

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 13 March 2017 commencing at 6.30pm

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

Absent: Cllr J Ali.

In attendance: Cllrs N Aldis, M Hill and M Scott. Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator) and eight members of the public.

1 Apologies (80-2016/17)

No apologies had been received.

2 Declarations of interest (81-2016/17)

i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none

ii) Other Interests – Cllr Sutton declared an interest in application CB/17/00429/Full as a near neighbor to the applicant and therefore would not vote.

In regards to Item 6 – The Community Right to Bid for Assets of Community Value – Cllr Blaine drew attention to the fact that he is a member of CAMRA although he is not a voting member.

3 Planning Applications (82-2016/17)

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

15.02.17	CB/17/00429/ FULL Mr & Mrs Mably 31 Bedford Road Sandy SG19 1EP	Single storey rear and side extension following removal of current rear and side conservatory at 31 Bedford Road, Sandy, SG19 1EP. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.
23.02.17	CB/TCA/17/ 00050 Mrs L Leet 14 Bedford Road Sandy SG19 1EL	Trees in a Conservation Area: Line of Lime trees to front of property – re-pollard to previous cut points to maintain size appropriate for location at 14 Bedford Road, Sandy, SG19 1EL. Resolved: to make no objections to this application.

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23.02.17	CB/17/00801/ FULL Mr L Brittany The Four Horsemen Pub Ltd 29 Astral Close Lower Stondon SG16 6EL	<p>Change of use from A1 shop to A4 drinking establishment at 7 High Street, Sandy, SG19 1AG.</p> <p>Four members of the public spoke about this application. The Chair also reminded members that the licensing part of this application was discussed at a meeting of the Town Council on 27 February, this meeting would be dealing with the Change of Use application.</p> <p>After much discussion it was resolved to object to this application on the grounds that there would be loss of amenity to existing nearby residents due to the fact that smoking access would be to the rear which is shared with the neighbouring properties. There are concerns regarding the safety of people using the pub in case of an emergency. Opening hours are unclear as are stated differently within the application. There is no disabled access or facilities for disabled people within the premises. Members would regret the loss of a retail unit.</p>
27.02.17	CB/17/00166/ ADV Mr J Bartram C/o DLP Planning Ltd 4 Abbey Court Priory Business Park Bedford MK44 3WH	<p>Advertisement: erection of an illuminated directional sign 3m x 2m and illuminated signage to warehouse at 64 High Road, Beeston, SG19 1PB.</p> <p>The Chair pointed out that the outline description did not match the details within the Application Form and after inconclusive email exchanges over the previous days with the planning officer he felt that it would be inappropriate to decide on the matter without further clarification. Therefore it was resolved not to comment until the application comes back to committee in its proper form.</p>
02.03.17	CB/17/00608/ FULL Mr N Bianco 36 High Street Great Barford Bedford MK44 3JH	<p>Dropped kerb at 122 St Neots Road, Sandy, SG19 1BS.</p> <p>Resolved: to make no objections to this application.</p>

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4 Late Planning Applications (83-2016/17)

There were none.

5 Minutes of previous meeting (84-2016/17)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 20 February 2017 as a correct record of proceedings.

6 Community Right to Bid for Assets of Community Value (85-2016/17)

Two members of the public spoke about this item.

Members agreed that the loss of the Bell would be extremely detrimental to the community as a whole and that this was a way of seeking to safeguard the future of the building. Though it was noted that the property would remain on the asset list for five years, during which time if the owners moved to sell it the community group that nominated the asset for listing would be informed and given six weeks to request that they be treated as a potential bidder for the asset.

It was unanimously resolved to unreservedly support the application.

7 Items for Information (86-2016/17)

Members noted that application CB/16/05626/FULL for erection of 2 dwellings at the front right hand side of The Kings Arms, Sandy had been granted by CBC with among others inclusion of the conditions members of STC DS committee had included with their resolution making no objections to the proposed development.

Members noted that application CB/16/05922/FULL for erection of a detached dwelling at New Road, Sandy, which members had made no objections to had been refused by CBC on the grounds that the site is outside the settlement envelope and that there would be loss of amenity to the residents due to its location next to the A1.

Members noted that application CB/16/05373/FULL for erection of a steel framed warehouse at 64 High Road, Beeston, that members had objected to had been granted by CBC.