

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2009 AT THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE, SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE

Present: Cllr G Wilson (Chair), Cllr Mrs J Lawrence, Cllr D Lawrence, Cllr Mrs W Smith, Cllr D Smith, Cllr T Woodward, Cllr P Woodward, Cllr P Vickers, Cllr Mrs R Forbes, Cllr Mrs S Grayston, Cllr D Albone, Cllr R Rook, Cllr R Skinner, Cllr S Watkins
Rob McGregor – Works Manager
Sue Crowther – Administration Assistant

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

(a) **Prejudicial interests in any agenda item** - there were prejudicial interests declared.

(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 items discussed during the Public Open Session.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. 09/00131/FULL – Land adjacent to Toybox Day Nursery, The Saxon Centre, Kingsfield Road, Biggleswade

Full: Erection of two storey block on flats comprising of 4 no one bedroom maisonettes and 4 no two bedroom maisonettes.

It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council **OBJECT** to this application. The planned accommodation fails to provide an adequate living environment for future occupiers of the dwellings given the noise generated by the adjacent children's nursery.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a. Community Safety Forum Meetings dates 2009

Members received dates of the Community Safety Forum Meetings 2009, for Ampthill, Biggleswade, Flitwick and Sandy.

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

b. Biggleswade Allotment Group (BAG)

Members received correspondence from Biggleswade Allotment Group informing of their progress including a copy of the current draft newsletter.

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

c. **Biggleswade Town Plan Steering Group**

Members received a copy of the minutes of the Biggleswade Town Plan Steering meeting held on 15 December 2008.

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

d. **Planning Decisions**

Council Decision

i. 08/02150/ADV – Aldi Stores – Illuminated Advertisement REFUSED No objection

It was **RESOLVED** that this be noted, although Members agreed that MBDC were not consistent in their planning application decisions, and that a letter would be written to them regarding discrepancies.

7. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

A period of up to 15 minutes is permitted to allow members of the public to ask questions.

