

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 14 September 2015 commencing at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs P Blaine, T Cole, M Pettitt (Chair), D Quick, D Sharman, P Sharman, J Sparrow and S Sutton
Absent: Cllrs J Ali and W Jackson
In attendance: Cllrs N Aldis, M Hill, C Osborne and M Scott. CBC Cllrs C Maudlin and T Stock. Mr C Robson (Town Clerk), Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator) and two members of the public.

1 Apologies (44-2015/16)

No apologies had been received.

2 Declarations of interest (45-2015/16)

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none
- ii) Other Interests - none

3 Planning Applications (46-2015/16)

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

Referring to Item Reference CB/15/02943/ MW the Chairman reported that he and 6 other members had taken part in a site visit that morning facilitated by the applicant's agent, Mr J Sheppard. While present at Warren Villas Mr Sheppard had responded to a wide range of questions put to him by members and it was generally agreed that what had been seen and learned would assist members with their deliberations at this meeting.

24.08.15	CB/15/02471/ MW Lafarge Tarmac Trading Limited Portland House Bickenhill Lane Solihull Birmingham B37 7BQ-	The importation of 2,000 tonnes per annum of PAS100 compost for blending with sand extracted at Sandy Heath Quarry, Potton Road, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: To make no objections.
20.08.15	CB/15/03076/ FULL The Co-operative Group 1 Angel Square Manchester M60 0AG	Installation of new replacement condensers, new external cold room and additional car parking spaces at Sandy Filling Station, Great North Road, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: To make no objections.

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27.08.15	CB/15/02785/ FULL Mr C Simons 2 Churchill Way Sandy SG19 1LP	Two storey side extension at 2 Churchill Way, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: To make no objections.
03.09.15	CB/15/03257/ FULL Mr G Clements 24 Western Way Sandy SG19 1DR	Two storey side extension at 24 Western Way, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: To make no objections.
04.09.15	CB/15/02943/ MW Mr J Stevenson Acorn Transport & Plant Hire Ltd Grovelands Farm Colesden Road Ducks Cross Bedford MK44 2QW	Change of use of land to an inert waste recycling centre by screening and crushing and construction of five associated 3.5 metre-high acoustic bunds plus retrospective change of use of land to a mix of fishing and nature conservation uses with associated engineering operations to create fishing swims at former quarry plant site, Warren Villas Quarry, New Road, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: To make no objections and to support this application as the applicant had addressed concerns regarding HGV traffic by including an HGV plan. There are plans in place to reinstate the permissive path and it will have a positive impact on the environment.

4 Late Planning Applications (47-2015/16)

There were none.

5 Minutes of previous meeting (48-2015/16)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 24 August 2015 as a correct record of proceedings.

6 Items for Information (49-2015/16)

Cllr Pettitt reported on a recent meeting that he attended together with the Town Clerk, the Mayor and Cllr Aldis along with representatives from DLP Planning of Bedford regarding a proposed development to the west of the A1. Cllr Pettitt pointed out that this was at this stage for information purposes only as no plans had yet been received although CBC are aware that plans will be forthcoming shortly. Cllr Pettitt then summarized the content of a letter subsequently received from DLP Planning and distributed maps of the proposed site. The site covers 60 acres to the west of the A1. The proposal is for 220 residential units, approximately 10 self-build plots, a 150 unit elderly persons independent living complex, commercial units and a strategic landscape and ecology corridor. Councillors initial concerns were regarding accesses onto and from the A1 and the fact that cars would have to turn north before being able to turn south. The impact on the local infrastructure – schools, doctors etc. What effect it will have on the green wheel. The fact that there is air pollution in that area and this will

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only increase it. It was agreed that when the plans were received that they would go to a full Town Council meeting for consideration being of potential major strategic importance. It was noted that DLP Planning were hoping to book the Town Council chamber for a public exhibition during the first week of October having already booked Sandy Village Hall for the same purpose.

Cllr Hill then reported that a new build had gone up at the Bartrams Timber Yard development and he was unsure if this had planning permission. He also reported that he had received reports that there were lorry movements between 5 – 6am which is in contravention of the conditions put in place when planning permission was granted. It was resolved to write to CBC expressing Councils renewed major concerns over increased activity at this location.