

**MINUTES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JULY 2007 AT THE  
OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE, SAFFRON ROAD  
BIGGLESWADE**

**Present:** Cllr P F Vickers (Chair), Cllr Mrs R Forbes, Cllr Mrs S Grayston, Cllr Mrs R Kerfoot,  
Cllr RGC Skinner, Cllr D Smith, Cllr Mrs W Smith, Cllr S Watkins, Cllr G Wilson,  
Cllr P Woodward, Cllr T Woodward  
Mrs D A King - Town Clerk  
PC Ian Wilson - Bedfordshire Police

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Albone, D J Lawrence and Mrs J Lawrence, P R Rook

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

**a) Prejudicial Interests**

Cllrs D Smith and Mrs W Smith declared an interest in Item 14a listed on the agenda  
Cllr PF Vickers registered an interest in item 10a listed on the agenda

**b) Personal Interests**

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. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements

**4. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no matters discussed during the public open session.

**5. INVITED SPEAKERS**

Derek Kemp of RBS was unable to attend the meeting due his office and home being in severely flood  
affected areas. However, he forwarded a brief summary of the salient points of the accounts which was  
circulated to members.

**6. ACCOUNTS**

**a. Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 (Previously Circulated)**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council:-

- i. Adopt the Statement of Internal Control
- ii. Adopt the Accounts for year 2006/2007

**(b) Financial Administration**

Members received and adopted the following accounts for June:

- i. Detailed Balance Sheet to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007.
- ii. Summary of Income & Expenditure.
- iii. Current Bank Account, receipts and payments to 30<sup>th</sup> June 20067

## 7. BEDFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

PC Ian Wilson circulated the July crime figures.

He reported an unusual and rare crime which was aggravated burglary using a pepper spray.

There is currently a spate of thefts of metal and lead flashing and the Police are trying to get information of these thefts from the public. There have also been thefts of car number plates in recent days.

The Summer brings theft from gardens and people are urged to lock things away and not leave them in the open.

## 8. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- a. Members received and adopted Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade subject to the amendment of item 9b where the word "application" should be substituted for the word "objection".
- b. Members received and adopted Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at the offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court, Saffron Road, Biggleswade.
- c. Members received and adopted Minutes of the Off Street Car Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007 at the offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court, Saffron Road, Biggleswade.

## 9. MATTERS ARISING - FOR INFORMATION

- a. Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007  
There were no matters arising
- b. Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007  
There were no matters arising
- c. Minutes of the Off Street Car Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007  
There were no matters arising

## 10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr P Woodward took the chair for this item.

- a. **07/01143/FULL - 19 Byron Close, Biggleswade**  
Full: Single storey front extension with basement below.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council **OBJECT** to this application as it would appear the extension would be out of proportion to the main dwelling and out of character with the surrounding houses.

- b. **07/01029/FULL - 11 Chapel Fields, Biggleswade.**  
Full: Two storey rear extension to replace existing single storey 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. **07/01138/FULL - Fairfield Sports Ground, Fairfield Road, Biggleswade**  
Full: Replacement fence to site and No. 41 Fairfield Road.

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

- d. **07/01180/FULL - 37 Hitchmead Road, Biggleswade.**  
Full: Replacement of wall with 1.8m fence & reposition.

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

- e. **07/01087/FULL - 53 High Street Biggleswade**  
Full: New shop front

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

**f. 07/01216/FULL - Furzenhall Cottage, Furzenhall Road, Biggleswade.**

Full: Demolition of part of west elevation & infill extensions.

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

**g. 07/01218/FULL - 67, High Street, Biggleswade.**

Full: Conversion & extension to create three 2 bed apartments & five 1 bed apartments.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council **OBJECT** to this application on the grounds that there is no parking provision, no amenity provision for residents and the potential impact on a listed building.

**11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**a. Planning Decisions**

It was **RESOLVED** that items i. - ii. Listed on the agenda be noted.

**b. Broom Quarry - Stopping Up and Diversion of Footpath 2**

Attached to the agenda for information is copy of correspondence from Tarmac and plan illustrating proposals for the stopping up and diversion of footpath.

It was **RESOLVED** that the correspondence be noted.

**12. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no matters discussed during the public open session.