

AGENDA ITEM: 3

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held on 27 February 2023

Councillors:

Councillor Wilford Augustus
Councillor Alan Bacon
Councillor Joseph Baum
Councillor Qasar Chaudhry

Councillor Francis Holly
Councillor Chasey Hood
Councillor Nick Southworth (Chair)

In attendance:

Tony Marmo
Kathryn Graves
Georgina Fernandez

Chief Executive Officer
Community, Economy & Environment Manager
Democratic Services Officer

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hayyat and Fayyaz and were accepted by the Committee.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

53. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2023 were queried by the Chair, who asked for minute item 50 to be reviewed against other minutes in regard to councillor names being specified in response to a trading application.

RESOLVED:

- i) **Democratic Services Officer to review against previous minute documentation and amend accordingly for chair sign-off**

54. ACTION TRACKER

A discussion was held as to whether enough planning meetings are currently scheduled in the calendar to ensure that all planning applications are reviewed before closing deadlines. The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that in order to ensure gaps between meetings is 4 or less weeks the meetings would increase from 12 to 14 next year. Councillors confirmed they are content to meet 14 times next year.

RESOLVED:

- i) **Democratic Services Officer to include two extra meetings in next years calendar of planning meetings**

55. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members present made recommendations on the applications with comments to be submitted to the Planning Authority (Buckinghamshire Council who make the final decisions on all planning applications), on behalf of the committee by the Democratic Services Officer (see Appendix 1).

56. PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the decision notice received from Buckinghamshire Council since the last meeting of the Committee. There were no comments.

57. LOCAL PLAN FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

The local plan was noted by the committee and officers were asked to put together a response to be reviewed at the next meeting

RESOLVED:

- i) The Community, Economy & Environment Manager to put together a response for approval at the next meeting**

58. LOCAL PLAN CALL FOR EVIDENCE

The Community, Economy & Environment Manager presented a response which was noted and approved by the committee with the addition of Kingdom Hall.

RESOLVED:

- i) The Community, Economy & Environment Manager to amend the response and action the submission.**

The meeting closed at 8.27pm