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7 January 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 January 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

There is no invited speaker.

6. **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

7. **MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS**

- a. For Members to receive and approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 16th December 2014 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade

8. **MATTERS ARISING**

From the Council meeting held on 16th December 2014.

9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a. **CB/14/04778/FULL – 19 Beech Avenue**
Erection of conservatory.
- b. **CB/14/04130/FULL – The Old School, Church Street**
Replacement of three existing buildings/units with three larger buildings/units.
- c. **CB/14/04622/FULL – 1 Holme Court Avenue**
Two storey side extension, first floor front extension, first floor rear extension, alterations to fenestration and render of entire dwelling.
- d. **CB/14/04907/FULL – 2 Wilsheres Road**
Erection of a 3 bedroom dwelling.
- e. **CB/14/04867/ADV – 11 High Street**
Advertisement: installation of 1 fascia sign internally illuminated, 1 projecting sign externally illuminated, ATM surround sign internally illuminated and name plate/car park signs.
- f. **CB/14/04920/MW – Broom Quarry, Hill Lane, Old Warden**
Variation of condition 3 of planning CB/13/03402/MW
- g. **CB/14/04920/MW – Broom Quarry, Hill Lane, Old Warden**
Variation of condition 27 of planning CB/13/03402/MW

A copy of the conditions is available for members to view in the Chamber

10. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Allocations Local Plan – ‘Call for Sites’ and review of designations.**

Central Bedfordshire Council has written to inform that they are commencing work on its Allocation Local Plan. The Primary purpose of this plan is to help in the delivery of sufficient housing to meet the requirement of the emerging Development Strategy.

A copy of the letter is attached.

b. **River Ivel – Proposed Removal or Modification of Weirs and Embankments**

The Environment Agency are currently investigating options to dispose of structures which no longer serve their original purpose and if removed, or modified, could offer environmental benefits. The (attached document), outlines the reasoning behind and the details of the proposal to remove Lock Pens, Weirs and some flood embankments.

Members are asked for their views.

c. **Local Finance Settlement**

A briefing to all member councils regarding the oral statement to the House of Commons in which the Local Government Minister Kris Hopkins announced the provisional local government finance settlement for 2015/16.

The relevant extract of his statement concerning parishes, which mentions referenda but not council tax support funding, is below:

Parishes are an important part of local government, delivering valuable and valued local services. However that is not a reason for them to impose inflation-busting increases on their taxpayers. The average Band D council tax in England has risen by 2% since 2011 to 2012 – the equivalent figure for the parish element is 14.7% over the same period.

That is why I would welcome views on whether the highest spending parishes should be subject to the same referendum principle as the rest of local government. There is also a question about whether town and parish councils whose failings have been highlighted in a Public Interest Report should be included.

There is still no clarification on what is meant by the highest spending parishes, although in previous discussions there has been reference to it being those parishes raising a higher precept than a small district council.

Members are asked for their views by 14th January at the latest.

d. Street Naming and Numbering – Parcels 38 & 39 Kings Reach

A further application has been received from Taylor Wimpey regarding postal addresses for parcels 38 and 39 Kings Reach, Biggleswade.

According to the master plan provided by the Town Council the area is included in the musicians theme.

The musicians names previously supplied have been exhausted and at least six further names are required to complete the scheme.

The names that have been used to date are listed as follows;

Delius/Frankel/Parry/Smyth/Wiseman/Tavener/Britten/Elgar/Handel/Ourcell/Sullivan/Finzi/Tallis/Davies/Ellicott and Tate.

Boyce, Holst & Byrd are not suitable due to the similarity of existing roads in Biggleswade - Bose, Holme and Byron; and

Double barrelled names i.e. Coleridge-Taylor, Vaughan-Williams are not considered suitable to adopt as road names.

Members are asked to consider the request for six further names.

e. River Ivel Problems

The above matter went before Town Council on 11th November 2014 where it was resolved that a working party was to be formed with interested parties.

A meeting was held on the 1st December 2014 with IPA and various options were discussed, the IPA have put forward proposals for the Town Council to consider.

Proposals are attached to this agenda.

**f. Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order: reduce crown on Lime tree by 30% in front garden to TPO MB/57/00003/G2
Location: 8 Eagle Farm Road**

CBC has notified Town Council that they have received an application to carry out work to preserved tree(s) at the above property, a copy of which is attached to this agenda.

Any comments need to be submitted in writing by 21st January 2015.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

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 (Incident Report CCTV – Restricted)

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.