**Minutes of a meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy on Monday 24 September 2012 commencing at 7.30 pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs S Lunn, C Osborne, D Sharman, R Smith, and G White (Chairman).

**Absent:** Cllrs J Ali, K Lynch, A Maycock, M Pettitt and Mrs S Sutton.

**In Attendance:** Cllr M Scott, the Deputy Town Clerk and 1 member of the public.

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| **1** | **Apologies**  Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ali, Lynch, Pettitt and Mrs Sutton. |
| **2** | **Declarations of Interest**  Cllr Osborne declared a personal interest in planning application no CB/12/02485/FULL as his wife is a governor of St Swithuns VC Lower School.  Cllr Osborne declared a personal interest in planning application no CB/12/02700/FULL as his daughter is an employee of the RSPB. |
| **3** | **Planning Applications**  The following applications submitted for comment by Central Bedfordshire Council were considered.  **Planning applications CB/12/03000/VOC, CB/12/03046/VOC, CB/12/03047/VOC and CB/12/03045/VOC** 64 High Road, Beeston, Sandy. The Chairman introduced all four applications which are for the same site and then Members heard an oral representation from a near neighbour regarding the impact the variation of conditions would have on residents of Orchard Road and Beeston Green.  **Planning application CB/12/03000/VOC Market Garden Nurseries, 64 High Road,** Beeston, Sandy. Variation of condition 1(hours of operation and delivery) of planning approval reference CB/11/03441/VOC to allow for the operation of machinery and deliveries on Saturday between 0800 hours to 1600 hours.  **It was resolved:** to make no objection to a variation of condition to allow for the operation of machinery and deliveries on **Saturday between 0800 hours to 1200 hours**. As this would allow the flexibility they seek without too much disruption to residents.  **Planning application CB/12/03046/VOC Market Garden Nurseries, 64 High Road,** Beeston, Sandy. Removal of condition No.4 on Permission CB/12/01201/FULL dated 02/08/2012 in relation to Highways Access from the A1.  **It was resolved:** to make objection to the variation of condition to closing of the access off the A1. Due to the increased volume on residential roads by the number of vehicles and the size of the vehicles and the surface of the road has been deteriorating since the vehicles accessing the site have been using Orchard Road.  **Planning application CB/12/03047/VOC Beeston Timber Yard, 64 High Road,** Beeston, Sandy. Variation of Condition No 5 on Permission CB/11/01546/FULL dated 15/09/2011 to be varied to: No goods, waste or other materials shall be stored, stacked or deposited outside the building(s) to a height exceeding 5 metres, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.  **It was resolved:** to make no comment to the variation of condition.  **Planning application CB/12/03045/VOC Beeston Timber Yard, 64 High Road,** Beeston, Sandy. Variation of Condition No 4 on Application No. CB/11/03441/VOC dated 08/06/2012  From: There shall be no machinery used at the site, outside the hours of 0730 hours to 1800 hours Monday to Friday and at no time on Saturdays, Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays and there shall be no goods moved within the site or deliveries received or despatched outside the hours of 0600 hours to 1800 Monday to Friday and at no time on Saturdays, Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.  To: There shall be no machinery used at the site outside the hours of 0730 hours to 1800 hours Monday to Friday or outside the hours of 0800 hours to 1600 hours on Saturdays, and at no time on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays and there shall be no goods moved within the site or deliveries received or despatched outside the hours of 0600 to 1900 hours Monday to Friday or outside the hours of 0600 to 1900 hours Monday to Friday or outside the hours of 0800 hours to 1600 hours on Saturdays and at no time on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.  **It was resolved:** to make no objection to a variation of condition that there shall be no machinery used at the site outside the hours of **0730 hours to 1800 hours Monday to Friday** or outside the hours of **0800 hours to 1200 hours on Saturdays**, and at no time on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays and there shall be no goods moved within the site or deliveries received or despatched outside the hours of **0700 to 1800 hours Monday to Friday** or outside the hours of **0700 to 1800 hours Monday to Friday** or outside the hours of **0800 hours to 1200 hours on Saturdays** and at no time on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays. As this would allow the flexibility they seek without too much disruption to residents.  **Planning application CB/12/02485/FULL** Rear permanent shelter to be used as an outdoor learning area at **St Swithun’s VC Lower School,** Ivel Road, Sandy, Beds.  **It was resolved:** to support the application as this will enhance the learning experience of the children.  **Planning application CB/12/02485/FULL** Amendments to this application in respect of below property. Garage rebuilt in different location due to underground services at **34 St Neots Road,** Sandy, Beds.  **It was resolved:** to make no objection to the proposed development as it did not significantly alter the footprint of the dwelling and caused no loss of amenity to the neighbours.  **Planning application CB/12/03178/FULL** Retrospective planning application for installation of 8’2” garden trellis at **37 Ivel Road,** Sandy, Beds.  **It was resolved:** to make no objection to the application as it would enhance the visual aspect of the property and the Council is sympathetic for their desire for privacy from overlooking neighbours.  **Planning application CB/12/02700/FULL** Demolition of existing storage sheds & erection of new Retail Storage Building & “Meet & Greet” Building at the **RSPB,** Sandy, Beds.  **It was resolved:** to support this application as it will enhance the facilities for visitors. |
| **4**  **5** | **Minutes of previous meeting**  **It was resolved:** to receive the minutes of meeting of the Development Scrutiny Committee held on Monday 3rd September 2012 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.  **Items for Information**  The Chairman advised members that planning application CB/12/02448/OUT rear of 31 – 35 Cambridge Road, Sandy erection of two storey detached dwelling had been refused planning permission by Central Bedfordshire Council and the reasons for refusal included size of the proposed dwelling and the constrained nature of the plot, cause a cramped form of development, to the detriment of the character and appearance of the surrounding area. |