

# 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 12 August 2019 commencing at 6.45pm

**Present:** Cllrs A Gibson, J Hewitt, W Jackson, T Knagg, R Lock, M Pettitt and P Sharman (Chair)

**Absent:** Cllrs S Doyle, S Sutton and N Thompson.

**In attendance:** Cllrs N Aldis and M Hill. Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator)

### 1 Apologies (26-2019/20)

Apologies had been received from Cllrs S Sutton and N Thompson.

### 2 Declarations of interest (27-2019/20)

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none
- ii) Other Interests - none

### 3 Planning Applications (28-2019/20)

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

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| 18.07.19 | CB/TCA/19/ 00280<br>The Queen's Head<br>2-4 Cambridge<br>Road<br>Sandy<br>SG19 1JE | Works to trees within a Conservation Area: G1 Row of Eucalyptus Fell to ground level. Row of trees have been heavily reduced in the past leaving them unsightly specimens. Mostly hanging over the car park behind. They have low amenity value at The Queen's Head, 2-4 Cambridge Road, Sandy.<br><br><b>Resolved:</b> to welcome the felling of the eucalyptus trees as it will improve the appearance of the area. Members would like to see native trees planted as replacements to give interest. |
| 26.07.19 | CB/19/01821/LB<br>Elm Farm<br>20 The Green<br>Beeston<br>SG19 1PF                  | Listed Building: removal of existing white infill panels on all parts of the building. Replacement of infill panels with laithe and lime plaster or woodwool board and lime plaster. Repairs to rotten timbers with green oak, repairs to window frames all repairs like for like at Elm Farm, 20 The Green, Beeston, SG19 1PF.<br><br><b>Resolved:</b> to welcome the application and leave the progress of works in the control of the conservation officer.   |

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| 05.08.19 | CB/19/02145/ FULL<br>2 Windsor Way<br>Sandy<br>SG19 1JL | Garage conversion with internal alterations at 2 Windsor Way, Sandy, SG19 1JL.<br><br><b>Resolved:</b> to make no objections to this application. |
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## 4 Late Planning Applications (29-2019/20)

There were none.

## 5 Minutes of previous meeting (30-2019/20)

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 22 July 2019 as a correct record of proceedings.

## 6 Items for Information (31-2019/20)

Members noted the following updates on enforcement cases:

- a) CB/EN/19/0090 – Sandy Warren – the officer needs to revisit to check it's been complied with and if ok the case will be closed.
- b) CB/EN/18/0427 – 4 High Road, Beeston – investigation is ongoing.
- c) CB/EN/19/0248 – The Willows, 28b Ivel Road – investigation is ongoing.
- d) CB/EN/19/0345 – Sandy Upper School – permitted development and case will be closed.
- e) CB/EN/74 – Sunderland Road – has been passed to Environmental Health and awaiting updates from them.
- f) CB/EN/0366 – 30 Pyms Way – investigation is ongoing.
- g) CB/EN/18/0425 – Unit 3 Beamish Close – case has been closed because there is insufficient evidence of consistent out of hours noise and disturbance to the neighbouring residents. There was liaison with Environmental Health Public Protection and the complainant before the recommendation to close the case was made to the Planning Enforcement Team Leader.

Members noted that the Chair and Vice Chair were meeting with representatives from Central Bedfordshire Council to discuss illuminated signage in the conservation area.

A member drew attention to an anticipated planning application on land to the north of Biggleswade, which if granted would result in residential development close to Biggleswade Common. The member had spoken to a member of Biggleswade Town Council and learned of potential likely local opposition to this proposal on environmental and other grounds. Combined with recent substantial house building nearby 400 plus additional houses would create further increased traffic movements causing significant impact to the already increasing volume of traffic along the A1 between Biggleswade and the Black Cat junction. When details of the application are known they will be circulated to members for information and to review if any action should be taken or response submitted by Sandy Town Council.

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Another member asked when the appeal for Land to the North of Sunderland Road would be and if there was anything members should be doing in preparation for this. The appeal will start on 1 October at Priory House and will last for 4 days. Sandy Town Council submitted comments in time for deadline for interested parties and are expecting a letter in the near future with further details of the process. The Administrator will circulate the paperwork to members and can be further discussed at the Development Scrutiny meeting on 2 September with any recommendations as to representation etc. going to the Full Town Council meeting on 16 September.