

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2006
AT THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE, SAFFRON ROAD,
BIGGLESWADE**

Present: Cllr Mrs WP Smith (Chair), Cllr BV Briars, Cllr Mrs R Kerfoot, Cllr DJ Lawrence, Cllr Mrs JG Lawrence, Cllr Mrs H Ramsay, Cllr Pr Rook, Cllr RGC Skinner, Cllr D Smith, Cllr M Thomas, Cllr PF Vickers, Cllr G Wilson, Cllr T Woodward

Mrs DA King – Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs M Bracey and Mrs M Russell.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no matters discussed during the public open session.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. 06/01727/FULL – Furzenhall Farm, Furzenhall Road, Biggleswade

Full: Single 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.

b. 06/0153/FULL – 123 Shortmead Street, Biggleswade

Full: Residential development consisting of 17 flats, 7 houses and associated parking.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council **OBJECT** to this application for the following reasons:

- it is an over-development of the site and not appropriate for the area
- the physical appearance is not appropriate at the gateway to Biggleswade
- lack of parking
- the access is considered dangerous

It was agreed that Cllr Mrs J Lawrence would “call in” this application.

c. 06/01721/ADV – 35 High Street, Biggleswade

Advertisement Consent: Temporary window signage to front elevation. Additional signage to rear elevation (revision to that previously approved under ref: 06/00810/ADV dated 11/07/06).

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

d. 06/01780/FULL – Unit 2, London Road Trading Estate, London Road, Biggleswade.

Replacement external condensers.

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

e. 06/01734/FULL – 2 Warren Close, Biggleswade

Full: Relocation of boundary fence (retrospective).

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

f. 06/01697/FULL – Land at 33, Stoneland Avenue, Biggleswade.

Full: Erection of detached chalet bungalow.

Deferred from Council Meeting 24/10/06. Holding Objection re: access.

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

g. 06/01796/TPO – Maythorn Hostel, The Baulk, Biggleswade.

Works to TPO Trees: Works to various trees as per submitted schedule.

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

h. 06/01680/FULL – 3 Kingsfield Road, Biggleswade.

Full: Change of use from Class A1 (retail) to Class A5 (hot food takeaway).

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise no objection to this application but there was concern over the number of "Takeaways" in a small area.

i. 06/01742/FULL – 18-20 Palace Street, Biggleswade

Full: Alterations to roof.

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

j. 06/01729/FULL – 21 London Road, Biggleswade.

Full: Demolition of existing outbuilding and construction of new annex.

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.

k. 06/01823/LB – Site 4136 Railway Station, Station Road, Biggleswade.

Listed Building Consent: Installation of fall restraint and ladder access system to roof of Platform Waiting Room.

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

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Biggleswade Twinning Association

Members considered the Twinning Association's request to utilise a stall in the Market Square for the Christmas Lights switch-on be agreed.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a. Planning Decisions

It was **RESOLVED** that items i. – iv. Listed on the agenda be noted

b. Anglian Water Services - Sewer Replacement Dan Albone Car Park

It was **RESOLVED** that the Statutory Notice in respect of the above be noted.

7. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no matters discussed during the public open session.