

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 7 December 2015 commencing at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs P Blaine, T Cole, W Jackson, M Pettitt (Chair), D Quick, D Sharman, P Sharman, J Sparrow and S Sutton

Absent: Cllr J Ali

In Cllrs N Aldis, M Hill and M Scott. CBC Cllrs C Maudlin and P Smith.

attendance: Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator) and five members of the public.

1 Apologies (68-2015/16)

Apologies were received from Cllr J Ali and CBC Cllr T Stock. Cllr Sutton apologised for her late arrival.

2 Declarations of interest (69-2015/16)

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Cllr Sutton declared an interest in application CB/15/04059/FULL as an employee of the RSPB and accordingly would leave the room and take no part in discussion of this item.
- ii) Other Interests – none

3 Planning Applications (70-2015/16)

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

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| 11.11.15 | CB/15/01739/ FULL Mr B Ferrar 151a Crosshall Road Eaton Ford St Neots PE19 7GB | Amendments to application for consent for use for up to three Gypsy and Traveller Pitches with associated hardstanding, access and fencing at land adj to Popes Farm, 19 Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds. Mr Rowland as representative of residents of Georgetown cottages spoke about this application. After discussion it was resolved to object strongly to this application on the grounds of the site being inappropriate for development as it does not meet established criteria; potential excessive traffic noise, with a complete lack of screening from the A1, a classified Flood risk 3 area. Members resolved the site to be unsuitable for the proposed use for Gypsy and Traveller pitches since the potential exposure to excessive noise to those living in caravans and the like would result in an unsatisfactory level of residential amenity. It was noted that the noise report presented with this application is entirely inappropriate being since |
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| | | it pertains to a separate application at land adjacent to 1 Georgetown Cottages, and is irrelevant to the application under consideration. |
| 12.11.15 | CB/15/04249/ FULL Mr & Mrs Horne 29 Mill Lane Sandy SG19 1NL | Alterations and extensions comprising of a two storey side extension with raised roof to host dwelling, single storey rear extension and detached car port at 29 Mill Lane, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections to the planning aspect of this application and to approve the tree works as set out in the accompanying report subject only to approval of the CBC arboriculturist. |
| 13.11.15 | CB/15/04059/ FULL Mr P Bradley The RSPB The Lodge Potton Road Sandy SG19 2DL | 2 CCTV cameras, each mounted on a 'swan neck' and 6 metre pole, requiring 200 meters of 100mm ducting containing power and data cables to be buried to 600mm depth at The Lodge, Potton Road, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objection to this application and to welcome the security measures being put in place. |
| 11.11.15 | CB/15/03937/ OUT Mr S Doyle Templeview Developments Ltd Kitchen End House Kitchen End Silsoe MK45 4QT | Amendments to outline planning application on the Land West of Sandy (Girtford Bridge) for up to 216 residential dwellings, 8 self build plots, 138 -bed Continuing Care Retirement Dwelling (CCRC) and approximately 15,000sqft B1 (Office) development with all matters reserved, except access at Land West of Sandy between A1 and River Ivel, North of Girtford Bridge, Sandy. Resolved: to object to this planning application since the Flood Risk report indicates the necessity of providing elevation to the properties thus highlighting the significant risk of flooding to this area. Furthermore, action taken to mitigate this risk will of itself foreseeably result in flooding to other properties in adjacent areas. |
| 20.11.15 | CB/15/04342/ FULL Mr & Mrs Baldwin 9 All Saints Way Sandy SG19 1DX | Double storey side extension and single storey front extension at 9 All Saints Way, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections to this application. |

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| 25.11.15 | CB/15/04458/ FULL Mr & Mrs Nash 5 Coopers Close Sandy SG19 1NQ | Two storey rear and single storey side extension at 5 Coopers Close, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections to this application as it will have no adverse impact on the street scene. |
| 25.11.15 | CB/15/04456/ FULL Mr L Connors Long Lake Meadow High Road Seddington SG19 1NU | Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for the accommodation of up to 5 gypsy families, including the laying of hardstanding at land at Long Lake Meadow, High Road, Seddington, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to object to this application on the grounds that the site is not sustainable as a gypsy and traveller site, due to residents having to travel to Biggleswade to turn around and travel back north to access schools and doctors in Sandy. It was noted that information given in the application needs to be accurate otherwise councils comments could have a material effect. The site needs to be regularised before further applications are dealt with. |

4 Late Planning Applications (71-2015/16)

There were none.

5 Minutes of previous meeting (72-2015/16)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 16 November 2015 as a correct record of proceedings.

6 Items for Information (73-2015/16)

Members noted that application CB/15/02662/FULL – 4 The Green, Beeston which members had made objections to had been granted by CBC. As access is over land owned by Sandy Town Council it was noted that correspondence should be expected from the applicant to discuss access.

It was noted that Town Council had received a letter from CBC as a neighbouring parish regarding application CB/15/04612/VOC – Plot 2, Woodside Caravan Park, Thorncote Road, Northill.

Members drew attention to the fact that including the letter as a neighbouring parish, 3 applications on tonight's agenda were in relation to gypsy and traveller sites and wondered what CBC's policy was in relation to this sites.