

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee of Sandy Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber at 10, Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 4 August 2014 commencing at 6.45pm

Present: **Cllrs J Ali, T M Groom, W Jackson, M Pettitt, M Runchman, D Sharman, K Sharp, S Sutton**

Absent: **Cllrs T Cole and K Sharp**

In attendance: **Cllrs N Aldis, M Scott and the Town Clerk**

1 Apologies (32-2014/15)

Cllr Sharp had submitted apologies for his anticipated lateness.
Cllr Cole had submitted apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of interest (33-2014/15)

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none*
- ii) Non-disclosable Interests - none*

3 Planning Applications (34-2014/15)

To consider the following applications submitted for comment by Central Bedfordshire Council

23.07.14	CB/14/02774/ FULL Mr J Bartram C/O DLP Planning Consultants 4 Abbey Court Fraser Road Priory Business Park Bedford MK44 3WH	Extension of Warehouse 2 at 64 High Road, Beeston, Beds. Members scrutinized this application and discussed it at some length noting the proposed doubling in size of warehouse number 2. (Cllr Ali arrived during discussion of this item.) Members noted that the new entrance road to the site was being used by private vehicles to exit the site. The clerk had obtained clarification from CBC that the occupiers can legally use the new entrance to go in and out and also use the west end access of the site. Members remained concerned about the potential for increased numbers of vehicle movements if the proposed development went ahead and considered that access to the site should be reconsidered by the planning authority. There was concern that there was the potential for queuing on the A1 as HGVs tried to access the site and it was noted that the temporary office building could also necessitate more private vehicles accessing the site. It was felt by members that the applicants were engaging in planning "by stealth"
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		<p>and that if all the recent applications had been submitted at once a more satisfactory travel and access plan might have been considered. There were concerns about road safety on the A1, Orchard Road and along Beeston Green as well as concern about erosion of the village green itself.</p> <p>RESOLVED to object to the proposed development on the grounds of the effect of increased traffic through Beeston and on the A1.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to ascertain from the planning authority information about when they would look again at traffic management for the site if applications continue to be submitted.</p>
25.07.14	CB/14/02324/ FULL Mr P Vass 8 Laburnum Road Sandy SG19 1HQ	<p>Provision of pedestrian access ramp to front entrance, to replace existing stepped access at Sandy Baptist Church, Bedford Road, Sandy, Beds.</p> <p>The application was discussed.</p> <p>RESOLVED to make no objections notwithstanding that this was a site within the conservation area. It was suggested that any railing be painted a colour most likely to blend in with brickwork/background.</p>
28.07.14	CB/14/12847/ FULL Mr M Mabbott 5 Birch Grove Sandy SG19 1NG	<p>Pitched roof replacing existing flat roof to front elevation. Part garage conversion at 5 Birch Grove, Sandy Beds.</p> <p>The application was discussed.</p> <p>RESOLVED to make no objections to the proposed development as other properties in the area had already established a precedent and there was adequate parking on site.</p>

4 Late Planning Applications (35-2014/15)

There were no late planning applications to be considered.

5 Minutes of previous meeting (36-2014/15)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 14 July 2014 as a correct record of proceedings.

6 Items for Information (37-2014/15)

Application CB/14/02320/FULL had been withdrawn.

The appeal against the decision regarding a lawful development certificate at Longlake Meadow had been heard by the Planning Inspector and a decision was expected in approximately 5 weeks' time.

