

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 JULY 2010 AT THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE, SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE

Present: Cllr Mrs W Smith (Chair), Cllr D Smith, Cllr Mrs J Lawrence, Cllr D Lawrence, Cllr P Woodward, Cllr S Watkins, Cllr Mrs R Forbes, Cllr Mrs S Grayston, Cllr P Rook, Cllr R Skinner, Cllr G Wilson
Rob McGregor – Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr D Albone and Cllr T Woodward

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

(a) Prejudicial interests in any agenda item - no prejudicial interests were declared.

(b) Personal interests in any agenda item - Cllr PF Vickers registered an interest as a member of the Central Bedfordshire Management Development Committee in respect of planning applications listed on the agenda.

Cllr P Woodward registered a personal interest in items 4a and 4d (planning applications) as listed on the agenda.

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no items discussed during the public open session

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. CB/10/01884/FULL – Stratton Upper School, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade.

Full: Installation of a double classroom temporary unit for use as an IT suite & general classroom with storage space.

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

b. CB/10/02169/FULL – 28 Stratton Park Drive, Dunton Lane, Biggleswade.

Full: Erection of a conservatory to the rear elevation of the property.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council raise **NO OBJECTION** to this application **PROVIDING** that it is a permanent structure.

c. CB/10/02231/FULL – Land adjacent 3 Windermere Drive, Biggleswade.

Full: Erection of detached bungalow following demolition of existing garage.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council **OBJECT** to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the area as well as lack of parking space.

d. CB/10/02286/FULL – 15 Brigham Gardens, Biggleswade.

Full: First floor side extension & 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 CBC in their deliberations. In addition, the 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.

e. CB/10/02146/FULL – 77 Mead End, Biggleswade

Full: Two storey front extension.

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

- f. **CB/10/01708/FULL – 23 Hitchin Street, Biggleswade**
Full: Change of use to Hot Food Takeaway A5 and new extraction flue

It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council **OBJECT**, as before, to this planning application, as it would be the loss of a valuable retail unit.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Request from ASDA - Strawberry sampling**

ASDA Biggleswade has requested permission to provide free sampling of Strawberries and Cream from their 'icycles', which are bikes with fridges on the back, in the Market Square, preferably in July.

It was **RESOLVED** to grant permission **PROVIDED** that the 'icycles' are static and not ridden and that they trade from a stall on the Saturday market. Asda will pay for the stall and be asked to liaise with the Market Superintendent.

b. **B.A.T.P.C – Elections to the County Committee**

Town Council were asked to nominate a Member to serve on B.A.T.P.C. Executive Committee, this is a 4 year term, and meetings are held quarterly in Town Council Chamber

It was **RESOLVED** that **Cllr Mrs Wendy Smith** be nominated.

c. **Land East of Saxon Drive – Proposed Health Centre**

To review Town Council's planning application in relation to Land East of Saxon Drive – proposed Health Centre.

The Chair moved this item to be discussed under 'Confidential Items'

6. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Thank you letter from Royal National Lifeboat Institution**

Correspondence was received from RNLI thanking Town Council for the permission granted enabling them to carry out their collection in Biggleswade Market Square that took place on 19 June, where they raised £470.07, which will go towards supporting the Volunteer Lifeboat crews

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

b. **Biggleswade History Society**

Members received a copy of Biggleswade History Society Newsletter, June 2010, and a copy was attached to the agenda.

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

c. **Thank you letters**

Thank you letters were received from the following:

Bedfordshire Pilgrims
Sandy Ivel Stroke Club
Mayflower Social Centre
Keech Hospice Care
Friends of Abbotsbury
Biggleswade Pentecostal Church

to thank Town Council on the receipt of their grant cheques

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

d. Proposed Temporary Road Closure – A6001 Hill Lane, Biggleswade

Central Bedfordshire Council informed Town Council of a proposed temporary road closure at Hill Lane, Biggleswade, for 3 nights between Monday 23 August and Friday 10 September, between 2000 and 0600hrs, to enable surfacing work to be carried out safely.

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

e. Proposed Temporary Road Closure – Wilsheres Road, Biggleswade

Central Bedfordshire Council informed Town Council of a proposed temporary road closure at Wilsheres Road, Biggleswade, for 2 nights between Monday 26 and Friday 30 July, between 0730 and 1800hrs, to enable patching work to be carried out safely.

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

f. CB/10/02226/FULL – Recreation Park, Kitelands Road, Biggleswade

Full: Erection of new play equipment.

CBC supplied a copy of the planning application, submitted by Town Council, for the installation of new play equipment at Kitelands Road Recreation Ground, and was displayed in the Council Chamber for members to view.

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

g. Members Customer Bulletin 24/05/10 – 20/06/10

Members received a copy of the Members Customer Bulletin for period 24/05/10 to 20/06/10 and a copy is attached to this agenda.

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

h. Thank you letter received

A thank you letter was been received from a work experience student who recently spent two weeks working with Town Council Groundstaff.

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

i. Temporary Closure – Biggleswade Footpath nos 25, 26 and 27

Further to previous correspondence from CBC regarding the above temporary footpath closures, they have now informed Council that these closures have been extended until 3 January 2011, to enable development works on the land east of Biggleswade to take place.

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

j. Portable Signals – Site Approval

Correspondence was received from CBC regarding temporary traffic lights that are to be installed at Saxon Drive/Sorrell Way from Monday 5 July for 3 weeks, to enable work to be carried out by Express Pipe Co Ltd.

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

7. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no items discussed during the public open session.

8. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.