

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 January 2015 commencing at 6.45pm

Present: Cllr W Jackson, M Pettitt (Chair), M Runchman, D Sharman, P Sharman, S Sutton

Absent: Cllrs J Ali, K Sharp

In attendance: Cllrs N Aldis, C Osborne and Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator)

1 Apologies (75-2014/15)

There were no apologies.

2 Declarations of interest (76-2014/15)

i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none

ii) Other Interests – Cllr Jackson noted that in relation to planning application CB/14/05023/MW he was acquainted with the applicant and accordingly would take no part in discussion of the item and would not vote.

3 Planning Applications (77-2014/15)

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

15.12.14	CB/14/03989/ ADV Mr J Bonnett Waves Consultancy Ltd 4 College Mews 212 St Ann's Hill London SW18 2SJ	Amendments to application for Advertisement: Steel sign with vinyl overlay, blue and white background with red blue and white text at 1 New Road, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to object to the sign(s) as they would constitute a potential distraction to drivers, particularly drivers going north who may be encouraged to cross the southbound carriageway at short notice. The committee would strongly urge that this application is referred to the Highways Agency for investigation.
18.12.14	CB/14/04659/ FULL Mr J Maund P-Maps Ltd Slate House 56 Clifton Road Shefford SG17 5AN	Erection of two detached dwellings with parking and access (revised application) at 38 Northcroft, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objection to this application as the applicants have taken advice and dealt with issues raised by CBC.

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4 Late Planning Applications (78-2014/15)

31.12.14	CB/14/04935/ FULL Mr & Mrs Cook 2 Mill Lane Sandy SG19 1NH	Single story rear and two story rear & side extensions at 2 Mill Lane, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections to this application as it would not affect the street scene.
31.12.14	CB/14/04943/ FULL Dr D Wood 2 Rivermead Gardens Sandy SG19 1NJ	Erection of a single storey extension (~1.2m) to the front of the property to bring the principal elevation of the lounge out to the same plane as that of the hall and garage. A small pitched roof, extending the breadth of the property, will be added to cover the proposed addition and remove the current flat roof over both the hall and garage. All building materials will be chosen to match those currently in place as closely as possible. Precedence for work of this nature and scale has been set by numerous houses on Rivermead Gardens and the surrounding area at 2 Rivermead Gardens, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections to this application as it would make the building more visually pleasing.
31.12.14	CB/14/05023/ MW J Glenn Bridge Farm Bedford Road Sandy SG19 1ND	Creation of a lake as a wildlife habitat by mineral extraction (part retrospective) at Land at Bridge Farm, Bedford Road, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections and to welcome the application as an asset for the local community and a benefit to the environment.
31.12.14	CB/14/04671/ FULL Explorer Properties The Old Farm House 1 Middlemarch Fairfield Hitchin SG5 4JJ	Conversion and extension of 2 barns to create 2 No. dwellings and construction of 1 No. dwelling on land to the rear of 52 London Road, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections to this application but to urge that in view of the fact that West Road is a busy road and on a bus route that the exit onto West Road needs to be as safe as possible. It was noted that this application was dealt with at short notice to be within the time frame from CBC and to inform them that not all neighbours may have been consulted in time.

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5 Minutes of previous meeting (79-2014/15)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 15 December 2014 as a correct record of proceedings.

6 Items for Information (80-2014/15)

Members noted that Central Bedfordshire Council had approved the application for a single storey front extension and alteration to rear/side elevation at 37 High Street, (The Gandhi), Sandy with the condition that no development shall take place until details of the external materials and finishes have been submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority. Members further expressed disappointment that the opportunity had not been taken to urge the applicants to grasp this opportunity to install toilets on the ground floor particularly for the benefit of disabled customers.

Members also noted that CBC had approved the application for a new single garage at 1A The Avenue, Sandy, which the committee had objected to.