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5 August 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 11 August 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 MAYORS' 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 Biggleswade Town Council meeting held on 28 July 2015 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade

8. **MATTERS ARISING**

9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a. **CB/15/02645/FULL – 16 Drove Road, Biggleswade**
Single storey rear/side extension.

A previous application was made for the above address – CB/15/01923/FULL which was discussed at the Council Meeting on the 9th June 2015. (CBC granted 24.06.15.)

Single storey rear extension (including demolition of existing single storey extension)

*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/15/02672/VOC – 5 Montgomery Way, Land opposite to Unit 3 and 4 to 5, Biggleswade**
Variation of Condition to planning permission CB/14/04192/FULL (new building for use as Builders Merchant) vary condition 14 (approved plans) to amend site layout.

A previous application was made for the above address – CB/14/04192/FULL which was discussed at the Council Meeting held on 11th November 2014. (CBC granted 27.01.15.)

Erection of new building for use as Builders Merchant (sui Generis) for the display, sales and storage of building materials, plant and tool hire, including outside display and storage with associated servicing arrangements, car parking, landscaping and associated works.

*It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council raise no objection to this application.*

- c. **CB/15/02613/FULL - The Lawns Nursery School, The Baulk, Biggleswade**
Temporary storage/site compound used by highways for up to 12 months.

- d. **CB/15/02768/FULL – 33 Osprey Road, Biggleswade**
Single storey front extension.

10. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- a. **BATP County Committee Election**

Please see attached letter and nomination form confirming details of the election process to fill the 21 vacancies on our County Committee which will arise at the end of the current representative's terms of office in October 2015.

To receive nominations.

All completed nomination papers to be with BATPC by latest Tuesday **22nd September 2015**.

b. Town and Parish Council Conference – 23 September 2015

Central Bedfordshire Council would like to invite two representatives from Biggleswade Town Council to attend the next Town and Parish Council Conference, which will take place on the evening of 23 September at Priory House, Chicksands between 6.00pm and 9.00pm. Tea, coffee and a light buffet will be available from 5.30pm.

This event will focus on a single subject – planning.

In order to tailor the event to meet your needs, Central Bedfordshire Council would like to know which aspects of planning you would most like to discuss by indicating your first and second choices from the topics listed in the table below.

Please respond no later than Tuesday 9 September 2016.

The format for this event and the final list of workshops will be determined by the most popular choices on the booking forms. The agenda will be circulated a few days before the meeting.

c. The White Hart Car Park Closure for Charitable Event

The White Hart have asked permission to use The White Hart Car Park for a charity car wash with music in order to raise money for a local couple, Lauren Barker and Ben Green for their honeymoon, (information is attached).

d. Central Bedfordshire Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule Public Consultation

Following the Town Council meeting 28th July 2015 where Council made the following resolution; It was **RESOLVED** that a member of the planning department should be invited along to talk about the CIL and how it will impact on Biggleswade and how it will fall into the neighbourhood plan.

The following response has been received;

Thank you for your correspondence, unfortunately we do not currently have the resource to attend an evening meeting but would be happy to respond to any queries you have via email.

Arlesey Town Council considered the consultation at a Town Council meeting on the 4th August 2015, (report attached), Arlesey Town Council are keen to advise other Councils in the Band C areas of the flaw in the viability calculations and ask if they will consider responding to the consultation in a similar way to Arlesey Town Council.

e. Police and Crime Plan 2015

Members are asked for comments on the Police and Crime Plan 2015, which sets out the priorities for Bedfordshire Police and community safety in the county. The new Plan includes our continued priorities of building confident communities and protecting frontline policing, as well as renewed focus on emerging issues like hate crime, CSE and Cybercrime, together with tackling the underlying causes of crime. (Summary Attached, full version sent electronically).

f. Traveller encampment – Dan Albone Car Park

Update from Town Clerk

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a. Langford and Biggleswade Wind Farm Community Fund

Please find attached a statement of the criteria for assessment of project proposals and a breakdown of the income and expenditure to date and future commitments.

b. **River Safety at the weir by Biggleswade Mill - Update**

Following the Town Council meeting 28th July 2015, where the Town Council made the following resolution; It was **RESOLVED** that the council write to the Environment Agency in a few months' time to see what is happening regarding the weir at Biggleswade Mill. It was also **RESOLVED** that a speaker is invited to a future council meeting.

The Town Clerk contacted the Environment Agency to invite them to a meeting of the Town Council and received the following response;

Thanks for your email. Have you seen the fact sheet that we have pulled together? This gives detail on where we are with the project and what we are looking to do.

We are still at a very early stage of the project and at this point don't have any more information.

The Town Clerk asked if the Environment Agency would confirm attendance when they do have further information, no response has been received.

c. **Central Bedfordshire Council Footpath Orders – Footpaths 39 and 58 - Update**

Following the Town Council meeting 14th July 2015, where Members asked for clarification of the reasons for these orders. Cllr B Rix asked if it is possible to look at joining the footpath from point A to footpath 49.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk write to Central Bedfordshire Council with these comments

The Following response has been received;

The orders were undertaken on behalf of the landowners and the users/general public. The orders have taken the parts of the routes that previously shared their alignment with articulated vehicles to an alignment free of such traffic. The landowner is also able to develop areas once crossed by the rights of way.

Secondly, there are no plans to join up Footpath No.49 with Bridleway 58. It is simply good form to have the same start and finish points before and after the diversion has taken place.

d. **Biggleswade Joint Committee**

For members to receive the draft minutes of the Biggleswade Joint Committee, meeting held on the 27th July 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.

(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.