

## **Cherwell District Council**

### **Council**

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at Bodicote House, Bodicote,  
Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 22 July 2013 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Lawrie Stratford (Chairman)

Councillor Ken Atack  
Councillor Alyas Ahmed  
Councillor Andrew Beere  
Councillor Maurice Billington  
Councillor Fred Blackwell  
Councillor Norman Bolster  
Councillor Ann Bonner  
Councillor Colin Clarke  
Councillor Margaret Cullip  
Councillor Surinder Dhesi  
Councillor John Donaldson  
Councillor Tim Emptage  
Councillor Andrew Fulljames  
Councillor Michael Gibbard  
Councillor Timothy Hallchurch MBE  
Councillor Alastair Milne Home  
Councillor Chris Heath  
Councillor Tony Ilott  
Councillor Ray Jelf  
Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes  
Councillor James Macnamara  
Councillor Melanie Magee  
Councillor Nicholas Mawer  
Councillor Nigel Morris  
Councillor D M Pickford  
Councillor Lynn Pratt  
Councillor Neil Prestidge  
Councillor Nigel Randall  
Councillor G A Reynolds  
Councillor Alaric Rose  
Councillor Gordon Ross  
Councillor Daniel Sames  
Councillor Les Sibley  
Councillor Trevor Stevens  
Councillor Rose Stratford  
Councillor Lynda Thirzie Smart  
Councillor Nicholas Turner  
Councillor Douglas Webb  
Councillor Barry Wood  
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Also present: Superintendent Colin Paine  
Max Caller, Chairman of the Local Government Boundary  
Commission for England  
Tim Bowden, Review Manager to address Council

Apologies for  
absence: Councillor Kieron Mallon  
Councillor Patrick Cartledge  
Councillor Diana Edwards  
Councillor Simon Holland  
Councillor David Hughes  
Councillor Russell Hurle  
Councillor Jon O'Neill  
Councillor P A O'Sullivan  
Councillor Douglas Williamson

Officers: Sue Smith, Chief Executive  
Calvin Bell, Director of Development  
Ian Davies, Director of Community and Environment  
Martin Henry, Director of Resources / Section 151 Officer  
Kevin Lane, Head of Law and Governance / Monitoring Officer  
James Doble, Democratic and Elections Manager

15 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

16 **Communications**

The Chairman reported that the shared Democratic and Elections team was highly commended in the recent Municipal Journal Democratic Services award. Council congratulated the team on their achievement.

Additionally the Chairman noted a schedule of the events he had attended since December had been circulated.

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

There were no petitions or requests to address the meeting.

18 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

19 **Minutes of Council**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20 **Update on Local Policing by Local Police Area Commander for Cherwell**

The Chairman invited the Local Police Area Commander for Cherwell, Superintendent Colin Paine, to address Council following which members had the opportunity to ask questions to which answers were duly applied. The Chairman thanked Superintendent Paine for his contribution.

21 **Presentation by Local Government Boundary Commission for England**

The Chairman invited Max Caller, Chairman of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England and Tim Bowden, Review Manager to address Council. Following the presentation members asked questions of the review team regarding the procedure for the forthcoming boundary review. The Chairman thanked Mr Caller and Mr Paine for their attendance,

22 **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 February meeting of Council, two Executive decisions had been taken that was subject to the special urgency provisions of the Constitution, regarding Bodicote Park and and Bicester Civic Centre.

b) **Minutes of Committees**

**Resolved**

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

23 **Questions**

a) **Written Questions**

There were no written questions.

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

Questions were asked and answers received on the following issues:

Comprehensive Spending Review: Councillor Woodcock  
New planning guidance: Councillor Beere  
Rushed planning permissions: Councillor Dhesi  
Further roll out of Brighter Futures in Banbury: Councillor Macnamara  
Planning special measures: Councillor Emptage  
Delay to Local Plan: Councillor Woodcock : Written reply to be provided  
Thanking past Chairmen at Annual Council: Councillor Dhesi

**c) Questions to Committee Chairmen on the minutes**

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

24 **Motions**

There were no motions.

25 **Amendments to Committee Memberships**

The Leader of the Council notified that Councillor Nigel Randall would replace Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes on the Budget Planning Committee and Councillor Rose Stratford would replace Councillor Tim Hallchurch on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Resolved**

That Councillor Nigel Randall replace Councillors Mike Kerford-Byrnes on the Budget Planning Committee and Councillor Rose Stratford replace Councillor Tim Hallchurch on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

26 **Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2012/13**

The Head of Finance and Procurement submitted a report to review and approve the annual report of the Accounts, Audit and Risk committee for 2012/13.

