

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 8 JULY 2008 AT THE
OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE, SAFFRON ROAD,
BIGGLESWADE**

Present: Cllr G Wilson (Chair), Cllr Mrs S Grayston, Cllr Mrs R Kerfoot, Cllr Mrs J Lawrence,
Cllr P Rook, Cllr R Skinner, Cllr D Smith, Cllr P Vickers, Cllr P Woodward
Cllr T Woodward.
Mrs D A King - Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs R Forbes, D Lawrence, Mrs W Smith, S Watkins and
Cllr D Albone.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

(a) **Prejudicial interests in any agenda item** - None

(b) **Personal interests in any agenda item** - Cllr PF Vickers and Cllr D Smith registered an
interest as a member 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. 08/00990/FULL - 80 Lawrence 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.

b. 08/01103/FULL - Biggleswade United Football Club, Fairfield Road, Biggleswade.

Full: 222 seater spectator stand plus 12 disabled bays.

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

c. 08/01025/FULL - Liebherr Great Britain, Stratton Business Park, London Road, Biggleswade.

Full: Installation of acoustic fence system & removal of acoustic bund.

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

d. 08/01024/OUT - Land Adjacent to Toybox Day Nursery, Kingsfield Road, Biggleswade.

Outline: Erection of two storey block of flats consisting of 4 no. one bedroom flats (All matters
reserved).

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise no objection in principle to this development.
However, there are reservations on the likely impact of noise from the existing adjacent childrens
nursery.

e. 08/01115/FULL - 66-68 Sun Street, Biggleswade.

Full: Conversion & extension of No.66 to form 2 no. two bedroom flats & demolition of no. 68 &
erection of 2 no. one bedroom flats.

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

- f. **08/01131/FULL - Land between 33 to 35 and 44 to 46 Rowan Crescent, Biggleswade**
Full: Proposed car parking 20 no spaces including 4 no disabled bays.

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

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Town Centre Radio Scheme**

Members considered Sgt Ted Bloodworth's request regarding the administration of the Town Centre Radio Scheme on behalf of the partnership being carried out by the Town Council. Radios will be sold to retailers across the town - giving them direct contact with the CCTV control centre.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would carry out the administration for Biggleswade.

b. **Olympic Flag Handover to London 2012**

Members considered correspondence from Biggleswade United Football Club who had successfully applied to receive a specially commissioned flag as part of the Official Hand-Over flag ceremony on Sunday 24th August 2008 as part of the London 2012 celebrations. The Club were seeking the Council's support for this event and agreement to host the event on the Market Square with the ceremony culminating in the official raising of the flag.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council were very happy to give their support to this event.

c. **Application for Grant Aid - Biggleswade Town Football Club**

Members considered correspondence from Biggleswade Town Football Club who had applied for a grant towards the refurbishment of 3 disabled toilets. Mid Beds District Council has awarded a grant of £15,000 to the Club subject to funding being awarded by Biggleswade Town Council for the project.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would consider a grant in the next round of awards, as requested.

d. **MUGA - Eagle Farm Road**

A meeting of the Public Land and Open Spaces Committee on 30th June 2008 discussed the problems which had been going on for some time in relation to balls being kicked into a resident's garden. The Committee concluded that the only feasible solution was to recommend to Council that the equipment be moved further along and turned around and that Council fund the cost of doing this up to a maximum of £15,000. Members were asked to approve their recommendation.

It was **RESOLVED** that Option three recommended by the manufacturers to rotate the court 90 degrees to be carried out and that a planning application be submitted.

7. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no matters discussed during the public open session.

