

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 AUGUST 2008 AT THE
OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE, SAFFRON ROAD,
BIGGLESWADE**

Present: Cllr G Wilson (Chair), Cllr Mrs W Smith (Vice Chair), Cllr Mrs S Grayston, Cllr P Rook,
Cllr R Skinner, Cllr D Smith, Cllr P Vickers, Cllr S Watkins, Cllr T Woodward,
Cllr P Woodward.
Rob McGregor – Biggleswade Town Council Works Manager
Mrs Juliet Brookes – Biggleswade Town Council Finance Assistant

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs R Forbes, Cllr Mrs J Lawrence and Cllr D Lawrence.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To receive Statutory Declarations of Interests from Members in relation to:

(a) **Prejudicial interests** – There were no Prejudicial interests declared.

(b) **Personal Interests**

Cllr P Vickers and Cllr D Smith registered an interest as members of the District Council Development Control Committee in respect of planning applications listed in the agenda.

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

A period of up to 15 minutes is permitted to allow members of the public to ask questions that are pertaining to matters listed on this Agenda.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. 08/01314/FULL – 34, Playfield Close, Biggleswade.

Full: Two storey & 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.

b. 08/01359/FULL – 39, Hitchin Street, Biggleswade.

Full: Lowering of kerb.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise no objection to this application, but would like to draw Mid Beds attention to the state of the pavements in this vicinity.

c. 08/01354/FULL – 24 York Close, Biggleswade.

Full: Single 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.

- d. **BC/CC/2008/33 - Land West of Beauford Farm, Stratton Business Park, Biggleswade.**
Proposal: Construction of surface water balancing pond & associated works for flood attenuation

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

- e. **08/01397/FULL - 75 Lawrence Road, Biggleswade.**
Full: Two storey side/rear extension, single storey front extension & 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. **08/01346/FULL - 2 Shortmead Street, Biggleswade.**
Full: Change of use from office to residential use & increase in height to provide additional storey for 2 No. one bedroom units. The increase in height to provide additional storey at 2b & provision of 2 No. two bedroom units. The retention of shop on ground floor with additional storey above to provide 1 No. two bedroom unit.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council **OBJECT** to this application. It was felt that this would be an inappropriate development in that position, it is in a conservation area, and is on a very busy and dangerous corner. It is out of character with the area and there is no provision for parking.

- g. **08/01405/CAC - 15 Market Square, Biggleswade.**
Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of rear outbuilding/garage.

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

- h. **08/01411/FULL – 87 London Road, Biggleswade.**
Full: Single storey extension to the rear & a new garage/store outbuilding.

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.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Town Plan - Budget**

Members were asked to consider a number of costs associated with producing the Town Plan and a list of those items is attached to the Agenda. It has been estimated by the Steering Group that a sum of £3000 will be required this financial year.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council agreed with the budget of £3,000, but this would not include printing costs and the final brochure.

b. **Naming of Roads**

Members were asked to consider correspondence from the Twinning Association asking the Town Council if there have been any further developments for naming the roads in the proposed development between Potton Road and London Road. Members will recall that when plans were first discussed the Twinning Association asked if one of the roads could be named after the Twin Town of Erlensee.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council had previously agreed this, but as no progress had been made they would consider it at the appropriate time.

c. **Bedford College Student Achievements 2008**

Members were asked to consider correspondence received from Bedford College asking if the Town Council would once again sponsor one of the student awards for the 2008 Event which will take place on Thursday 27th November at Bedford Corn Exchange. A key part of the event is the sponsorship of awards by local businesses and organisations and each student nominated for an award will receive a gift voucher or prize.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council donate £50 in sponsor money to this event.

6. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Street Naming - 49 London Road and Land to the rear of 88 The Baulk**

Members were informed that the District Council have confirmed that the name of Dilley Croft put forward by the Town Council has been agreed.

It was **RESOLVED** that this item be noted.

7. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

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