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5 December 2012

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 December 2012** 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. **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

5. **MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS**

- a. For Members to received and approve minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 November 2012.

6. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a. Council meeting held on 27 November 2012.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a. **CB/12/04128/FULL – 2 Clover Close, Biggleswade**  
Removal of conservatory & construction of new single storey rear extension
- b. **CB/12/04145/FULL – Land at & to side of 5 Chapel Fields, Biggleswade**  
Erection of detached Chalet Bungalow
- c. **CB/12/04150/FULL – 12 Fennel Drive, Biggleswade**  
Erection of ground floor extension
- d. **CB/12/03070/FULL – Flats 2 to 48, Winston Crescent, Biggleswade.**  
Proposed external wall insulation (EWI); new windows & doors, pitched slate covered roof (to replace existing flat roof), removal of existing balconies & replae with juliette balconies.  
Improvements to ensure level access, weatherproof porch canopy at each main entrance, & general landscaping.
- e. **CB/12/03471/FULL – 22 Spring Close Biggleswade**  
Demolition of conservatory. Erection of two storey rear & single storey rear & side extensions. Conversion of garage to games room with pitched roof & external alterations. Front bay window.

*Amendments received to above application: Revised Proposal & Plan 12.52.01A. (Original & revised plan to be displayed)*

8. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- a. **Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath no 55, Biggleswade – Proposed creation of Permissive Footpath link to highway pavement informal consultation**

CBC is consulting Town Council on the proposed diversion of Biggleswade footpath no 55 and the creation of a Permissive footpath extension to this diversion. This is a Council generated scheme to enhance the rights of way network in accordance with the Biggleswade Green Wheel parish initiative.

A copy of the proposed new route is attached to this agenda.

Members are asked to look at the plans and are invited to comment by **Friday 31 December 2012**.

- b. **The Localism Act 2011**

The Localism Act 2011 repealed the general dispensation permitting any Councillor with an interest to take part in meetings relating to setting the precept. Many Councillors are likely to be council tax payers for their area and will therefore have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in setting a precept.

For Members to consider; granting delegated authority to the Clerk, as the Proper Officer of the Council, to determine applications for dispensations.

- c. **PCSO Funding**

This item deferred from Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012 for further information. Further information has been received and is attached to this agenda.

Bedfordshire Police contacted Town Council to raise the subject of funding the services of a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for Biggleswade.

Bedfordshire Police are currently undergoing a restructuring process due to the financial restrictions placed upon the force. This is likely to result in the reduction of Police Community Support Officers across Bedfordshire by 40% from April 2013.

For members to consider: contributing towards the funding of a P.C.S.O.

**9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**a. Thank you letter received**

The Branch Chairman of the Biggleswade Branch of the Royal British Legion has written to Town Council to say thank you for the excellent organisation of the Remembrance Sunday ceremony.

A copy is attached to this agenda.

**10. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

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**11. 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.

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.