**Resolved**

That the report be noted.

27 **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2012/13**

The Head of Law and Governance submitted the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2012/13.

**Resolved**

That the contents of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2012/13 be noted.

28 **2012/13 Treasury Management Annual Report**

The Head of Finance and Procurement submitted a report which presented information on treasury management performance and compliance with treasury management policy during 2012/13 as required by the Treasury Management Code of Practice.

**Resolved**

That the report be noted and confirmed that the report this report confirmed with the Treasury Management Strategy.

29 **Standards Committee - Appointment of Independent Person**

The Head of Law and Governance submitted a report to enable Council to appoint a statutory Independent Person pursuant to Section 28 (7) of the Localism Act 2011 following the expiry of the term of office of Dr Sadie Reynolds.

**Resolved**

- (1) That Graham Matthews be appointed as statutory Independent Person pursuant to Section 28 (7) of the Localism Act 2011 with a term of office expiring on the date of the Annual Meeting in May 2017.
- (2) That Dr Sadie Reynolds be thanked for her hard work as an Independent Person since 15 October 2012 and previously as an Independent member of the Standards Committee for the period 2004 - 2012.

30 **Community Governance Review 2012**

The Chief Executive submitted a report to ask Council to consider the recommendations of the Community Governance Review Working Group, and to agree that the Working Group be amended to form a Boundary Review Group in preparation for the district boundary review taking place later this year.

In the course of discussion it was agreed that officers would meet with Upper Heyford Parish Council at the earliest opportunity to progress their desire for the development of a separate council for Heyford Park.

**Resolved**

- (1) That an increase in the number of Parish Councillors for Adderbury Parish Council by one from 11 to 12 be approved, a change that will take effect at their next ordinary year of election in 2016.

- (2) That the moving of the land shown in red on the appended map 1 (annex to the minutes as set out in the minute book) from the Parish of Blackthorn into the Parish of Ambrosden be approved, a change that will take effect from the next ordinary year of election for Ambrosden in 2016
- (3) That (a) the moving of the land shown red on the appended map 2 (annex to the minutes as set out in the minute book) into Banbury Town Council area, from the parishes of Drayton, Hanwell and Bodicote, these changes to take place at the time of the next ordinary election for Banbury Town Council in 2016; and (b) the extension of the terms of office for Parish Councillors at Drayton Parish Council and Hanwell Parish Council by two years to bring them into line with the Banbury Town Council election be approved.
- (4) That (a) the moving of the land shown red on the appended map 3 (annex to the minutes as set out in the minute book) into Bicester Town Council area, from the parishes of Bucknell, Caversfield and Chesterton, this change to take place at the time of the next ordinary election for Bicester Town Council in 2015; and (b) the reduction in the terms of office for Parish Councillors at Bucknell Parish Council and Caversfield Parish Council by one year to bring them into line with the Bicester Town Council election be approved.
- (5) That an increase in the number of Bicester Town Councillors from 15 to 20 be approved, a change which will take place at the time of the next ordinary election for Bicester Town Council in 2015.
- (6) That an increase in Parish Councillors at Chesterton Parish Council by one from 6 to 7 be approved, a change which will take effect at the next ordinary election for the Parish in 2015
- (7) That an increase in the number of Parish Councillors for Bloxham Parish Council by one from 11 to 12 be approved, to take effect at the next ordinary election of the Parish Council in 2014.
- (8) That an increase in the number of Parish Councillors for Middleton Stoney Parish Council by two from 5 to 7 be approved, to take effect at the next ordinary election of the Parish Council in 2015.
- (9) That an increase in the number of Parish Councillors for Piddington Parish Council by two, from 5 to 7 be approved, to take effect at the next ordinary election of the Parish Council in 2016.
- (10) That no change be made to Upper Heyford Parish Council at this time, with officers monitoring progress of any major planning applications, community capacity building and reviewing the situation at an appropriate time within the next 5 years
- (11) That authority be delegated to the Head of Law and Governance, in consultation with the Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer, to complete all necessary actions in respect of the making of Statutory Orders to implement the changes

- (12) That authority be delegated to the Head of Law and Governance to request that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England make changes to Ward and Divisional Boundaries to reflect the revised Parish Boundaries
- (13) That agreement be given to change the Community Governance Review Working Group into a Boundary Review Working.
- (14) That authority be delegated to the Head of Law and Governance, in consultation with group leaders, to appoint two representatives from each political group to the Boundary Review Working Group in anticipation of the District Review taking place later in 2013.

The meeting ended at 8.06 pm

Chairman:

Date: