

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 18 July 2016 commencing at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs W Jackson, M Pettitt (Chair), D Sharman, P Sharman, J Sparrow and S Sutton.

Absent: Cllrs J Ali, P Blaine, G Leach and D Quick.

In attendance: Cllr N Aldis. Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator)

1 Apologies (20-2016/17)

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Ali.

2 Declarations of interest (21-2016/17)

i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none

ii) Other Interests – Cllr Sutton declared an interest in application CB/16/02486/FULL as a friend and neighbour and application CB/TRE/16/00220 as a work colleague and accordingly would take no part in the discussion of these items.

3 Planning Applications (22-2016/17)

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

24.06.16	CB/16/02486/ FULL Mr R Tycer 48 Bedford Road Sandy SG19 1EP	Single storey front bay window at 48 Bedford Road, Sandy, SG19 1EP. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
30.06.16	CB/16/02488/ FULL Ms K Chase 26 Cottage Road Sandy SG19 1BY	Change of use: A shed converted into a Grooming Parlour (Retrospective) at 26 Cottage Road, Sandy, SG19 1BY. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
30.06.16	CB/16/02523/ FULL Mrs F Morrow Popes Farm 19 Tempsford Road Sandy SG19 2AE	Barn conversion with detached double garage at Popes Farm, 19 Tempsford Road, Sandy, SG19 2AE. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.

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04.07.16	CB/TCA/16/ 00218 Mr D Jones 52 Bedford Road Sandy SG19 1EP	Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area: trim and tidy Conifer Trees (T1) to 6ft and reduce height by 10ft and tidy Eucalyptus tree at 52 Bedford Road, Sandy, SG19 1EP. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
06.07.16	CB/TRE/16/ 00220 Mr Spencer 8a Bedford Road Sandy SG19 1EL	Works to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order: Prune one Cedar tree located within the rear garden. The tree is protected by TPO Ref: MB/TPO/80/0003 and listed as T2 at 8a Bedford Road, Sandy, SG19 1EL. Resolved: to make no objections to this application subject to CBC's arboriculturist's approval.
07.07.16	CB/16/02448/ ADV Co-op 1 Angel Square Manchester M60 0AG	Advertisement: 4 illuminated (A, A1, B&C) fascia signs with 2 non-illuminated fascia signs (A2 & A3), 1 internally illuminated sign (D) and 25 non-illuminated wall mounted aluminium panels (signs F, G, H1, H2,H3,H4,I1, I2,I3, G1,G2, B1, L, C1, K, K1, K2, M, M1, M2, N, O, J, J1 and J2) at Budgens Stores Ltd, Market Square, Sandy, SG19 1JA. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
07.07.16	CB/16/02522/ FULL Mr Randhawa 22 Woodpecker Way Sandy SG19 2SQ	Single storey side extension and part garage conversion to create a play room at 22 Woodpecker Way, Sandy, SG19 2SQ. Resolved: to make no objections to this application but to regret the loss of parking which will add to on street parking.

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07.07.16	CB/16/02973/ FULL Mr J Tillisch Park House Nursing Home Mill Lane Sandy SG19 1NL	<p>Single storey extension to the west, first floor extension to the west and infill courtyard rebuilding in place of existing conservatory. Minor internal modifications. Erection of external outbuilding for training purposes at Park House Nursing Home, Mill Lane, Sandy, SG19 1NL.</p> <p>Resolved: to object to this application on the grounds that it is an overdevelopment of the site and parking is already having a detrimental effect on the nearby streets.</p> <p>However, the committee failed to understand why this application had come before them as a full application and not as a variation as the plans are exactly the same as the previous application with one small variation, which was pointed out in a letter of objection from a neighbour.</p>
07.07.16	CB/16/02974/LB Mr J Tillisch Park House Nursing Home Mill Lane Sandy SG19 1NL	<p>Single storey extension to the west, first floor extension to the west and infill courtyard rebuilding in place of existing conservatory. Minor internal modifications. Erection of external outbuilding for training purposes at Park House Nursing Home, Mill Lane, Sandy, SG19 1NL.</p> <p>Resolved: to object to this application on the grounds that it is an overdevelopment of the site and parking is already having a detrimental effect on the nearby streets.</p> <p>However, the committee failed to understand why this application had come before them as a full application and not as a variation as the plans are exactly the same as the previous application with one small variation, which was pointed out in a letter of objection from a neighbour.</p>

4 Late Planning Applications (23-2016/17)

There were none.

5 Minutes of previous meeting (24-2016/17)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 27 June 2016 as a correct record of proceedings.

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6 Items for Information (25-2016/17)

The Chair informed members that despite contacting the CBC Councillors regarding CBC/16/01493/PADO – 5a Market Square, Sandy, no further information regarding this was available.

The Chair read out excerpts from an article in Clerks and Councils Direct regarding GPDO from a Clerk in Kidderminster who had experienced the effects of GPDO as their local authority had granted permission for a solar park in an area of natural beauty.

The Committee felt that Town and Parish Councils should be the eyes and ears for the Local Authority and felt they have been ridden roughshod over in this case. The Committee also felt that this should be escalated to the next Town Council meeting. CBC need to take this matter seriously as it's a recipe for disaster. The Committee resolved to recommend that a press release is issued regarding this and that fellow Councils should also be informed. The Chair will talk to the Mayor to see if it can go on the next Town Council meeting or can be dealt with under this committee.

Members noted that CB/15/04456/FULL – Long Lake Meadow, High Road, Seddington, Sandy – application for 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, would be going before CBC's Development Management Committee on Wednesday 20 July 2016. Cllr Aldis agreed that he would attend and speak on Council's behalf.

The Chair reported that issues with both Bartrams and Grange Nurseries in Beeston were still ongoing. If need be it might be worth inviting the planning officer to come in and talk about these issues.

Members discussed the changes that had been made to the Maharajah Restaurant in the Market Square. Members have concerns and the Chair would discuss these with the Clerk.

Members noted CBC's decision to refuse the application for Land West of the A1 which had been circulated previously.

Cllr Aldis asked if the comments from last week's Community plan meeting regarding the Draft Technical Assessment would be going before Town Council. The Chair believed it would be.