G A Reynolds, Declaration, as he had an Uncle who would fall into the category were there to be a major development in Shutford.

14. Build! Programme - Capital Budget.

Councillor John Donaldson, Declaration, as a non-Executive Director of Cherwell Community Build and would leave the meeting for the duration of the item.

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18. Build! Programme - Capital Budget - Exempt Appendix.

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20 **Communications**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

Chairman's Engagements

A copy of the events he or the Vice-Chairman had attended was included in the agenda pack. The Chairman referred to the Royal Garden Party he had attended at Buckingham Palace, which had been particularly enjoyable.

Post

The Chairman reminded members to collect any post from their pigeon holes.

21 **Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting**

There were no petitions or requests to address the meeting.

22 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

23 **Minutes of Council**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

24 **Minutes**

a) **Minutes of the Executive, Lead Member Decisions and Executive Decisions made under Special Urgency**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive and Lead Member decisions as set out in the Minute Book be received and that it be noted that since the last meeting of Council, 3 decisions had been taken by the Executive which were not included in the 28 day notice. These decisions related to Strategic Property Acquisition in Banbury; Stratfield Brake Sports Ground, Kidlington; and, New Homes Bonus: Construction Apprenticeships and Skills.

b) **Minutes of Committees**

Resolved

That the minutes of Committees as set out in the Minute Book be received.

25 **Questions**

a) **Written Questions**

The Chairman advised Council that one written question had been submitted with advance notice in accordance with the Constitution. The question was from Councillor Beere and addressed to the Lead Member for Planning, Councillor Clarke, and was in relation to planning applications and appeals. A written answer had been tabled at the meeting (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book).

b) **Questions to the Leader of the Council**

Questions were asked and answers received on the following issues:

Payment of council tax / NNDR by properties running as AirBnB and regulation lettings: Councillor Mawer
Fire safety in Cherwell District Council owned buildings: Councillor Woodcock
Voter registration: Councillor Dhesi
Local Green Space designation of Bicester Rugby Playing fields as part of the Local Plan Part 2: Councillor Sames
Security of Cherwell District Council owned buildings: Councillor Cherry
Government pay cap on public sector pay: Councillor Richards
Student debt: Councillor Mallon
Housing of Syrian refugees: Councillor Gaul

c) Questions to Committee Chairmen on the minutes

There were no questions to Committee Chairman on the minutes of meetings.

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Motions

a) Naming of Roads and Streets

In presenting his motion, Councillor Mallon referred to the tabled version which contained a minor amendment to the motion included on the published agenda. It was moved by Councillor Mallon, and seconded by Councillor Woodcock that the following motion be adopted:

“To mark the centenary of the end of WW1, this council recognises those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Great War of 1914-1918 and conflicts since then from North Oxfordshire and wishes to honour those who gave their lives and commemorate the local families they left behind.

To this end, we as the principle planning authority, let it be known that if Towns and Villages within the Cherwell District wish to honour those who died and are recorded or are on the local War Memorials by naming roads and streets in new developments after the fallen from within the parish we will look favourably on the request.

Cherwell will work with those Towns and Parishes to research and where possible accommodate such a request in any new developments that the towns and villages may have within the parish boundaries in the coming years.”

The motion was debated and subsequently agreed.

Resolved

That the following motion be adopted:

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27 **Community Governance Review Update**

The Assistant Director – Transformational Governance submitted a report to consider the draft recommendations from the Community Governance Review (CGR) Working group, ahead of the second consultation phase which will start on 31 July 2017.

Resolved

- (1) That the separation of the existing Upper Heyford Parish into two, as shown on the map at the annex to the Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book) be approved for consultation.
- (2) That, further to resolution (1), the parishes being named Upper Heyford and Heyford Park be approved for consultation.
- (3) That, further to resolutions (1) and (2), Upper Heyford Parish retaining six parish councillors, and Heyford Park having seven parish councillors be approved for consultation
- (4) That the number of Parish Councillors for Fritwell being increased by one, from six to seven be approved for consultation.
- (5) That the number of Parish Councillors for Stratton Audley being increased by two, from five to seven, be approved for consultation.
- (6) That the number of Parish Councillors for Tadmarton remaining at seven be approved for consultation.
- (7) That the number of Parish Councillors for Weston-on-the-Green being increased by one, from seven to eight, be approved for consultation.
- (8) That the number of Parish Councillors for Yarnton being increased by one, from nine to ten, be approved for consultation.

28 **Approval of Amendments to the Joint Contract Procedure Rules**

The Assistant Director Transformational Governance submitted a report to seek approval to amendments required to be made to the Joint Contract Procedure Rules in place at Cherwell District Council and South

Northamptonshire Council in order to ensure those Rules continue to reflect current law and procurement practice.

Resolved

- (1) That, subject to South Northamptonshire Council resolving in similar terms at its meeting on 19 July 2017, the changes made to the Joint Contract Procedure Rules (annex to the minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be agreed.

29 **2016/17 Treasury Management Annual Report**

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report which presented information on treasury management performance and compliance with treasury management policy during 2016/17 as required by the Treasury Management Code of Practice.

Resolved

- (1) That the 2016/17 Treasury Management Annual Report, in line with the Treasury Management Strategy, be noted.

30 **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17**

The Assistant Director – Transformational Governance submitted a report which presented the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2016/17.

Resolved

- (1) That the contents of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17 be noted.

31 **Build! Programme - Capital Budget**

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report to approve the capital budget of £200,000 for pre-development costs for Phase 1(b) of the Build! project as recommended by Executive.

Resolved

- (1) That, in accordance with the agreed recommendations of the Executive, the capital budget of £200,000 for pre-development costs for Phase 1(b) of the Build Programme be approved.

32 **Woodpiece Road Parking Project - Capital Budget**

The Director of Operational Delivery submitted a report to consider a capital budget of £40,000 for Phase 1 of the Woodpiece Road parking project as recommended by the Executive.

Resolved

- (1) That the creation of a capital budget of £40,000 necessary to carry out the Phase 1 works be approved with delegated authority given to the Chief Finance Officer to approve the final cost.

33 **Yvonne Rees, Chief Executive**

On behalf of Council, the Chairman welcomed Yvonne Rees, the new Joint Chief Executive for Cherwell District Council and South Northamptonshire Council.

The Chief Executive thanked Members for the welcome she had received and commented that she was excited by her new role and she looked forward to working with Members and officers to address the future challenges and opportunities at both Cherwell District Council and South Northamptonshire Council.

34 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved

That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the ground that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part 1, Paragraph 3 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

35 **Questions on Exempt Minutes**

There were no questions on exempt minutes.

36 **Build! Programme - Capital Budget - Exempt Appendix**

Resolved

- (1) That the exempt appendix be noted.

37 **Woodpiece Road Parking Project - Capital Budget - Exempt Appendix**

Resolved

- (1) That the exempt appendix be noted.

Strategic Property Acquisition Update

The Chief Finance Officer submitted an exempt report which provided an update on a strategic property acquisition.

Resolved

- (1) As set out in the exempt minutes.
- (2) That the reasonable assumptions within the development appraisals completed both in-house and by Gerald Eve be accepted.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm

Chairman:

Date: