

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2007
AT THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE, SAFFRON ROAD,
BIGGLESWADE**

Present: Cllr PF Vickers (Chair), Cllr ME Bracey, Cllr BV Briars, Cllr Mrs K Kerfoot,
Cllr DJ Lawrence, Cllr PR Rook, Cllr RGC Skinner, Cllr D Smith, Cllr MD Thomas,
Cllr GED Wilson
Mrs DA King -Town Clerk
Laura Hutchinson – Biggleswade Chronicle

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs WP Smith and Mrs J Lawrence

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Personal: Cllrs PF Vickers and D Smith 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. INVITED SPEAKER

Mr Vladek Cirin, Head of Civil Contingences & County Emergency Planning Officer of Beds County Council gave a presentation to members on Emergency Planning Awareness. The key points of the recent Emergency Planning Legislation were outlined and the County organisation for dealing with a major incident. The aim of the presentation was to encourage the Town Council to generate its own Community Emergency Plan.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. 07/00038/FULL - Halifax Building Society, 20 High Street, Biggleswade.

Full: Change of use from A1 retail to A2 financial and professional.

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

b. 06/02101/FULL - 29 Clover Close, Biggleswade

Full: Single storey 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.

c. 07/00012/FULL - 26 Windermere Drive, Biggleswade.

Full: Single storey side extension, garage to be converted to dwelling.

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. 07/00036/FULL - Bedfordshire Growers Ltd, Potton Road, Biggleswade.

Full: Canopy to front, extension to country store to front and additional parking bays.

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

e. **06/02076/FULL - Rainbow Foodstore, Bonds Lane, Biggleswade.**

Full: External alterations to existing shopfront and car park.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise no objection to this application but that the height of the sign be reduced and that the District Council ensure the continued public use of the car park.

f. **06/02126/FULL - 7, Watkin Walk, Biggleswade.**

Full: Shed to rear.

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

g. **07/00042/FULL - 108, Holme Court Avenue, Biggleswade.**

Full: Conservatory to rear elevation.

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. **07/00043/FULL - 65 Brunel Drive, Biggleswade.**

Full: Conservatory to side and rear elevations.

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.

i. **06/02124/FULL - Recreation Ground, Drove Road, Biggleswade.**

Full: Sitting of 2 lighting columns.

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

j. **07/00094/FULL - 3, Foxglove Drive, 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.

k. **07/00117/OUT – Land Adjacent to Toybox Nursery, Saxon Centre, Kingsfield Road**

Outline: Erection of two storey block of 8 flats (including layout, scale and access).

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council place a **HOLDING OBJECTION** on this application for further information to clarify what this land was originally intended for and the location of the Community Centre which was thought would be on this site.

l. **07/00017/FULL – Unit D, Montgomery Way, Biggleswade.**

Full: Erection of steel-framed storage building & associated hardstanding.

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

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Southland Lower School - Request to widen path**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise no objection for Southland Lower School to enlarge the gates to the recreation ground entrance to the playground and the widening of the path.

b. Request for the moving of a Parish Street Light

The Clerk outlined the circumstances surrounding the request for the moving of a parish street light.

It was **RESOLVED** that there would be no objection to this request subject to the costs being borne by the resident, consultation with the Council to its location and that it would not be detrimental to the neighbours.

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a) Planning Decisions

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

8. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no matters discussed during the public open session.