**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 13 August 2012 commencing at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs S Lunn, K Lynch, A Maycock C Osborne, M Pettitt, D Sharman, R Smith, Mrs S Sutton and G White (Chairman)

**Absent:** Cllr J Ali

**In Attendance:** Cllrs Aldis, Jackson, Mrs M Runchman and M Scott. The Town Clerk was in attendance and several members of staff and members of other councils were present along with officers from Central Bedfordshire Council.

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| **1** | **Apologies**  Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Ali. |
| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  Cllr Smith declared a personal interest in planning application CB/12/02449/FULL as he currently resided in Glebe Road.  Cllr Scott declared a personal interest in planning application CB/12/02386/FULL as this property adjoins his property. |
| **3** | **Planning Applications**  The following applications submitted for comment by Central Bedfordshire Council were reviewed by the committee.   1. **Planning Application CB/12/02448/OUT** Erection of two storey detached dwelling at rear of **31-35 Cambridge Road,** Sandy, Beds. Members heard oral representations from a neighbour regarding the impact of the proposed development on residents of Malaunay Place and noted correspondence received from other residents.   **It was resolved:** to make no objections to the proposed development which in principle was considered to be a suitable development for the site. The committee wished to draw the attention of the planning authority to the concerns of local residents as laid out in the various letters expressing concern regarding access, noise, safety and potential damage to road surfaces etc but was of the opinion that these concerns could be met by the imposition of suitable conditions.   1. **Planning Application** **CB/12/02386/FULL** Change of use for 6 existing cat pens from private use for own cats to use as a commercial cattery at **Royal Oak Cottage, 6 High Road, Seddington,** Beds.   **It was resolved:** to make no objections to the proposed development which it understood to be a retrospective planning application but also to draw the attention of the planning authority to local concerns about traffic and access to High Road Seddington and ask that consideration would be given to the implications of any increased traffic as a result of this change of use to a commercial cattery.   1. **Planning Application CB/12/02417/FULL** Single storey side/rear extension and summer house at 34 St Neots Road, Sandy, Beds.   **It was resolved:** to make no objections to the proposed development as it did not significantly alter the footprint of the dwelling and caused no loss of amenity to the neighbours.   1. **Planning Application CB/12/02449/FULL** Single storey side extension following demolition of existing garage at **28 Glebe Road, Sandy, Beds**   **It was resolved:** to make no objections to the proposed development as it was considered small and suitable for the site.   1. **Planning Application CB/12/02484/FULL** Erection of rear conservatory at **5 Larks Rise,** **Sandy,** Beds.   **It was resolved:** to make no objections to the proposed development as it was considered to be an appropriate addition to the existing house.   1. **Planning Application CB/12/02801/FULL** Erection of porch to front/side at **142 St Neots Road, Sandy, Beds.**   **It was resolved:** to make no objections to the proposed development which it was considered would balance out the appearance of the property and was in keeping with the street scene.   1. **Planning Applications CB/12/02571/FULL** and **CB/12/02572/LB** Repairs and alterations to conservatory at **70 High Street, Sandy, Beds.**   **It was resolved:** to make no objections to the proposed developments which were considered to be beneficial to the listed building. |
| **4** | **Minutes of previous meeting**  **It was resolved:** to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 16th July 2012 as a correct record of proceedings with two amendments ie that Cllr Sutton had not been present at the meeting and the insertion of the note that Cllr Scott had only been present from item 5 onwards. |
| **5.** | **Planning Briefing**  The Chairman welcomed Central Bedfordshire Officers Carrie Murphy, Stuart Robinson and David Lamb who had attended in order to deliver planning update training to members and officers. A presentation on current national and local planning policy followed. This was concluded with a presentation on local development management and members had the opportunity to ask questions. |