

**Minutes of a Planning Meeting of Caversfield Parish Council,
held on Thursday 2 January 2014 at 7.00pm,
at the MOD Police House, 14 Davis Gardens, Caversfield**

Present: Mrs Esther Bannister, Mr John Gilmore (Chairman), Mr Roger Shipway,
Mrs Glenice Sutcliffe

In attendance: PC Keith Herring (until 7.30pm), Cllr Lawrie Stratford (OCC), Mrs J Olds
(Parish Clerk) and 11 members of the public

Apologies: Mrs June Nisbet

1. Apologies

The Councillors accepted Mrs Nisbet's apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mr Shipway is a near resident. The other Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to Mr Shipway contributing to the meeting.

3. Public Participation

11 members of the public attended the meeting together with Cllr Stratford.

The Clerk outlined the previous history and informed the meeting that all responses needed to be submitted to the Planning Inspector by 7 January. She also reminded the meeting that the application is for Outline Permission, but that it was worth raising all concerns at this stage.

The meeting was informed about a residents action group who have distributed their own leaflets to the majority of Caversfield and erected temporary banners on the Fringford Road. They have also set up a Facebook page.

The public engaged Cllr Stratford in a wide discussion which was not relevant to the response to the Planning Inspector, but which was helpful to put the application in context.

The public were invited to attend the Parish Councillors' discussion on the matter, but they chose to leave the meeting at 8.15pm.

4. Planning Applications

The Councillors considered the Parish response to the Planning Inspector.

They wished to include the concerns about the five year supply of housing and whether or not the District Council has an adequate housing supply, that there is already a large number of new dwellings being developed within Caversfield, including at the City and Country Development - the Garden Quarter - and on the Eco town; and within Bicester at Kingsmere and Graven Hill.

City and Country at the Garden Quarter has already promised to provide a shop and a meeting room so the village shop / hall suggested by the appellant is not needed. The Parish Council is also concerned about taking over the running of a village hall.

The Councillors wished to reiterate that the proposed development is to be built on a historical and current buffer zone, outlined in the District Council's emerging Local Plan which was endorsed at full Council in October 2013. This buffer zone ensures that Caversfield is maintained as a separate rural village and not merged into Bicester.

The location is also not sustainable as there are very few amenities, no school and the main mode of transport would be by private car and not, as the appellant states by other means. The bus service is limited and may well become even more reduced; and the vehicle exits onto the main roads from the village are already difficult.

The inaccuracies in the transport plan have raised concerns.

The recent floods and poor weather has raised awareness about the flooding risk. All the calculations and documentation for the proposal only refer to the site area, whereas it is the effect on the surrounding area which is of concern and needs to be addressed.

The Councillors **RESOLVED** to ask the Clerk to submit a response to the Planning Inspector.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed Dated