

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 2 September 2019 commencing at 6.45pm

Present: Cllrs S Doyle, A Gibson, J Hewitt, W Jackson, R Lock, M Pettitt, P Sharman (Chair) and S Sutton.

Absent: Cllr T Knagg and N Thompson.

In attendance: Cllrs N Aldis, P Blaine, M Hill, C Osborne and M Scott. CBC Cllr C

Maudlin. Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator).

1 Apologies (32-2019/20)

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Knagg and Thompson.

2 Declarations of interest (33-2019/20)

i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none

ii) Other Interests – none

3 Planning Applications (34-2019/20)

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

14.08.19	CB/19/01921/ FULL 15 Swanbourne Close Biggleswade SG118 8EW	Revised proposal received for erection of 1 no. 2 storey dwelling at 1 Brickhill Road, Sandy, SG19 1JH. Resolved: to object to this application on the grounds that it is an over-development of the site. Car parking is inadequate and will result in on-street parking on an already busy road. There are concerns regarding the shared access, with access and egress on a bend that has restricted visibility. A member noted that included in the online paperwork was a couple of internal memos, it was not clear until you opened the memos that one was from the Sustainable Drainage Department and another from the Highways Department. The Administrator was asked to draw this to the attention of CBC and ask that the documents are clearly named so that members looking online are better informed.
21.08.19	CB/19/02158/ FULL 1 Brook End Hatch SG19 1PP	Internal and external alterations to existing building to facilitate residential use at Brook End Farm, 7 Brook End, Hatch, Sandy, SG19 1PP. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.

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21.08.19	CB/19/02159/ FULL 1 Brook End Hatch SG19 1PP	Internal and external alterations to existing building to facilitate residential use at Brook End Farm (Building 2), 7 Brook End, Hatch, Sandy, SG19 1PP. Resolved: to make no objections to this application
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4 Late Planning Applications (35-2019/20)

There were none.

5 Minutes of previous meeting (36-2019/20)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 12 August 2019 as a correct record of proceedings.

6 Items for Information (37-2019/20)

The Chair reported that the Deputy Chair and himself had met with representatives of Central Bedfordshire Council to consider signage within the town centre. After the meeting the representatives visited the town centre. They discussed the matter with the Conservation Officer who has stated that the signage does not cause sufficient harm to the character of the building and wider conservation area to warrant discontinuance action. There are also similar unsympathetic signs around the town. The existing adverts fall under deemed consent of The Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007. The illuminated sign is also considered to have deemed consent as long as the light is not switched on.

Members noted that a notification of an enforcement case for Halls Pit, Bedford Road, Sandy is for a site on the A603 the other side of the A1 and therefore is outside of Sandy's boundary.

The details for land north of Sunderland Road were circulated to members on the 13 August via email. As yet we are still waiting for further details regarding the appeal in October. The Administrator will chase this week. This matter will also be on the Town Council Agenda on 16 September for recommendations as to representation.