

## **AGENDA ITEM: 6a**

### **CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held on 30 January 2023**

#### **Councillors:**

Councillor Wilford Augustus                      Councillor Nick Southworth (Chair)  
Councillor Alan Bacon  
Councillor Qasar Chaudhry  
Councillor Mohammad Fayyaz

#### **In attendance:**

Tony Marmo    Chief Executive Officer  
Georgina Fernandez                                  Democratic Services Officer

#### **42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Holly and Baum and were accepted by the Committee. Councillors Hayatt and Hood were absent.

#### **43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **44. MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2023 were approved.

#### **45. ACTION TRACKER**

This was noted.

#### **46. 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).

#### **47. PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

The Chair asked if The Democratic Services Officer could add a column to the spreadsheet to show a comparison between Buckinghamshire and Chesham Council decisions.

#### **RESOLVED:**

Democratic Services Officer to review documentation to include an extra column to include Chesham Council decisions for comparison with Buckinghamshire Council decisions.

#### **48. CHESHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP WORKING MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting on 16 January 2023 were noted.

#### **49. CHESHAM & DISTRICT TRANSPORT USER GROUP MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting on 3 January 2023 were noted.

#### **50. NEW STREET TRADING CONSENT APPLICATION**

An application by Hungry Jasmine for a street trading licence for their van on market square, offering pizza, pasta and burgers, was considered by councillors.

Councillors were not in favour of this application as it does not sit favourably with the night-time culture we are trying to develop in Chesham. It is not in keeping with Market Square and the committee do not wish to take away trade from the existing local businesses.

Councillors agreed that there was no appetite for this type of application and that the feedback from local restaurant owners is that whilst they are paying council rates, the vans are only paying for permits. We already have good quality food outlets which serve the Chesham demographic.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**Councillors resolved to object to the application by Hungry Jasmine for a street trading licence on Market Square Chesham.**

The meeting closed at 8.29pm