

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2006
AT THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE, SAFFRON ROAD,
BIGGLESWADE**

Present: Cllr Mrs WP Smith (Chair), Cllr Mrs ME Bracey, Cllr BV Briars, Cllr DJ Lawrence,
Cllr Mrs JG Lawrence, Cllr Mrs H Ramsay, Cllr Pr Rook, Cllr Mrs Ma Russell,
Cllr RGC Skinner, Cllr D Smith, Cllr MD Smith, Cllr PF Vickers.
Mrs DA King – Town Clerk
Mr R McGregor – Works Manager
Members of the Public – 3

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ms R Kerfoot, GED Wilson and TP Woodward.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (P28/06)

Cllrs Mrs JG Lawrence, D Smith and Pf Vickers declared an interest as members of the District Council Development Control Committee in respect of planning applications listed on the agenda.

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (P29/06)

A member of the public was there to speak on behalf of the owner selling their property in respect of the planning application 4d listed on the Agenda. She stated that the access would be suitable and that parking would be provided.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS (P30/06)

a. 06/01263/FULL – Land on the South Side of, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade

Full: Erection of multi-use games area, youth shelter, sports fencing and security.

N.B. The following amendments have been received:-

- 1) *Deletion of re-routed footpath and alterations to proposed gate locations.*
- 2) *The description of the proposal has been amended.*

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

b. 06/01281/ADV – 69 High Street, Biggleswade

Advertisement Consent: Retention of 1 no. non illuminated projecting sign.

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

c. 06/01312/FULL – 89 Mead End, Biggleswade

Full: Single storey rear extension.

N.B. The following amendment has been received:-

- 1) *Increased extension depth.*

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 MBDC in their deliberations. In addition, the District 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.

d. 06/01340/FULL – Land to the Rear of 161/163, Hitchin Street, Biggleswade

Full: Erection of 2 no. 3 bed dwellings following demolition of existing barn.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise no objection to this application, subject to adequacy of access, off-site parking provision and no loss of amenity value to other residents who overlook the property.

e. **06/01403/FULL – Land at 23 to 31, London Road, Biggleswade**

Full: Erection of 11 terraced mews houses and block of 54 flats.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council **OBJECT** to this application as it is a high density, inappropriate development for the site which is completely out of character for the area, and no amenity value to the resident. However, the Town Council would not object in principle to a suitable development for the site.

f. **06/01453/FULL – 1 Pine Close**

Full: Single storey side and rear 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 MBDC in their deliberations. In addition, the District 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.

g. **06/01544/FULL – 90 The Baulk, Biggleswade**

Full: Two storey side 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 MBDC in their deliberations. In addition, the District 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.

h. **06/01551/FULL – 134 Drove Road, Biggleswade**

Full: Extension to dropped kerb.

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

i. **06/01572/FULL – Bedfordshire Growers Ltd, Potton Road, Biggleswade**

Full: Erection of cold storage facility and covered link.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise no objection to this application, subject to Mid Beds District Council planning conditions.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (P31/06)**

a. **Biggleswade Chronicle – Use of Market Stall**

The Town Council considered a request by The Biggleswade Chronicle for permission to hire a Market Stall on Saturday 21st October 2006 for the following purpose:-

- 1) To ask shoppers to spend a short amount of time completing a questionnaire about The Chronicle and Biggleswade in general.
- 2) To invite shoppers to sign up for home delivery.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council approve this request, and would ask for a copy of the results of the survey.

b. **Appointment of Additional Grounds Person**

It was **RESOLVED** that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be approved.

It was agreed that the Clerk would append to the minutes under Confidential Matters, the extra costs associated with this appointment.

6. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (P32/06)**

a. **Planning Decisions**

It was **RESOLVED** that items i. and ii. listed on the agenda be noted.

b. Temporary Closure of Part of Footpath No. 21, Biggleswade

It was **RESOLVED** that the correspondence from Bedfordshire County Council, enclosing a copy of the Notice of their intention to make an Order for the temporary closure of the above footpath to enable remedial tree work to take place on the old hedgerow adjacent to the path be noted.

7. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (P33/06)

The member of the public who spoke on the planning application listed 4d., stated that there would be parking for the proposed dwellings and parking for the dwellings already there.