

Ref: Agenda/Council080915

2 September 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 8 September 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

6. **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

7. **MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS**

- a. For Members to receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2015 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade
- b. For members to receive and approve the recommendations of the Town Centre Management meeting held on 18th August 2015 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade. (Attached).

8. **MATTERS ARISING**

9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a. **CB/15/03078/OUT – Pegasus Drive, Stratton Business Park, Biggleswade**

Outline: B1, B2 & B8 use employment development with associated infrastructure and ancillary works; all matters reserved except means of access.

b. **CB/15/00804/ADV – 1 High Street, Biggleswade (Amendment)**

Advertisement: Erection of 4 No. externally illuminated fascia signs.

The above application was previously discussed at the Council Meeting held on 14 April 2015.

Advertisement: Erection of 4 No. externally illuminated fascia signs & 1 No. projecting sign.

*It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council **OBJECT** to this planning application on the grounds that the signage is inappropriate for the age of the building. It was agreed that the application should have been retrospective, and a revised design will need to be put forward.*

c. **CB/15/01012/LB – 1 High Street, Biggleswade (Amendment)**

Listed Building: Erection of 4 N. externally illuminated fascia signs with 4 No. lamps.

The above application was previously discussed at the Council Meeting held on 14 April 2015.

Listed Building: Erection of 4 No. externally illuminated fascia signs & 1 No. projecting sign with 7 No. Lamps.

*It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council **OBJECT** to this planning application on the grounds that the signage is inappropriate for the age of the building. It was agreed that the application should have been retrospective, and a revised design will need to be put forward.*

d. **CB/15/03159/FULL – Sandyacres, Potton Road, Biggleswade**

Erection of two semi detached dwellings a terrace of 3 dwellings, demolition of existing garage and provision of new private shared access and parking.

The above property was previously discussed at the Council Meeting held on 12 August 2014 - (CB/14/2539/FULL).

Erection of five dwellings. Demolition of existing garage with new replacement garage and garages for plot 1 & 2. New private shared access.

*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. (CBC - Withdrawn 12/09/14)*

- e. **CB/15/03162/FULL – 61 Lincoln Crescent, Biggleswade**
Two storey rear extension and additional fenestration.
- f. **CB/15/03100/FULL – 67 and land rear of St Johns Street, Biggleswade**
Remediation of the former gasworks, for the improvement of the site and to reduce potential environmental liabilities.
- g. **CB/15/03191/OUT – Land at Rowletts Way, Biggleswade**
Outline application: Residential development of three detached dwellings. All matters reserved except means of access.

10. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There are no items for consideration

11. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Watercourse Maintenance Programme for 2015/2016**

River Ivel Internal Drainage Board Watercourse Maintenance;

Having finalised our maintenance programme for the coming year 2015/16, we have identified watercourses in your Parish where we propose to carry out maintenance works so that they are kept in serviceable condition to manage surface water and help reduce flood risk. We thought that this year it would be beneficial to let you know so that the Parish Council is aware of the Internal Drainage Board's works plan in your area.

The proposed works will be similar to that of previous years consisting of: flailing, clearing, weed cutting, pollarding, and dredging, as necessary. These works will improve flow in the watercourse by removing obstructions and hence reduce flood risk. We will aim to use the same working bank as used in previous years where possible. A formal Notice of Entry letter will be sent to the relevant landowners prior to us starting the work in due course. (plan attached).

b. **Proposed Temporary Road Closure – Stratton Street bridge, High Street, Biggleswade**

Please find (attached), a circular letter for the Proposed Temporary Road Closure of High Street, Biggleswade.

Details of the second closures due to take place from December will be circulated separately.

12. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

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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.

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.