

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 MARCH 2011 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 G Wilson, Cllr P Vickers, Cllr R Skinner, Cllr T Woodward  
Rob McGregor – Town Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr P Rook, Cllr Mrs S Grayston, Cllr P Woodward, Cllr Mrs R Forbes and Cllr S Watkins

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no items discussed during the public open session.

**4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**a. CB/11/00618/FULL – 20 Hitchin Street, Biggleswade.**

Proposed solar panels to flat roof.

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

**b. CB/11/00654/FULL – Warehouse, Bonds Lane, Biggleswade**

Conversion of warehouse into office unit on ground floor & residential apartment on the first floor.

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

**c. CB/11/00573/FULL – 76 Sun Street, Biggleswade**

Single storey rear extension

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

**d. CB/11/00556/FULL – 79 Drove Road, Biggleswade**

Single storey front extension

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

**5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**a. Code of recommended practice for local authorities on data transparency**

Town Council are in receipt a copy of the above Consultation document and a copy was attached to the agenda.

It was **RESOLVED** that a letter be written to ask if this code of practice applies to Town Councils, as they are not mentioned in the list of definitions of 'local authority', and also to say that the code of recommended practice is a repetition of Town Councils own working practices.

6. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Asda Store, Church Street, Biggleswade - Enforcement/Breach of Condition Notice**

CBC has issued an enforcement notice at the above address and a copy was attached to the agenda.

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

b. **Biggleswade History Society Newsletter**

Town Council had received a copy of Biggleswade History Society Newsletter February 2011 edition and a copy was attached to the agenda.

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

c. **Turnpike Farm Bridge, Potton Road, Biggleswade**

Bedfordshire Highways (Amey) notified Town Council that as part of an ongoing programme of repairs to the existing highway structures throughout Central Bedfordshire, structural maintenance and refurbishment works have been identified to be carried out to Turnpike Farm Bridge on the B1040, Potton Road. The work will be scheduled for later in 2011.

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

d. **Changes to Bus Services in East Bedfordshire**

A copy of the replacement bus timetable for the East Beds, effective from 28 March 2011, has been received from CBC Highways and Transport. A copy was attached to the agenda.

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

e. **Lets Talk Together meeting – January 2011**

Town Council has received a summary of the 'Lets Talk Together' meeting that was held in January, and a copy was attached to the agenda.

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

f. **A message from Cllr Mrs Tricia Turner MBE – Budget Strategy**

Cllr Mrs Tricia Turner MBE has written to Town Council regarding the budget strategy for CBC. A copy was attached to the agenda.

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

g. **Members' Customer Service Bulletin for period 24/01/2011 – 20/02/2011**

Town Council has received the Members' Customer Bulletin for period 24/01/2011 – 20/02/2011 and it was available to view in Council offices.

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

7. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no items discussed during the public open session.