

# 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 17 October 2016 commencing at 6.30pm

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

**Absent:** Cllrs J Ali and G Leach.

**In attendance:** Cllrs N Aldis, T Cole and M Hill. CBC Cllr P Smith. Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator).

### 1 Apologies (44-2016/17)

Apologies had been received from Cllr J Ali.

### 2 Declarations of interest (45-2016/17)

i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none

ii) Other Interests – CBC Cllr P Smith declared an interest in application CB/16/03342/OUT, as he is acquainted with the applicant.

### 3 Planning Applications (46-2016/17)

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

CB/16/04192/RM Mr J Gotzheim Aldbury Homes Ltd 9 Media Village Liscombe Park Soulbury Leighton Buzzard LU7 OJL	Application for Approval of Reserved Matters App No: CB/16/01778/OUT. Details of the access, layout, scale, appearance & landscaping incl boundary treatments. Details of existing and final ground, ridge & slab levels of the buildings approved. Details of the hard and soft landscaping and maintenance and management plan for 10 yrs date of its delivery in acc with condition. Details of the surface water drainage scheme and associated construction. Details for secure and covered parking of cycles on the site. Details illustrating vehicular turning area within the curtilage of the site. Submission of a Phase 1 Ecological appraisal of the site. At land adjacent to Popes Farm, 19 Tempsford Road, Sandy, SG19 2AE.  <b>Resolved:</b> to make no objections to this application.
CB/16/03342/ OUT Mr K Barton ALF Aquatic Distributors Ltd Telford Way Cambridge Road Bedford MK42 0PQ	Outline Application for use classes B1, B2 and B8 development on Land at Unit 3 Beamish Close, Sandy, SG19 1SD.  <b>Resolved:</b> that the committee had no objections to the proposed change of use and welcomed the opportunity of additional employment for the community and would urge applicants to proceed as soon as possible.

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	CB/16/04534/ FULL Mr P Westrop Dane Hill Farm Tempsford Road Sandy SG19 2AH	Erection of Agricultural building for general purpose agricultural implement and plant store at Dane Hill Farm, Tempsford Road, Sandy, SG19 2NH.  <b>Resolved:</b> to make no objections to this application.
	CB/16/03998/ FULL Mr J Spicer 23 Merlin Drive Sandy SG19 2UN	Construction of an open canopy porch in front of the existing front door and to be extended along the right hand side of the ground floor at 23 Merlin Drive, Sandy, SG19 2UN.  <b>Resolved:</b> to make no objections to this application as it would improve the balance of the property.

#### 4 Late Planning Applications (47-2016/17)

There were none.

#### 5 Minutes of previous meeting (48-2016/17)

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 26 September 2016 as a correct record of proceedings.

#### 6 Items for Information (49-2016/17)

The Chair informed members about a briefing on planning for Town and Parish Councils held by CBC on 5 October 2016 that he attended alongside Cllr P Sharman. He reported that the evening was very informative and passed out copies of the presentation to other members. He urged that members read the material and if they get the chance to look at the speaker's website [www.tra-ltd.co.uk](http://www.tra-ltd.co.uk). The Chair spoke to a member of CBC at the briefing, regarding GPDO's with particular regard to Application CB/16/03976/PAD which was discussed at the meeting of this committee on 26 September 2016 and who said he would look into the matter and make contact with our Clerk in due course.

The Chair informed members that in future all notifications of enforcement cases will be forwarded to all members electronically for their information rather than waiting to be discussed at the next available meeting.

Cllr Hill reported that the agents acting on behalf of Bartram's Timber would like to arrange a meeting with Council, which the Clerk is in the process of organising.

Members noted that application CB/16/01522/FULL for a single storey detached garage at 29 Bedford Road, which members made no objections to had been refused by CBC on the grounds that the lack of visibility caused by the siting of the proposed detached garage located to the south of the site onto the public highway would cause an unacceptable impact to the safety of pedestrians using

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the public footpath adjacent to the application site due to the lack of visibility for vehicles when leaving the proposed garage, and would therefore cause unacceptable harm in relation to highway safety.

Cllr Aldis reported that the applicant for CB/16/02488/FULL – 26 Cottage Road, for change of use of a shed converted to a dog grooming parlour which CBC had refused was appealing the result.

CBC Cllr Smith reported that there is a possibility that Blunham will have an application for development of up to 120 houses in the near future. Cllr Smith will be calling this case in as he believes it is an overdevelopment of the site and will add to congestion on the current road systems.

Cllr Pettitt asked CBC Cllr Smith if there was any truth to rumours that a service station will be built to the west of Biggleswade, at the Biggleswade south roundabout. Cllr Smith reported that nothing had come forward so far.