

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 3 September 2018 commencing at 6.45pm

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

Absent: Cllrs G Leach and N Thompson

In attendance: Cllrs T Cole and M Hill. Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator).

Before the meeting started Cllr S Sutton asked that Members stand for a minute's silence in respect to Cllr David Sharman who had recently passed away.

Members stood for a minute's silence.

1 Election of Vice Chair (26-2018/19)

Resolved: to elect Cllr N Aldis as Vice- Chair for the remainder of the 2018/19 municipal year.

2 Apologies (27-2018/19)

Apologies had been received from Cllr N Thompson.

3 Declarations of interest (28-2018/19)

i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none

ii) Other Interests - none

4 Planning Applications (29-2018/19)

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

13.08.18	CB/18/02919/ FULL Mr T Dennis Grange Nurseries The Green Beeston SG19 1PG	Retrospective permission for the change of use of the land for general open storage of items/equipment/materials and parking of vehicles associated with and ancillary to, the adjacent steel fabricators yard at Grange Nurseries, The Green, Beeston, SG19 1PG. Resolved: to object to this application as it's an unsuitable site for the activity described and for access. And would be incongruous to the setting of Beeston.
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28.08.18	CB/18/03082/ FULL Mrs N Szeto 27 Mill Lane Sandy SG19 1NL	Proposed second storey front & side extension at Ivel Villa, 27 Mill Lane, Sandy, SG19 1NL. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
28.08.18	CB/18/03104/ FULL Miss S Midgley 23 Market Square Sandy SG19 1JA	Change of use to ground floor from A1 retail to beauty salon at 23 Market Square, Sandy, SG19 1JA. Resolved: to make no objections to this application and to welcome this business as it means the shop being occupied rather than standing empty.

5 Late Planning Applications (30-2018/19)

There were none.

6 Minutes of previous meeting (31-2018/19)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 13 August 2018 as a correct record of proceedings.

7 Items for Information (32-2018/19)

Members noted that application CB/18/01764/FULL for 36 Northcroft was discussed and granted at meeting of Central Bedfordshire Council's Development Management Committee on 15 August.

Members noted that application CB/17/0132/FULL for Tower Hill, Sandy is still awaiting a decision.

Members noted that the enforcement investigation for 4 The Green, Beeston is still ongoing.

Cllr Aldis reported that a resident had been in touch with him about the construction of an hydrotherapy unit as part of a dog beauty salon at 4 Coopers Close. The enforcement team are unable to comment at the present time without further information.

Cllr Blaine read part of an article in the Times newspaper which indicated that Anglian Water would be seeking an above inflation increase in bills for the 2.3 million homes it serves in the east of England. It says it needs the money to cope with the increased demand from a housing boom in the driest region of the country. Cllr Blaine believes, and other members agreed, that infrastructure costs should be met through building levies. Members asked that the matter be brought to a meeting of Town Council for further discussion with the aim of writing to CBC about infrastructure costs.

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