

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 9 May 2022 commencing at 6.45pm

Present: Cllrs P Blaine, A Gibson, J Hewitt, L Ivanciu-Wilkinson, M Pettitt, P Sharman (Chair) and S Sutton.

Absent: Cllrs W Jackson, T Knagg and N Thompson.

In attendance: Cllr N Aldis. Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator) and three members of the public.

1 Apologies (92-2021/22)

Apologies had been received from Cllrs W Jackson and T Knagg.

2 Declarations of interest (93-2021/22)

i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none

ii) Other Interests – Cllr Sutton declared an interest in application CB/22/01489/FULL – Land to rear of 43-51 St Neots Road as owner of some land in that area, and accordingly would not vote on the item.

3 Planning Applications (94-2021/22)

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

21.04.22	CB/22/01156/ FULL 23 St Swithun's Way Sandy SG19 1BG	Demolition of single storey side extension and modular garage. Construction of single storey detached dwelling with 3 parking spaces at 23 St Swithun's Way, Sandy. Resolved: to object to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment. The design is poor in quality and will lack amenity outdoor space as specified by the local plan. Should CBC be minded to approve this application members would wish to see a condition attached stating that this dwelling should remain a single storey bungalow and that no further expansion would be allowed.
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21.04.22	CB/22/01489/ FULL Land to rear of 43-51 St Neots Road, Sandy SG19 1LE	Erection of detached dwelling at land to rear of 43-51 St Neots Road, Sandy. Resolved: to object to this application on the grounds that the access road and junction with St Neots Road is unsuitable for the level of traffic that will be generated.
21.04.22	CB/22/01486/ FULL Brook End Farm 7 Brook End Hatch Sandy SG19 1PP	Erection of detached garage at Brook End Farm, 7 Brook End, Hatch, Sandy. Resolved: to make no objections to this application but members expressed concern about the potential for future residential development in the open countryside by stealth. Should CBC be minded to approve this application members would wish to see a condition that states the applicants adhere to the purpose for this building as stated in the application – that of a garage and hobby room.
29.04.22	CB/22/00988/ FULL The Lodge Potton Road Sandy SG19 2DL	Construction of a new garage at The Lodge, Potton Road, Sandy. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.

4 Late Planning Applications (95-2021/22)

There were none.

5 Minutes of previous meeting (96-2021/22)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 25 April 2022 as a correct record of proceedings.

6 Items for Information (97-2021/22)

Members noted the following applications that are beyond the remit of the Development Scrutiny Committee and will be discussed at the Town Council Annual Meeting on 23 May:

- a) CB/22/01455/REG3 – Jenkins Sports Pavilion, Sunderland Road Recreation Ground, Sandy for two storey extension to single storey pavilion building following removal of shed, erection of shed, associated landscape works and additional vehicle and cycle parking spaces.
- b) CB/21/02363/FULL – 13-16a Market Square, Sandy for erection of an additional storey at second floor to create 9 dwellings and external alterations.

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Members noted an email that had been circulated on 5 May about a planning workshop to be run by CPRE in the Autumn. CPRE are asking for comments about what is important to your parish or town so we can shape the workshop to meet these needs.

Members wished that this be added to the Town Council Agenda on 6 June for discussion.

A member noted that the council has no protocol for when someone wants to talk to council about planning matters in general.