

# Sandy Town Council

## Minutes of a meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee of Sandy Town Council which was held in the Council Chamber at 10, Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 4 January 2016 commencing at 6.45pm

**Present:** Cllrs J Ali, P Blaine, T Cole, W Jackson, M Pettitt (Chair), D Quick, J Sparrow and S Sutton  
**Absent:** Cllrs D Sharman and P Sharman  
**In attendance:** Cllrs N Aldis, M Hill and M Scott. Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator) and one member of the public.

### 1 Apologies (74-2015/16)

Apologies had been received from Cllr D Sharman and Cllr P Sharman.

### 2 Declarations of interest (75-2015/16)

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none
- ii) Other Interests – Cllr Sparrow drew attention to the fact she is acquainted with the applicant regarding application CB/15/00482 and accordingly would leave the room and take no part in the discussion.

### 3 Planning Applications (76-2015/16)

The following applications submitted for comment by Central Bedfordshire Council were reviewed and comments agreed.

07.12.15	CB/15/04601/ VOC Waterloo Solar Park Holdings Ltd Level 6 33 Holburn London EC1N 2HU	Variation of Condition 11 of planning permission CB/13/03549/FULL (solar park) condition to read “ The permission hereby granted shall endure for a period of 30 years from the date when electricity is first generated by the Solar Farm ( the ‘First Export Date’) – being the 20 <sup>th</sup> of March 2015. Within 6 months, following the completion of the 30 year period, the solar panels, support structures and associated buildings shall be removed in their entirety and the land shall be restored to its former condition. At Fernbury Farm, Tempsford Road, Everton, Sandy.  <b>Resolved:</b> to make no objections as there will be no adverse impact on Sandy.
08.12.15	CB/15/04556/ FULL Ms L Turner 23 Banks Drive Sandy SG19 1AE	Two storey rear extension and alterations to openings at 23 Banks Drive, Sandy, Beds.  <b>Resolved:</b> Resolved to make no objections based upon drawing number 3734-P01 dated 02.12.15 which accompanied the application as there would be no adverse impact upon the street scene. However members were somewhat confused

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		with the number of plans posted on the CBC Planning website some of which would appear to have been superseded by others.
08.12.15	CB/15/00482/ Mr G Sanderson 5 Cedar Gardens Sandy SG19 1EY	Works to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order: One Cedar tree in the front garden general prune & prune branches overhanging the property. The tree is located within Order MB/TPO/04/00013 and is listed as T2 at 5 Cedar Gardens, Sandy, Beds.  <b>Resolved:</b> to make no objections to this application subject to the approval of CBC's arboriculturist.
16.12.15	CB/TCA/15/ 00495 Mr M Ford Sandye Place Academy Park Road Sandy SG19 1JD	Works to trees within a Conservation Area: Fell one dead Walnut tree, Prune two Robinias, Fell Sweet Chestnut & Ash tree located within the grounds of Sandye Place Academy.  <b>Resolved:</b> to make no objection and support the felling of the dead Walnut tree and pruning of the two Robinias, but would welcome an explanation as to why the Sweet Chestnut and the Ash tree are to be felled in the absence of any indication on the Application Form that for example they are, dead, diseased etc. Also, that in view of the number of applications from the Academy over recent years for the felling of trees CBC be urged to require the Academy to present a plan for replacing the lost trees.  It was also <b>resolved</b> to ask the Clerk to write to the Academy noting members concerns and asking to see a copy of a replanting scheme at their earliest convenience.

#### 4 Late Planning Applications (77-2015/16)

There were none.

#### 5 Minutes of previous meeting (78-2015/16)

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 7 December 2015 as a correct record of proceedings.

#### 6 Items for Information (79-2015/16)

The Chair noted that he would be attending and speaking at a Development Management Committee meeting at Central Bedfordshire Council on 6 January 2016 in relation to application CB/15/03250/FULL – land adjacent to 28 Ivel Road, Sandy.

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The Chair and Cllr Hill informed members of a breach of planning that had occurred at Bulldog Steel Fabrications, Grange Nurseries, The Green, Beeston. A large steel frame building had been put up on the site without planning permission. CBC have been informed and the company has been instructed that they need to apply for planning permission for this structure and have been advised to include any other buildings that do not have permission on this application.

Members noted that application CB/15/03760/FULL – 26 Queen’s Road, Sandy which members had not made objections to had been refused by CBC on the grounds that ‘the proposed extension would, by reason of its size, siting and orientation, significantly reduce light in particular to the closest ground floor window of No 24 Queen’s Road. In addition, the extension would due to its size also have an overbearing impact on the rear of the neighbouring property.’

However, members also noted that applications CB/15/03843/FULL and CB/15/03844/LB – Park House, Nursing Home, Mill Lane, Sandy, which members had objected to had been granted by CBC.

A member noted that there had been an article in the press stating that DLP – the planning agents for the application regarding land west of the A1, has 3 other applications pending in Beds Borough. The Chair noted that he had been handed a letter from DLP before the meeting and members would receive more information in due course, when he had had a chance to read it. Another member requested a meeting to discuss the DLP application and the Council’s stance so all subsequent applications could be dealt with promptly. The Mayor will discuss this with the clerk.