

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee of Sandy Town Council which held in the Council Chamber at 10, Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 23 June 2014 commencing at 6.45pm

Present: Cllrs T Cole, W Jackson, M Pettitt (Chair), M Runchman, D Sharman and S Sutton

Absent: Cllrs M Groom and S Walsh

In attendance: Cllr Aldis, Town Clerk, Anne Elliott-Flockhart – Office Administrator

1 Apologies (20-2014/15)

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs M Groom and S Walsh.

2 Declarations of interest (21-2014/15)

i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none

ii) Other Interests – none

3 Planning Applications (22-2014/15)

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

05.06.14	CB/14/01750/ FULL Ms P Singh Mann Wineville 25 High Street Sandy SG19 1AG	Installation of roller shutters to front elevation and rear door of ground floor retail unit (retrospective application) at 25 High Street, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections but were saddened to see that this was another retrospective application.
05.06.14	CB/14/01416/ FULL Mrs V Wheeler 7 London Road Sandy SG19 1EX	Convert garage into living accommodation, ground floor side & rear extension, 1 st floor extension to rear, addition of 2 No. velux windows to roof on south elevation at 7 London Road, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections but to draw to Central Bedfordshire Councils planning department's attention that there were apparent inaccuracies on the plans which made decision making difficult, and to note that there was no reference to parking.

4 Late Planning Applications (23-2014/15)

The following late applications recently submitted for comment by Central Bedfordshire Council was reviewed and comments agreed otherwise the Town Council would lose the opportunity to comment.

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18.06.14	CB/14/02336/ FULL Mr P Usher 82 Bedford Road Sandy SG19 1ES	Single story rear extension at 82 Bedford Road, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections to the proposed development as it doesn't affect the street scene.
18.06.14	CB/TPO/14/ 00199 Mr Dent 8 Greens Close Sandy SG19 1AD	Works to trees protected by a Preservation Order: Prune one Oak and one Horse Chestnut tree at the rear of the rear garden. The trees are protected by TPO ref: MB/TPO/96/00002 and are listed as T3 & T4 at 8 Greens Close, Sandy, Beds. Resolved: to make no objections.

5 Minutes of previous meeting (24-2014/15)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 2 June 2014 as a correct record of proceedings with the amendment of the date of the meeting from 6 June to 2 June.

6 Items for Information (25-2014/15)

Members noted that Council had received an email from CBC regarding the illuminated shop sign at 25 High Street, Sandy. Their response was that they were waiting for the outcome of the retrospective application for the roller shutters to be determined before they take formal action.

Members noted that CBC had refused the application at 5 Stockton End on the grounds that there would be a loss of parking. Further information was requested from CBC.

Council had received notice of an appeal hearing regarding unauthorised change of use of land to the siting of caravans and unauthorised hardstanding at Long Lake Meadow, which will take place on 29 July 2014 at 10am at Central Bedfordshire Council. Cllr Aldis confirmed that he would be attending the hearing.

Council had received a letter from the Pegasus Group regarding the proposed Solar Farm Extension at Land West of Fernbury Farm, Tempsford Road, Everton. The group offered to come and talk to the Council regarding the proposals. The Committee resolved to invite them to attend the meeting where the application is to be discussed.

Members discussed the increase in street furniture within the town, particularly tables and chairs outside cafes which are causing an obstruction to pedestrians, pushing pedestrians out into the road to get by. It was resolved to write to CBC expressing their concerns and asking them to look into the situation.