

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 20 February 2017 commencing at 6.30pm

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

Absent: Cllrs J Ali, G leach.

In attendance: Cllrs N Aldis, M Hill and Mr C Robson (Town Clerk).

1 Apologies (74-2016/17)

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Ali and Cllr G Leach.

2 Declarations of interest (75-2016/17)

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none
- ii) Other Interests - none

3 Planning Applications (76-2016/17)

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

02.02.17	CB/16/05686/FULL Mr T Dennis C/o DLP Planning Ltd 4 Abbey Court Priory Business Park Bedford MK44 3WH	<p>Erection of agricultural shed for storage of agricultural equipment and storage or private collection of military vehicles at land west of Beeston, Sandy.</p> <p>Resolved: to very strongly object firstly on the grounds that the stated purpose of the proposed building for part storage of agricultural machinery bears little if any true relationship to the applicants known business of steel fabrication. The likely true and sole purpose for the proposed building will be for the storage of the applicants collection of ex military vehicles.</p> <p>Second that the proposed building would have an adverse and detrimental visual impact on the open country side.</p> <p>Third that contrary to the application the proposed development is within the flood plain, and finally members cannot envisage that the proposed building would result in any</p>
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		economic or employment benefits for the local community as is suggested in the application.
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4 Late Planning Applications (77-2016/17)

CB/17/00164/FULL – Erection of warehouse (Retrospective) 64 High Road, Beeston, Sandy, SG19 1PB.

The Chairman informed Members that amendments had been received to the above application, which was previously reviewed and commented on at a meeting of the Development Scrutiny meeting on 30 January 2017. All previous comments submitted will still be considered by CBC and only additional comments on the additional content needs to be supplied.

The Chairman explained that the amendment received was the inclusion of a 14-bay car park on the plan. Members commented that the amendment reinforced the council's previous comments. A Member stated that there should be a correlation between the total parking capacity and the number of people on site. The application does not suggest there is an increase in employment resulting in a need for increased parking.

Resolved to comment that the number of proposed parking bays seems out of proportion to the size of the building it relates to. This should be considered alongside the Councils previous comments on the application.

5 Minutes of previous meeting (78-2016/17)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 30 January 2017 as a correct record of proceedings.

6 Items for Information (79-2016/17)

- 1) The Clerk informed Members that Central Bedfordshire Council had responded to concerns raised with regards to the flying of a helicopter over and close to Beeston, Sandy. The Council had written to the Council to express its concerns following a letter from a Beeston resident. Central Bedfordshire Council have responded stating that such cases lie firmly within the remit of the CAA and aviation law, Central Bedfordshire Council are not in a position to participate in any action or investigation. A letter has been issued to CAA to ask for their advice on the matter.
- 2) Cllr M Hill informed Members he had received an email from a resident of Beeston raising concerns about HGV's passing through Beeston, crossing over The Village Green and causing damage to trees. The resident stated that

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there had been no action from Council to improve the area and that the Orchard Road footpath should be extended for safety reasons.

Members noted that an HGV had damaged a tree on the Village Green and that two HGVs had experienced difficulties passing each other, resulting in both driving on to The Green and causing damage to the verging.

The Chairman stated that it was unacceptable that the residents of Beeston Green were left in this situation and that their concerns should be addressed.

Members commented that the situation appeared to be getting worse and Central Bedfordshire Council needed to address residents' concerns.

It was agreed that a meeting with Central Bedfordshire Council was needed to present evidence of issues reported and seek action. The Chairman would raise the matter at Full Council to agree a way forward.

- 3) The Chairman informed Members that Central Bedfordshire Council have received an application from East Bedfordshire CAMRA for The Bell Public House to be listed as an "asset of community value" under the Community Right to Bid. The Council has until 17 March 2017 to comment on the application. The Chair informed Members that this item will be brought to the next committee meeting for consideration.