

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 1 February 2016 commencing at 6.45pm

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

Absent: Cllrs J Ali, D Quick and D Sharman.

In attendance: Cllrs N Aldis and M Hill. Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator)

1 Apologies (80-2015/16)

Apologies had been received from Cllrs D Quick, D Sharman and CBC Cllr C Maudlin.

2 Declarations of interest (81-2015/16)

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Cllr Sutton declared an interest in application CB/16/00173/VOC as an employee of the RSPB and accordingly would leave the room and take no part in discussion of this item.
- ii) Other Interests – none

3 Planning Applications (82-2015/16)

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

06.01.16	CB/15/04686/ FULL Mr T Page 26 Orchard Road Sandy SG19 1PJ	Rear conservatory at 26 Orchard Road, Beeston, Sandy. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
06.01.16	CB/15/04928/ FULL Mr C Simons 2 Churchill Way Sandy SG19 1LP	Two storey side extension at 2 Churchill Way, Sandy. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.

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11.01.16	CB/16/00034/ FULL Mr William Format Print Ltd Ashgates Corporate Services Ltd 5 Prospect Place Millenium Way Pride Park Derby DE24 8HG	Single storey side/front extension to factory unit at 2 Darlington Close, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections to this application and to welcome it from an employment point of view. We hope that concerns expressed by members of Sandy Town Council regarding parking can be adequately addressed by the applicant.
19.01.16	CB/15/04458/ FULL Mr & Mrs P Nash 5 Coopers Close Sandy SG19 1NQ	Two storey rear extension incorporating rear balcony and single storey side extension at 5 Coopers Close. Resolved: to make no objections to this application as it will have no adverse effect on the street scene.
20.01.16	CB/TCA/16/ 00013 Mrs C James Aragon Housing Association Katherine's House Dunstable St Amphill MK45 2JP	Works to trees within a Conservation Area: Remove one Yew tree located near to the wall of No 26 High Street, Sandy. Sa389 on the submitted plan at 20-24 High Street, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections to the removal of the tree but would urge applicants to plant something more suitable in the plot that will not affect nearby buildings.
22.01.16	CB/16/00233/ FULL Mr L Ellis 48 Banks Drive Sandy SG19 1AE	Single storey front & side extension at 48 Banks Drive, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
22.01.16	CB/16/00173/ VOC Mr D Shoesmith Ecotricity (Next Generation) Ltd Unicorn House 7-7a Russell St Stroud GL5 3AX	Variation of Condition 8 (details of turbine) of planning permission CB/13/02916 condition to read as " The Turbine shall be erected in accordance with the letter dated 15.01.16 and the Wind Turbine Elevation and Finish Plan (4035_T0440_01) as approved by the Local Planning Authority and as required by Condition 8 of PP.CB/13/02916." At the Lodge, Potton Road, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.

4 Late Planning Applications (83-2015/16)

There were none.

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5 Minutes of previous meeting (84-2015/16)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 4 January 2016 as a correct record of proceedings.

6 Items for Information (85-2015/16)

Cllr Hill reported that both Bartram's and Bulldog Steel in Beeston had been asked to submit retrospective planning applications before Christmas, but to his knowledge this hadn't happened.

The Chair informed members that notification that a planning enforcement case had been created for Salamander, 2 Moores Court, Sandy for alleged unauthorized erection of pagoda, had been received. An investigation had not yet taken place, but if the enquiry is confirmed as a breach of planning control Council would be notified.

The Chair reported that CBC will recommend the application for land west of the A1 for refusal, as it doesn't meet sustainability criteria. DLP, the applicants, have been in contact with the council regarding maintenance of the amenity land in the event of the outline application being approved. The Chair and the Clerk feel it would be inappropriate to meet with DLP pending the outcome of the present application. Members resolved that there should be no further discussions with DLP at this time.

The Chair reported his attendance at the CBC Development Management Committee meeting on Wednesday 6 January 2016 accompanied by Cllr Aldis when the planning application for land adjacent to 28 Ivel Road was considered. Sandy Town Council had objected to the application and both Cllr Pettitt and Cllr Aldis addressed the members of DM Committee but despite this approval for the construction of a single detached property was granted. Cllr Pettitt expressed disappointment feeling that CBC members were somewhat dismissive of the objections and that approval was granted with no real substantive debate notably with regard to overcoming highways issues.