

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 July 2014 commencing at 6.45pm

Present: Cllrs T Cole, M Groom, W Jackson, M Pettitt (Chair), D Sharman and K Sharp

Absent: Cllrs J Ali, M Runchman and S Sutton

In attendance: Cllr N Aldis, Town Clerk, Anne Elliott-Flockhart –Office Administrator

1 Apologies (26-2014/15)

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs J Ali, M Runchman and S Sutton.

2 Declarations of interest (27-2014/15)

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

3 Planning Applications (28-2014/15)

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

25.06.14	CB/14/02038/ FULL Mr R Morrissey 168b St Neots Road Sandy SG19 1BS	Construction of a conservatory to the rear and construction of an entrance porch to the front at 168b St Neots Road, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections to this application as it would seem to be within permitted development.
25.06.14	CB/14/02320/ FULL Mr W Little 55 Ivel Gardens Biggleswade SG18 0AN	Erection of 2 semi-detached bungalows and detached garage at land to the rear of 174 St Neots Road, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to object to the proposed development as it would be an overdevelopment of the site, car parking facilities would make it hard to turn and access is hindered by an overhang from the bungalow in front of the development.
27.06.14	CB/14/02384/ FULL Mr A Hudson Unit 1 Spence Mills Mill Lane Leeds LS13 3HE	New Solar Panel installation to existing factory building at 56-58 Sunderland Road, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections to the installation of solar panels as the committee would encourage businesses to consider the environment.
02.07.14	CB/14/02362/ FULL Mr J Bartram BG Timber C/o DLP Planning Consultants	Temporary siting for a period of 12 months for a timber clad office building at 64 High Road, Beeston. Resolved: to make no objections though the committee would like to point out the part retrospective element (work started in June 2014). The committee would urge

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	4 Abbey Court Fraser Road Priory Business Park Bedford MK44 3WH	that if consent is granted that it be backdated to the first date of occupancy. Thereafter would urge CBC to monitor to ensure the temporary nature of the application does not extend beyond 12 months.
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4 **Late Planning Applications (29-2014/15)**

There were none.

5 **Minutes of previous meeting (30-2014/15)**

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 23 June 2014 as a correct record of proceedings.

6 **Items for Information (31-2014/15)**

Members noted that Council is still waiting to hear back from CBC regarding the illuminated shop sign at 25 High Street, Sandy.

Members were reminded of the appeal hearing regarding unauthorized change of use of land to the siting of caravans and unauthorized hard standing at Long Lake Meadow, which will take place on 29 July 2014 at 10am at Central Bedfordshire Council. The Town Clerk and Administrator will be attending the hearing.

The Administrator has written to the Pegasus Group inviting them to attend the meeting where the application for the proposed Solar Farm Extension at Land to the West of Fernbury Farm will be discussed.

Members noted that CBC had refused the application at 22 The Avenue on the grounds that by reason of its siting, design and scale would cause an overbearing and harmful impact upon the residential amenity of the occupiers of No. 24 The Avenue. The applicants are appealing.

The Clerk reported her findings regarding the concerns about street furniture in the town. CBC are the enforcement authority for this area but do not have the resources to enforce this issue. CBC are working with Biggleswade Town Council on a scheme whereby Biggleswade TC would be able to enforce this issue. Details of this scheme will be going to the Community Services and Environment Committee meeting on 4 August 2014.

Council had received a response from CBC regarding the refusal of the application at 5 Stockton End. The proposed introduction of the small unit accessed via the west elevation would have resulted in the loss of two parking spaces in order to facilitate access to that unit. After considering the plans again it was noted that car parking facilities were not shown on the plan.