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4 September 2013

To: All Town Councillors

Dear Sir or Madam

I hereby give notice that a meeting of the **Biggleswade Town Council** will take place on **Tuesday 10 September 2013** at the **Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, 4 Saffron Road, Biggleswade** commencing at **7.00 pm** in order to transact the undermentioned items of business.

Yours faithfully



R.D.McGregor
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To receive Statutory Declarations of Interests from Members in relation to:

- (a)** Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any agenda item
- (b)** Non-pecuniary interests in any agenda item

Members may participate in and vote on matters before the Central Bedfordshire Council Development Control Committee on which they have already expressed a concluded view in their position as a Town Councillor so long as they declare their membership of the Town Council and the way they voted on the Town Council consideration of the application.

In addition, the decisions of the Town Council in respect of planning applications would not be binding on those members of the Council who hold office at the Town Council and the Central Bedfordshire Council Development Control Committee.

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

A period of up to 15 minutes is permitted to allow members of the public to ask questions that are pertaining to matters listed on this Agenda.

4. INVITED SPEAKER

There is no invited speaker.

5. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

6. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS

- a.** For Members to receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 August 2013 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade.

7. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a. From the Council meeting held on 27 August 2013.

8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a. **CB/13/02621/FULL – 2 Sandpiper Close, Biggleswade**

Proposed detached dwelling.

b. **CB/13/02579/LB & CB/13/02578/FULL – White Hart Public House, 23-24 Market Square, Biggleswade**

Construct new timber covered pergola to garden terrace area. Alterations to male and female toilets, alterations to floor levels and finishes to rear raised area. New slate tile bar walk floor finish. Full Internal and external redecorations. New colours.

c. **CB/13/02900/FULL – Land South of Potton Road, Biggleswade**

Plot 62-70 (inclusive) 9 flats to be amended to private market housing from affordable in accordance with the provisions of the section 106 deed of variation dated 24/04/2013. Pursuant to outline approval MB/03/012505/OUT and reserved matters approval MB/09/00247/RM.

d. **CB/13/02916/FULL – The RSPB Reserve, Potton Road, Sandy**

Erection of one wind turbine, with a maximum overall height of up to 100m together with access tracks, crane pad area, electricity sub-station, temporary construction compound and amended vehicular access on land at the RSPB Reserve, near Sandy

As Biggleswade is a neighbouring Parish, this application is for information only.

Also, correspondence has been received from the RSPB to invite Members to attend a drop-in information session where RSPB and Ecotricity staff will be available to discuss any questions on:

Friday 13 September, 3pm – 8pm, The RSPB The Lodge, Potton Road, Sandy SG19 2DL

Friday 20 September, 3pm – 8pm, Potton Community Centre, Brook End, Potton

The RSPB would be happy to attend a Council meeting to address any issues or questions regarding the project.

e. **CB/13/03029/FULL – Eagle House, 135 Potton Road, Biggleswade**

Variation of condition no 5 on planning application CB/12/01120/FULL dated 25/07/2012 to be varied to retain 3 No existing openings with their original fenestration.

9. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Request for Space for Prayers**

Town Council has received a request for any space that may be available for the Community to meet for prayer. Local demand for somewhere for the Community to meet to pray has increased over the last few years and a proper place is now required.

Members are asked to consider this request.

b. **Bedford College Student Achievements Ceremony 2013**

Bedford College have asked if the Town Council would once again sponsor one of the student awards for the 2012 Event which will take place on Thursday 22 November at Bedford Corn Exchange. A key part of the event is the sponsorship of awards by local businesses and organisations and each student nominated for an award will receive a gift voucher or prize.

Members are asked to consider this request.

c. **Rose Lane Car Park – adjustment to the Heads of Terms**

Correspondence has been regarding Rose Lane Car Park and adjustments to the Heads of Terms as requested by the Trustees.

A copy is attached to this agenda for Members' consideration.

10. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Members' Customer Service Bulletins for period 22/07/2013 to 18/08/2013 and 29/07/2013 to 25/08/2013**

A copy of the above documents is available for Members to view in the Town Council office.

b. **Proposed Temporary Road Closure – The Rowlands, Biggleswade**

CBC has notified Town Council of a proposed temporary closure at The Rowlands, Biggleswade, for three days from Monday 30 September, to enable resurfacing works to be carried out in safety.

A copy is attached to this agenda.

c. **Work to Trees – 2 London Road, Biggleswade**

CBC has received an application to carry out work to trees in a Conservation Area at the above location.

A copy is attached to this agenda.

d. **Proposed Temporary Road Closure – Shortmead Street, Biggleswade**

CBC has received a request for a Temporary Road Closure at the above location to enable water main repair work to be carried out in safety, from 0930 on Monday 21 October until 1530 on Wednesday 23 October.

A copy is attached to this agenda.

11. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

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12. **EXEMPT ITEMS**

The following resolution will be moved that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item issue is discussed.

There are no Exempt Items.

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council resolve to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.