

# 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 27 June 2016 commencing at 6.30pm

**Present:** Cllr P Blaine, W Jackson, D Sharman, P Sharman(Vice Chair in Chair), J Sparrow and S Sutton.

**Absent:** Cllrs J Ali, G Leach, M Pettitt and D Quick.

**In** Anne Elliott-Flockhart (Administrator).

### **attendance:**

#### **1 Apologies (14-2016/17)**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Ali, Leach and Pettitt.

#### **2 Declarations of interest (15-2016/17)**

i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - none

ii) Other Interests - Cllr Jackson declared an interest in application CB/TCA/16/00200 as his daughter is the Head Teacher of St Swithun's lower school and accordingly would leave the room and take no part in discussion of this item.

#### **3 Planning Applications (16-2016/17)**

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

09.06.16	CB/16/02352/ FULL Mr J Allen & Ms C Aldridge 92 Kestrel Way Sandy SG19 2TS	To build a two storey extension at the rear of the property and a garage conversion at 92 Kestrel Way, Sandy, SG19 2TS  <b>Resolved:</b> to make no objection to the application but to express concern regarding the parking provision as there does not seem to be enough access for 3 cars to park adequately.
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09.06.16	CB/TCA/16/00156 Mrs L Leet 14 Bedford Road Sandy SG19 1EL	Works to trees in a conservation area at 14 Bedford Road, Sandy, SG19 1EL  <b>Resolved:</b> to make no objection to this application subject to the CBC's arboriculturist's approval.
09.06.16	CB/16/01369/ FULL Mr T Dennis Grange Nurseries The Green Beeston SG19 1PG	Retention of three existing buildings, retention and completion of partially constructed building and associated works  <b>Resolved:</b> to object strongly to this application as the industrial development is incongruous to the setting of the hamlet of Beeston. When the buildings were built they were outside the settlement envelope in breach of the Local Plan at the time. The current large industrial buildings are clearly visible from Sandy and affect the open vista. The new CBC Call for Sites map shows that this area is in a flood plain. Council are also concerned about the racing vehicles which is an ancillary activity on this site which would lead to increased pollution.
09.06.16	CB/16/02338/ FULL Mr& Mrs Allaway 9 Birch Grove Sandy SG19 1NG	To build a small porch extension to the front elevation and new mono pitched roof to the garage and porch at the property of 9 Birch Grove, Sandy, SG19 1NG  <b>Resolved:</b> to make no objections to this application.
16.06.16	CB/16/01522/ FULL Mr & Mrs R Jones 29 Bedford Road Sandy SG19 1EW	Single storey detached garage at 29 Bedford Road, Sandy, SG19 1EW  <b>Resolved:</b> to make no objections to this application.

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20.06.16	CB/TCA/16/ 00200 C/o Mr M Bell Global Tree Solutions Ltd Farm Units Nursery Cottage Great North Road Alconbury PE28 4EX	Works to trees within a Conservation Area: Prune one Oak tree located to the right hand side of the entrance from Ivel Road at St Swithun's Lower School, Ivel Road, Sandy, SG19 1BA.  <b>Resolved:</b> to make no objection to this application subject to the CBC's arboriculturist's approval.
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#### 4 Late Planning Applications (17-2016/17)

There were none.

#### 5 Minutes of previous meeting (18-2016/17)

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 6 June 2016 as a correct record of proceedings.

#### 6 Items for Information (19-2016/17)

Cllr Aldis reported that application CB/TRE/16/00168 works to a tree in Mayfield Court, had been refused by CBC on the grounds that no further evidence apart from photographs had been offered as proof that the tree roots were causing the damage to the garage. The tree is in reasonable health and vigour. The removal of the tree would not resolve the problem of damage to the garage. Repairs or rebuild of the garage could be carried out without removal of the tree with careful and judicious root pruning.

Cllr Hill reported that there have been no further application from Bartrams Timber despite the fact we are still waiting for two applications. CBC have deemed the signage to be illegal but further signs have been erected since then. Cllr Hill has received several complaints about a helicopter using this site. It was **resolved** to research the rules regarding helicopter movements near busy roads and houses.

Cllr drew attention to the fact that planning officers are inconsistent as the officer in charge of the Grange Nurseries case is forthcoming and feeds back to him, the planning officer in charge of the Bartrams case does not. It was **resolved** to write to CBC expressing concerns regarding these inconsistencies.