

Minutes of the Town Council meeting of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 22nd July 2024 at 6.45pm

Present: Cllrs N Aldis, S Baker, B Blackley, A Effiong, J Hewitt (Chair), A Lock, R Lock, C Osborne, M Pettitt, M Scott, P Sharman, and S Sutton.

Absent: Cllrs Effiong, Lacey and Thompson.

In attendance: Mrs N Sewell (Clerk)

	Action
<p>1 Apologies for Absence (71-2024/2025) Apologies were received from Cllr Thompson.</p>	
<p>2 Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations (72-2024/2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) <i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i> – Cllr Scott declared an interest under Item 5 as the owner of the land relating to Planning Application CB/24/01744/FULL and would leave the meeting during the discussion of this item.ii) <i>Non-Pecuniary Interests</i> – Cllrs Hewitt and Sharman declared a personal interest in Item 5 as named supporters in the Planning Application CB/24/01744/FULL. They both stated they would leave the meeting. Cllrs Aldis and Sutton also declared an interest as knowing the applicant but would remain in the meeting and vote. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that in the absence of Cllrs Hewitt and Sharman who would be removing themselves from the meeting during this item due to their declared personal interests in the planning application, Cllr Aldis Chair the item.iii) <i>Dispensations</i> – None	
<p>3 Public Participation Session (73-2024/2025) No members of the public were present during this item.</p>	
<p>4 Minutes of Meeting of Town Council (74-2024/2025) Members received the minutes of the meeting of Sandy Town Council held on Monday 8th July 2024 at 7.30pm and approved them as a correct record of proceedings.</p> <p><i>Cllr Sutton stated that Minute 55-2024/2025 was incorrect as she had taken part in the vote on item 12.</i></p>	

5 Planning Applications (75-2024/2025)

For convenience this item was moved to the end of the meeting. Cllrs Hewitt, Scott and Sharman left the meeting at 19.17 before the item was considered.

Members considered the following application submitted for comment by Central Bedfordshire Council.

CB/24/01744/FULL	Seddington Nurseries, High Road, Seddington, Sandy, SG19 1NZ Demolition of former Seddington Nursery Garden Centre and replace with 12 small warehouse units for B8 storage and E(g) light commercial industrial use suitable for SME/start-up business.
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RESOLVED to object on Highways Safety grounds.

Comments were also raised about the lack of sustainable planning in the application and one Member stated that the Town Council should be looking to ensure all new developments were working towards a Carbon Neutral target.

Members also asked that the Clerk write to CBC and urge them to engage with National Highways and request that someone from the team review the area in order to consider average speed cameras by the site.

6 Laburnum Road, Sandy – Disabled Parking Bay (76-2024/2025)

Members received a public notice from CBC regarding a plan to introduce Parking for Disabled badge holders on Laburnum Road, north side, from a point approximately in line with the shared property boundary between No. 68 & 70 Laburnum Road and extending in a south-westerly direction for approximately 6 metres in length and 2 metres in width.

RESOLVED to support the application.

Members requested the Clerk write to CBC state that it would have been helpful if CBC had supplied further information on the project including how the decision to look at a disabled parking bay at the location had been taken.

Town Clerk

7 Letter to owner of burnt-out property on Sunderland Road (77-2024/2025)

Members received a request from a resident, that has come via the MP Richard Fuller, for the Town Council to write to the owner of the

building on Sunderland Road that was destroyed by fire and ask them to clear the site.

Correspondence circulated to Members separately.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contacts the land owner as requested by Richard Fuller and also contacts CBC to understand if under Environmental Services the authority should be taking action.

8 News Releases (78-2024/2025)

Co-option call

9 Chairman's Items (79-2024/2025)

Cllr Hewitt reminded Members that a public enquiry would be taking place from 13th August for 3 days regarding Planning Application Appeal APP/P0240/W/24/3340777 (Application CB/19/04301/OUT) Land North of Biggleswade SG18 0HB. She asked if any Members were planning to attend. None said they were.

Cllr Hewitt reported that she had been approached by the Postmaster at Sandy Post Office requesting that she support his application to host a Banking Hub at the Post Office in Sandy. She explained that the Banking Hub would be a community hub where 5 different banks would come together to help and serve the community. Members agreed that they would wish to support such a scheme but felt that a better location could be found as they would not wish to put further strain on the post office, which was already busy.

A request had come through from the Landlord of the Queen's Head Public House to site a block of temporary toilets in the Town Centre Car Park on Sunday 25th August to help accommodate a music event the venue was planning to hold there. Members were in agreement that they would be happy for temporary toilets to be sited along the wall of the Queen's Head under the condition the Landlord ensured any related litter/waste was cleared from the carpark by them after the event.

10 Date of Next Meeting: 2nd September 2024

Cllr Aldis closed the meeting at 19.33 after Item 5 had been considered.