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7 October 2015

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 13 October 2015** 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. **TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4. **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.

5. **INVITED SPEAKER**

Invited speaker, Alex Harrison, Principal Planning Officer, Development Management, Regeneration and Business Directorate will attend as a result of the following letter sent by the Town Council;

It was **resolved** to endorse planned LDO for the current phase of the Stratton Business Park.

The Town Council would also like to invite a speaker to attend a future Town Council Meeting to discuss future phases before planning applications are considered. The Town Council would like the following issues to be considered as part of planning for future phases to include: traffic modelling, access from Dunton Lane, infrastructure, services, screening, etc.

6. **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

7. **MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS**

- a. For Members to receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd September 2015 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade

8. **MATTERS ARISING**

From the Council meeting held on 22 September 2015.

9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a. **CB/15/03478/FULL – 6 Magnolia Place, Biggleswade**
Single storey side extension and fenestration alterations.

Previously went to Council on 27th January 2015;

- e. **CB/15/00081/FULL – 6 Magnolia Place**
Two storey side extension and fenestration alterations.

*It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise no objection to this application provided the neighbours are consulted and that any comments they may make are considered by CBC in their deliberations. In addition, the Council is to ensure that their guidelines on the size of the proposed extension to the principle dwelling are complied with in order to eliminate detriment in respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents.*

- b. **CB/15/0-3455/FULL – 83 Dells Lane, Biggleswade**
Single storey front porch.
- c. **CB/15/03488/FULL – 1A Chestnut Avenue, Biggleswade**
Rear extension to beauty cabin.
- d. **CB/15/03350/FULL – 47 Drove Road, Biggleswade**
Drop kerb.
- e. **CB/15/03500/FULL – 85 Drove Road, Biggleswade**
Single storey front extension.
- f. **CB/15/03570/FULL – 46 Northfields, Biggleswade**
First floor side extension.
- g. **CB/15/3574/FULL – 8 Foxglove Drive, Biggleswade**
Loft extension with raised roof and rear dormer, first floor infill extension.
- h. **CB/15/03674/FULL – 12 Banks Road**
Single storey rear extension.
- i. **CB/15/03100/FULL – Former gas works, St Johns Street**
Remediation of the former gasworks, for the improvement of the site and to reduce potential environmental liabilities.

On 8th September 2015, the above planning application went before Town Council where it was resolved that a holding objection was to be placed on this planning application and was 'called in' by Cllr T Woodward.

The Town Clerk wrote to the National Grid. Their reply is attached to this agenda. Members are asked to reconsider this application.

- j. **CB/15/03565/FULL – 57B and 57C London Road, Biggleswade**
Extension to ground floor office (57B) and first floor dwelling (57C).

10. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Street Naming and Numbering**

Central Bedfordshire Council have written to inform the council that the attached application for Street Naming has been received.

b. **Proposed Pedestrian Crossing – London Road, Biggleswade**

Central Bedfordshire Council is publishing and consulting on a proposed traffic scheme.

Please find attached documents providing more information. If you wish to make any comments, they should be submitted in writing as explained in the public notice.

c. **BATPC Annual General Meeting**

Biggleswade Town Council have been asked to select three representatives to attend BATPC annual general meeting on Wednesday 14th October at 7pm for a 7:30pm start at Haynes Village Hall.

Correspondence is attached.

d. **Proposed Disabled Parking Spaces**

The attached notice gives information regarding the proposal of disabled parking spaces that have been requested by individual blue badge holders. This attachment does not include drawings, but if you require one for a specific site it can be provided on request.

e. **Request from Councillor B Rix**

Further to the council meeting held on 22nd September 2015, it was requested by Cllr B Rix that an item is to be put on the next agenda to invite Cllr Spur and Cllr M Jones to provide evidence of what CBC have done to mitigate Network Rail regarding the London Road bridge works.

Members are asked to consider this request.

f. **Proposal from Councillor F Foster - Standing Orders - Identification of Members of the Public in Council and Committee Meeting minutes.**

Cllr F Foster proposes that Standing Order 16, subsections (e) and (n) be revised by the addition of the words in italics:

e) To adjourn for a period of up to 15 minutes for the public to put questions through the Chairman relating to matters listed on the agenda. Each speaker will be allowed (one) three minute slot and will give their name to the chairman prior to speaking *and that their name is recorded in the minutes.*

n) To adjourn for a period of up to 15 minutes for the public to put questions to the Chairman, each speaker will be allowed (ONE) three minute slot and will give their name to the Chairman prior to speaking *and that their name is recorded in the minutes.*

Members are asked to consider this proposal.

g. **Bedfordshire Day Celebrations**

Please find correspondence attached asking the Council to consider flying the Bedfordshire flag on the 28th November as well as promote Bedfordshire Day.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a. Proposed Temporary Road Closure – Beech Avenue

Please find correspondence attached.

b. Appeal Decision – 2 Wilsheres Road

Correspondence is attached.

c. Further to item 11b on 25th August 2015 – Central Bedfordshire Council Proposal to Introduce No Waiting at Any Time Restriction on Drove Road.

The Town Clerk has written to Central Bedfordshire Council. The response is attached to this agenda.

d. Updates

1. London Road Bridge Works – No Update.
2. Crown Inn – No Update.
3. Parking Consultation – Attached.
4. Eastern Relief Road – Date of opening Late October 2015.

12. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

A period of up to 15 minutes is permitted to allow members of the public to ask questions.

13. 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.

Agenda Item (14a) Minutes and Recommendations

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.