**Minutes of a meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy on Monday 2 July 2012 commencing at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs S Lunn, C Osborne, D Sharman, Mrs S Sutton, G White (Chairman)

**Absent:** Cllrs J Ali, K Lynch, M Pettitt, R Smith,

**In Attendance:** Cllrs Mrs M Runchman, M Scott

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| **1** | **Apologies**  Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ali, Lynch and Smith. |
| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  Cllr Osborne declared a personal interest in planning application CB/12/02028/ FULL as he and the applicant served on a committee together. |
| **3** | **Planning Applications**  The following planning applications had been received from Central Bedfordshire Council for comment and were reviewed by the committee.   1. **Planning Application CB/12/02028/ FULL** Erection of first floor side extension at **27 Western Way, Sandy, Beds.** A detailed letter of objection had been received from a near neighbour and this was considered alongside the plans.   **It was resolved:** to object to the proposed development because it represented an over-development of the site which would have an unacceptable adverse impact on the street scene and the next door neighbour.  **It was resolved:** to draw to the attention of Central Bedfordshire Council the inaccuracies in the submitted site plan and drawings which do not depict the property as it currently stands.   1. **Planning Application CB/12/02058/ FULL** Erection of single storey extensions at **5-14 Stonecroft, Sandy, Beds.**   **It was resolved:** to welcome and support the proposed development which was considered long overdue and would provide valuable improvements to the accommodation offered at these properties to the benefit of the local community.   1. **Planning Application** CB/12/02151/ FULL Erection of 3 dwellings with new access at **130 St Neots Road, Sandy, Beds.**   **It was resolved:** to comment to Central Bedfordshire thatthere were no objections to houses one and two in the proposed development but that house three, the Coach house, seemed to be an example of bad design with a poor interior layout and external appearance as well as awkward positioning of a visitor car park space.  Members noted that a petition had been received from neighbours concerning activity and new planning applications for the Timber yard at 64 High Road, Beeston. No new planning application had been received by the Council but the Clerk noted an awareness of local concerns about enforcement of previous planning conditions. Members were concerned that the succession of additional applications in connection with this site represented development by stealth. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the current position. |
| **4** | **Minutes of previous meeting**  **It was resolved:** to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 11th June 2012 as a correct record of proceedings. |
| **5** | **Items for information**   1. The Chairman noted that of all the planning applications relating to properties within the parish from January 2012 to date Central Bedfordshire had refused only one which was at 37 Woolfield. 2. The Clerk advised that the RSPB would be attending a future meeting to give a short presentation on their wind turbine application and on another occasion would talk to the Town Council about other development plans relating to the Lodge and its estate which might impact on the Town. |
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