

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 25th March 2024 commencing at 6.45 pm

Present: Cllrs N Aldis (Chair), B Blackley, J Hewitt, R Lacey, M Pettitt, P Sharman and S Sutton

Absent: Cllrs S Baker and N Thompson
In Attendance Ian Reed Deputy Town Clerk

1 Apologies (67-2023/24)

An apology had been received from Cllr S Baker

2 Declarations of interest (68-2023/24)

i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none

ii) Other Interests – none

iii) Personal Interests – none

The Committee membership was advised to give consideration to their declarations of interests. It was reported that although individual Members had full responsibility for disclosing pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk could provide advice to individuals.

3 Planning Applications (69-2023/24)

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

CB/24/00597FULL Unit 7, Gateshead Close, Sandy, SG19 1RS	Change of use of units 7a & 7b from class B1/18 to a laundry business RESOLVED: That the Committee has no objection to the change of use
CB/24/00748/FULL 6 Avocet Close, Sandy, SG19 2TD	Single storey rear extension RESOLVED: That the Committee has no objection to the application

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CB/TCA/24/00109 The Old Mill, 2 Downing Court, Market Square, SG19 1JW	Works to tree within a conservation area: T1 Lime – crown reduce – height by 2m sides by 1m No objection
CB/TRE/24/00101 6 Cedar Gardens, Sandy SG19 1EY	Works to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order (MB/04/00013) Lime (Tilia Tormentosa) growing in rear garden, to undergo a light crown reduction and thinning of new growth/long shoots (up to 6-feet approx) back to old cut points. Any limbs dead, diseased or decaying wood to be removed) (T3) No objection – the Council expects the level of work undertaken will be subject to the observations of the Tree Officer at the time of the works being undertaken

4 Late Planning Applications

I. CB/24/00568/LDC 107-109 High Street, Sandy - Lawful Development
Certificate Proposal: Siting of a mobile home to the rear garden for use as an
annexe with associated works

RESOLVED: The Council objects to the proposed LDC. The Council views this as a breach of planning and the illegal siting of a mobile home in the rear garden and objects to the proposal. Planning applications for a granny annexe have been refused twice at this address. Members believe the provision of a mobile home is an attempt to circumvent planning regulations. The provision of a mobile home also causes problems with parking and vehicle movements on the High Street, Sandy.

II CB/24/00710/DOC - Bridge House, Mill Lane, Sandy This application is a Discharge of Condition application, seeking for the discharge of some conditions from the planning permission: CB/18/01809/FULL, for the 'Erection of Dwelling & Associated Works'.

RESOLVED: To be considered at the next meeting

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 4th March 2024 be approved as a correct record

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6 Items for Information (72-2023/24)

None received

7 Determined Planning Applications (73-2023/24)

No report submitted

8 Planning Appeal (74-2023/24)

The Town Council had been advised of a **Planning Appeal relating to Land to the South of Faynes Court, Sandy re construction of 8 dwellings with associated car parking and refuse storage – Application CB/22/01057/FULL**. It was noted that all representations to be made to the Inspector by 18 April 2024.

The Town Council at its meeting on 11 April 2022 (Minute 221-2021/22 refers) made the following decision;

CB/22/01057/FULL – Land to South of Faynes Court

Resolved: to make no objection in principle to there being residential development on this site. However, to object to this application as an over development of the site. The additional parking needs will negatively impact on the residents of existing adjacent properties. *The layout of the proposed new dwellings would result in each new property being overlooked and in turn overlooking the existing adjacent residences.*

The Committee discussed all the issues relating to the matter and the original objections made to the application by Central Bedfordshire Council.

RECOMMENDED: That the Council supports the original objections to the application and the objections made by Central Bedfordshire Council.

9 Date of next Meeting

Monday 15th April 2024

The meeting closed at 7.31pm