

**MINUTES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24th APRIL 2007 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 M Russell, Cllr PR Rook, Cllr RGC Skinner, Cllr D Smith,
Cllr PF Vickers, Cllr GED Wilson, Cllr T Woodward
Mrs DA King - Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from PC Ian Wilson

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

a) Prejudicial Interests

Cllrs D Smith and Mrs W Smith registered an interest in respect of Item 14 listed on the Agenda.

b) Personal 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. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements

4. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no matters discussed during the public open session.

5. BEDFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

There was no report.

6. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- a. Members received and adopted Minutes of the Council Committee held on Tuesday 27th March 2007 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade.
- b. Members received and adopted Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 10th April 2007 at the offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court, Saffron Road, Biggleswade.

7. MATTERS ARISING

- a. **Minutes of the Council Committee held on Tuesday 27th March 2007.**
There were no matters arising
- b. **Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 10th April 2007**
There were no matters arising

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. **07/00489/FULL - Flats 9 & 9A, Station Road, Biggleswade.**
Full: Conversion of second floor to self contained flat.

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

b. 0700318/FULL - 49 London Road and Land to the rear of 88 The Baulk

Full: Erection of 22 flats in 3 blocks following demolition of 49 London Road (revised scheme to that previously approved)

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council **OBJECT** to this application in that it is considered to be a grossly overcrowded and inappropriate development for the area, and inappropriate parking provision. Concern is also expressed over the removal of a number of mature trees.

c. 07/00418/CAC - 49 London Road and land to the rear of 88 The Baulk

Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of 49 London Road and associated dwellings

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

d. 07/00581/FULL - 135 Mead End, 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 respect of light and privacy of adjacent residents.

e. 07/00552/FULL - 25 Playfield Close, Biggleswade

Full: Two storey extension and conservatory to rear.

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.

f. 07/00625/FULL - 129 Potton Road, Biggleswade

Full: Single storey front 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.

9. ACCOUNTS

Amendments to the 2005 Accounts

It was **RESOLVED** that amendments requested by the District Auditor to the 2005 Accounts, previously approved, be incorporated into the final version.

Members received and adopted the following accounts:

- i. Detailed Balance Sheet to 31st March 2007
- ii. Summary of Income & Expenditure.
- iii. Current Bank Account, receipts and payments to 31st March 2007

10. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Fairfield - Biggleswade Town Cricket Club

Members considered the request of the Cricket Club to secure the field from pedestrian and vehicle access when not in use due to damage being caused.

It was **RESOLVED** that the contents of the correspondence be noted and that a visit be arranged in June, the rights over the field be clarified and the PCSO's be asked to monitor the area.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a. Planning Decisions

It was **RESOLVED** that items i.-ix. listed on the agenda be noted.

b. Car Parking in Biggleswade

It was **RESOLVED** that the response from the District Council in respect of the Town Council's letter to them regarding parking in the Bonds Lane area be noted and that we try to ensure that as much parking as possible is provided within the development.

c. The Commons Act 2006

It was **RESOLVED** that information from the County Council on the above be noted.

c. Report on Progress of Outstanding Matters

i. Bonds Lane

Nothing to report

ii. Community Centre

The Clerk reported that a response had been received from the District Council with a copy of letter that had been sent to the Developers of the land at the Saxon Centre reminding them that the land in question is the subject of a covenant to construct a community centre.

She also reported that she had spoken to Roy Waterfield who stated that the Developers could free themselves of the obligation by making a capital contribution as a resource to Biggleswade vested in another location. When this matter is resolved discussions will take place with the Town Council. In the meantime Mr Waterfield has this matter as a standing item every month regarding the latest position.

12. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no matters discussed during the public open session.

13. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

It is advisable that in the public interest, the public and press are excluded whilst the Exempt Items appertaining to paragraph 8, 9 and 11 of the 1985 (Act) and that they are requested to withdraw.

Councillors D Smith and Mrs W Smith withdrew from the meeting at this point before discussion of Item 14.

