

18 September 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

I hereby give notice that a Meeting of **Biggleswade Town Council** will take place on **Tuesday 24 September 2013**, at the offices of **Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade** commencing at 7.00pm in order to transact the undermentioned items of business.

Yours faithfully



R.D.McGregor
Town Clerk

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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 Central Bedfordshire Council Development Control Committee.

3. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

5. 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.

6. BEDFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

For members to receive crime figures from Bedfordshire Police.

7 **INVITED SPEAKER**

Peter Bigg on behalf of Taylor Wimpey North Thames – re planning application CB/13/01969 – Land South of Potton Road.

8. **MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS**

- a. For members to receive and approve the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 September 2013 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade.

9. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 September 2013

10 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a. **CB/13/01812/OUT – Land adjacent to: Biggleswade Hospital, Potton Road, Biggleswade**
Outline application: Development to provide a new public house, car parking, landscaping and new access to the B1040, Potton Road.
- b. **CB/13/03057/FULL – 134 Hitchin Street, Biggleswade, SG18 8BP**
Outline application: First floor front extension
- 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 are applied for the buses to service the area.

The following reply was 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.

This planning application was considered by Town Council on 13 August when:

A vote was taken for Town Council maintaining the objection raised on 9 July:

In favour: 6 Against: 3 Cllr T Woodward abstained – therefore:

It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council maintain the **OBJECTION raised** on 9 July.

Members are now asked to reconsider this application

- d. **CB/13/01874/MW – Former Plant Site, Warren Villas Quarry, New Road, Sandy SG19 1AW**
Change of use of land to an inert waste recycling centre by screen, crushing and washing together with retrospective change of use of land to a mix of fishing and nature conservation uses and associated engineering operations to create fishing swims.

This application was sent to Biggleswade Town Council to consider as this site is on the Parish Boundary.

This application was discussed by Town Council on 23 July 2013 when:

It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council **OBJECT** to this application. Members raised concerns about the increase in traffic on New Road and the access to the A1.

Further correspondence has been received to clarify the information on HGV traffic levels.

Members are asked if they wish to comment on this information.

- e. **CB/13/02892/OUT – Land South Of, Potton Road, Biggleswade**
Erection of a nursery, roads, sewers, landscaping and all ancillary works, all matters reserved except access.

11. **ACCOUNTS**

a. **Financial Administration**

For members to receive and adopt the following accounts:

- i. Detailed Balance Sheet to 31 August 2013
- ii. Summary of Income & Expenditure.
- iii. Current Bank Account, receipts and payments to 31 August 2013

12. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Donation from Motley & Hope Solicitors**

By way of thanks for valued support and to celebrate their still evolving 200 year history, Motley & Hope would like to enlist the help of the ten most proximate Town and Parish Councils, and to this end have made a donation of **£200** for Town Council to decide how to spend it for the benefit of the Community. It could form part of a contribution of a large project or a small single purchase. The more inventive the better.

Members are asked to consider now best to spend this donation.

b. **Quotations for work to Council Chamber**

3 quotations have been received for removal of the lift from the Council Chamber and replace with new stairs to match existing adjacent flight.

Quote A

Quote B

Quote C

13. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Planning application outcomes**

A report detailing the outcome of recent planning applications is attached to this agenda.

b. **Members' Customer Service Bulletins for period 05/08/2013 to 01/09/2013**

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

c. **Appeal by Pizza Express – CB/13/01108/LB**

The above application was considered by Town Council on 23 April 2013:

CB/13/01108/LB – 36 High Street, Biggleswade - Retrospective

Listed Building: installation of: 2 LED Light Lines to existing fascia signage on Victoria Place elevation 3 LED Light Lines behind glazing to window arches, retention of 5 spot lights up lighting wall, retention of existing light box.

*It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council raise a **STRONG OBJECTION** to this application*

CBC refused on 17 May 2013.

Pizza Express has now appealed against this decision and Town Council are invited to comment in writing by 24 October 2013.

A copy is attached to this agenda.

d. **Appeal by Pizza Express - CB/13/01096/ADV**

The above application was considered by Town Council on 14 May 2013:

CB/13/01096/ADV - 36 High Street, Biggleswade

Advertisement: 1 set of externally illuminated text

Town Council has requested that this application be 'called in'

*It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council **OBJECT** to this application as it is a listed building and, the advertising should be on the High Street not on Victoria Place.*

CBC refused on 12 June 2013.

Pizza Express has now appealed against this decision and Town Council are invited to comment in writing by 3 October 2013.

A copy is attached to this agenda.

14. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

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

15. **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.