

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 5 June 2017 commencing at 6.15pm

Present: Cllrs P Blaine, W Jackson, T Knagg, D Sharman, P Sharman (Vice Chair in Chair from item 2), J Sparrow and S Sutton.

Absent: Cllrs G Leach and M Pettitt.

In attendance: Cllrs N Aldis, M Hill and C Osborne (Chair for Item 1)

1. Election of Vice-Chair (01-2017/18)

Resolved: to elect Cllr P Sharman as Vice-Chair for the 2017/18 municipal year.

2 Apologies (02-2017/18)

Apologies had been received from Cllrs G Leach and M Pettitt.

3 Declarations of interest (03-2017/18)

i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none

ii) Other Interests – none

4 Planning Applications (04-2017/18)

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

08.05.17	CB/17/01075/ FULL Mr & Mrs Prior 35 Tempsford Road Sandy SG19 2AF	Construction of single storey rear extension with infill to connect to existing kitchen following demolition of existing outbuilding at 35 Tempford Road, Sandy, SG19 2AF. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
12.05.17	CB/17/02312/ FULL Mr M Eastwood 70 St Neots Road Sandy SG19 1LG	Two storey side/rear extension at 70 St Neots Road, Sandy, SG19 1LG. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
15.05.17	CB/17/02035/ FULL Mr T Coxall 19 Stratford Road Sandy SG19 2AB	Single storey infill extension at 19 Stratford Road, Sandy, SG19 2AB. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.

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10.05.17	CB/17/01960/ FULL Mr A Ahmed Garage & Premises 51 London Road Sandy SG19 1DZ	Erection of 2m fence to boundary. Installation of gates to front entrance and existing gates to rear to be moved by approx. 3m to accommodate valeting area at 51 London Road, Sandy, SG19 1DZ. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
10.05.17	CB/17/01771/ FULL Mr M Simmons 175 St Neots Road Sandy SG19 1BU	Dropped kerb at 175 St Neots Road, Sandy, SG19 1BU. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
10.05.17	CB/17/01840/ LDCE Mr B Winner 3 New Road Sandy SG19 1NX	Lawful Development Certificate Existing: Existing detached dwelling (formerly out building) in use as a dwelling since at least October 2003 at 3 New Road, Sandy, SG19 1NX Resolved: They resolved to object on the grounds that CBC had objected to this application when it came before them in March, namely that it is outside the settlement envelope. Members were unconvinced that the building had been in use as a dwelling for as long as has been suggested therefore making it ineligible for a lawful development certificate. They are also concerned that the increase in traffic will exacerbate an already delicate situation.
17.05.17	CB/17/01970/ FULL Mr & Mrs Forshaw 12 Bedford Road Sandy SG19 1EL	Single storey rear extension following removal of existing detached outbuilding at 12 Bedford Road, Sandy, SG19 1EL. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
18.05.17	CB/TCA/17/00189 Mr G Woodfine 4 Bedford Road Sandy SG19 1EN	Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area: Beech tree (marked as T1 on sketch plan) – reduce area of crown overhanging No 7 St Neots Road by 3m; and Lime tree (marked as T2) – prune branches overhanging No. 7 St Neots Road back to boundary line at 4 Bedford Road, Sandy, SG19 1EN. Resolved: to make no objections subject to the works being carried out under the guidance of the Arboricultural officer.
18.05.17	CB/17/02103/ FULL Mr A O’connor 37 Longfield Road Sandy SG19 1LJ	Single storey front extension at 37 Longfield Road, Sandy. Resolved: to make no objection to this application.

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19.05.17	CB/TCA/17/00194 Mrs T Pearce Laburnum Lower School Laburnum Road Sandy SG19 1HQ	Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area: Crab Apple (marked as T1 on sketch plan) – fell, trunk decay; Cypress (marked as T2) – prune from phone cables by 1m; Apple trees (marked as T3, T4, T5 & T6) – thin crown by 15% at Laburnum Lower School, Laburnum Road, Sandy, SG19 1HQ. Resolved: to make no objections subject to the works being carried out under the guidance of the Arboricultural officer.
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5 Late Planning Applications (05-2017/18)

There were none.

6 Minutes of previous meeting (06-2017/18)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 8 May 2017 as a correct record of proceedings.

7 Items for Information (07-2017/18)

Members noted that Central Bedfordshire Council's Draft Local Plan will be going on the Executive Agenda for 20 June 2017 delayed from 6 June 2017 due to the General Election.

Members noted that the change of use from A1 shop to A4 drinking establishment at 7 High Street, Sandy had been granted. A member asked if there were any conditions attached. The Administrator said she would check and report back.

Cllr Hill spoke briefly about his meeting with Cllr Pettitt, CBC Cllr Maudlin and David Lamb, head of planning at CBC. They talked about retrospective planning applications and CBC's stance which is to treat them as if they were a new application. Members would rather CBC were more proactive. David Lamb has agreed to provide planning training for Councilors.