

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

Present: Cllr Mrs WP Smith (Chair), Cllr DJ Lawrence, Cllr Mrs J Lawrence, Cllr Mrs H Ramsay, Cllr P Rook, Cllr RGC Skinner, Cllr D Smith, Cllr G Wilson, Cllr T Woodward
Miss A Baldwin – Finance Assistant
Member of the public - 1

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Briars, Ms R Kerfoot, Mrs M Russell, and M Thomas

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllrs Mrs J Lawrence, D Smith and PF Vickers 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

Mr I Bond, the proprietor of Shortmead House stated that the development of the building is being carried out in order that marriage ceremonies can be held there, including his own.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. 07/00220/OUT - Roadside Farm, 122 Potton Road, Biggleswade

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council place a **HOLDING OBJECTION** on this application for further information to clarify the location of the development.

b. 07/00293/FULL - 5 Edward Road, Biggleswade

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. 07/00252/FULL - Shortmead House, Fairfield Road, Biggleswade

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council **OBJECT** to this application and request that this application goes forward to the District Development Control Committee if recommended for approval.

d. 07/00335/FULL - Units 15 & 16, Albone Way, Biggleswade.

Full: Change of use to B8 (Storage & Distribution) use with ancillary offices.

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

e. 07/00117/OUT - Land Adjacent to Toybox Day Nursery, The Saxon Centre, Biggleswade

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

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

It was suggested that the Clerk write to John Allen and Roy Waterfield of MBDC to clarify what the sums due from the Developers of Biggleswade East can be used for to benefit all residents of Biggleswade.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Application for consent to open a Pharmacy at Unit 5, The Saxon Centre by Jardines UK Limited**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise no objection to the Primary Care Trust's request for consent to open a Pharmacy at Saxon Gate.

b. **Promotional Session on Local Development Framework by MBDC**

The request for the above to be held in the Market Square was not discussed as this will now take place at Asda.

6. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Planning Decisions**

Council Decision

i. BC/CC/2006/49 – Southlands School, Kitelands Road	No objection
ii. 06/02099/FULL - 2 New Spring Cottages, London Rd., Biggleswade	No objection
iii. 07/00038/FULL - Halifax Building Society, 20 High Street, Biggleswade	No objection
iv. 07/00036/FULL - Bedfordshire Growers Ltd, Potton Road, Biggleswade	No objection
v. 07/02131/OUT - Furzenhall Cottage, Furzenhall Road, Biggleswade	No objection

The above planning decisions are to be placed on the next Town Council Agenda.

7. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no matters discussed during the public open session.