

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 28 January 2019 commencing at 6.45pm

Present: Cllrs N Aldis, P Blaine, A Gibson, W Jackson, T Knagg, M Pettitt, P Sharman (Chair), S Sutton and N Thompson

Absent: Cllr G Leach

In attendance: Cllr T Cole and Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator)

1 Apologies (70-2018/19)

Apologies had been received from Cllr G Leach.

2 Declarations of interest (71-2018/19)

i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none

ii) Other Interests – none

3 Planning Applications (72-2018/19)

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

07.01.19	CB/18/04639/ FULL 87 Merlin Drive Sandy SG19 2UN	Single storey rear extension at 87 Merlin Drive, Sandy, SG19 2UN. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
08.01.19	CB/18/04447/ FULL 5 Coopers Close Sandy SG19 1NQ	Retrospective application for the Change of Use of land adjoining 5 Coopers Close (part of title number BD295633) for the replacement of a shed used for agricultural purposes with a larger single storey building (as per submitted plans) to provide dog physiotherapy facilities at 5 Coopers Close, Sandy, SG19 1NQ. Resolved: Members heard and considered three letters of objection from near neighbours which took into account their local knowledge and history of the site and resolved to strongly object to this application on the following grounds: a) The building is on a flood plain. b) It is undesirable for a business to exist in a residential area and will have a detrimental effect on near neighbours. c) On street parking is very limited and quite often spills out onto Mill Lane

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		d) The opening hours will affect near neighbours particularly in the evenings and at weekends. e) Noise levels will be unacceptable to near neighbours f) There is already an issue with drainage and this will exacerbate the situation
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4 Late Planning Applications (73-2018/19)

There were none.

5 Minutes of previous meeting (74-2018/19)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 7 January 2019 as a correct record of proceedings.

6 Items for Information (75-2018/19)

Members noted that Sandy Town Council will be informed when the appeal hearing for CB/18/01674/OUT for land north of Sandy, will take place and will be invited to make further comments. As this is a new appeal it may be a few months before the proceedings commence.

Members noted that application CB/18/04288/FULL for air conditioning units at 40-42 High Street Sandy, that was discussed at a meeting on 17 December 2018 has been withdrawn.

Members noted the following updates on enforcement cases:

- a) Land West of Station Road (CB/EN/18/0548) – Central Bedfordshire Council are awaiting a response from the landlord of the site. A change of use application is required. The old caravan used for storage of car cleaning items should have been moved from street frontage to adjacent to sales office by the railway line.
It was noted that this hadn't happened, the Administrator will report back to CBC.
- b) Beamish Close (CB/EN/18/0425)- CBC are seeking legal advice as the site operator is of the firm view that all is in order.
- c) 26 High Street (CB/EN/18/0516) – CBC have sent a letter to the land owner to request an advertisement consent application by the end of February 2019.
- d) 4 High Road, Beeston – (CB/EN/0427) – CBC are awaiting an update from the Highways agency.
- e) 4 The Green, Beeston – (CB/EN/18/0318) – site review anticipated in February 2019.
- f) Land and buildings at High Road, Beeston (CB/EN/18/0121) – CBC have reminded the agent that a planning application is required to be submitted.

A member couldn't attend the information presentation last week with the developers for land at Swaden and asked if they were still planning to submit an application. Another member replied that they were.

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