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7 August 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 13 August 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**

### **5. MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

### **6. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS**

- a.** For Members to receive and approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 July 2013 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade.

- b. For Members to receive a Draft copy of the minutes of the Joint Management Committee meeting held on 17 July 2013.

## 7. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a. Council meeting held on 23 July 2013

## 8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### a. **CB/13/02385/VOC – Cold Harbour, 124 Potton Road, Biggleswade**

Variation of Condition no 4 on planning application MB/04/02080/FULL dated 24/12/2004 to be varied to allow use of the detached garage/games room as an annexe to Cold Harbour Cottage.

*Condition 4: The building hereby permitted shall be used only for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house and for no other purpose including business, commercial or industrial purposes.*

*Reason: To prevent the building from being used for commercial purposes to the detrimental of the locality.*

### b. **CB/13/02256/SCO – Eyeworth Lodge Farm, Northfield Road, Eyeworth**

EIA Scoping Opinion: erection of 4 broiler rearing units and associated feed bins, hardstanding and access.

*Although this site is beyond Biggleswade boundary, Town Council are invited to comment due to the size of the development.*

### c. **CB/13/01969/RM – Land South of Potton Road, Biggleswade**

Reserved Matters of appearance, landscaping, layout, scale and access for the erection of 66 dwellings at Blocks 35 & 41 pursuant to Outline consent reference MB/03/01205/OUT dated 13/11/2006 for Residential development of approximately 1450 dwellings, construction of Eastern relief road, Local Centre, primary school, public open space, structural landscaping, infrastructure including surface water balancing facilities and associated works. Demolition of 128 Potton Road to facilitate vehicular access. (All matters reserved except means of access) – Granted 13 November 2006

**This application was considered by Town Council on 9 July when:**

It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council **OBJECT** to this application as it is an overdevelopment of the area. Town Council requests that the relief road is high priority as well as S106 monies be applied for the buses to service the area.

**The following reply has been received from Central Bedfordshire Planning Officer:**

*The Town Council is fully entitled to object, of course. But the objection referred to overdevelopment at the site. This is an application for the approval of reserved matters (essentially, the detail). Consent was granted for 1450 units at the site with the 03/1205 consent and the number of units at the wider site is not part of the current application. I wonder if you might be able to reconsider the Council's comments on this application. Naturally, if you would like to maintain the objection, you are entitled to do so.*

## 9. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### a. **Central Bedfordshire Equality and Diversity Strategy 2013-2016 Consultation document**

Members will have already received this document electronically and are asked to comment.

### b. **Purchase of Rose Lane Car Park by Biggleswade Town Council**

Following the Town Council meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013,(confidential items), where Council **resolved** to make an offer of £605,000 for the purchase of the freehold Rose Lane car park; Town Council has received confirmation of acceptance of the offer of £605,000 for the purchase of Rose Lane Car Park.

A copy of the details of the acceptance and sale, a copy of the confirmation from the Town Council solicitor that they have been instructed to act and a summary of the events leading up to the purchase are attached to this agenda.

**c. Consultation on Draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy**

Members will have received the link [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations) to access the above Consultation document and are asked to comment.

**d. Shortmead Street/Sun Street roundabout**

CBC has informed Town Council that work on the above roundabout is due to commence in September 2013.

A copy of the original plan (a) and the current plan (b) will be on display in the Chamber for viewing.

**10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**a. Members' Customer Service Bulletin for period 24/0/602013 to 21/07/2013**

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

**b. Proposed Temporary Road Closure – Lawrence Road, Biggleswade**

CBC has notified Town Council of proposed temporary road closure of Lawrence Road, Biggleswade from 2 to 4 September, to enable a new water supply to be installed safely.

A copy is attached to this agenda.

**c. Outcome of CBC determined planning applications.**

A copy is attached to this agenda.

**d. Appointment of Apprentice Administrator**

Michaella Beckwith has been appointed to the position of Apprentice Administrator and started in post on 5<sup>th</sup> August. Michaella will be joining the Business Administration Programme (Level 3) on day release at Bedford College commencing in September.

**e. Site at 111 The Rowlands, Biggleswade – CB/13/00594**

The above planning application was considered by Town Council on 26 March 2013 and raised no objection. CBC refused permission in May 2013.

The applicant has now lodged an appeal.

A copy is attached to this agenda.

**11. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

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

**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.

**Agenda item 13a. Salaries**

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.