

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 MARCH 2012 AT THE
OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE, SAFFRON ROAD,
BIGGLESWADE**

Present: Cllr T Woodward (Chair), Cllr Mrs J Lawrence, Cllr D Lawrence, Cllr Mrs W Smith, Cllr G Wilson, Cllr P Woodward, Cllr P Vickers, Cllr S Watkins, Cllr Mrs H Ramsay, Cllr Mrs M Russell, Cllr D Albone, Cllr B Briars, Cllr R Skinner, Cllr I Bond
Rob McGregor – Town Clerk
Sue Crowther – Administrative Assistant
Members of the Public - 4

Cllr P Vickers arrived late.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

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.

Cllr Mrs H Ramsay declared an interest in item 4a as listed on the agenda.

Cllr Mrs W Smith declared an interest item 4d as listed on the agenda.

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no items discussed during the public open session.

At this point Cllr P Vickers joined the meeting and apologised to the Chair.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. CB/12/00643/FULL – 39 Kitelands Road, Biggleswade

Erection of two 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 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. Town Council ask that CBC monitor carefully the impact on the adjoining property.

b. CB/12/00340/FULL – 79 Hitchin Street, Biggleswade

First floor and loft extension over existing footprint of 2 storey dwelling.

Amended plans

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. Town Council ask that CBC monitor carefully the impact on the adjoining property

c. CB/12/00654/FULL – 31 Cedar Avenue, Biggleswade

Erection of two 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 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. Town Council ask that CBC monitor carefully the impact on the adjoining property.

d. CB/12/00795/FULL – 104 Brunel Drive, Biggleswade

First Floor side extension over existing attached garage and 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. Town Council ask that CBC monitor carefully the impact on the adjoining property.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Members were asked to consider Town Council hosting a Community event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council host a Community event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, possibly at Fairfield, on Tuesday 5 June 2012.

Cllr T Woodward said that Council had £7,000 to spend on the event, this is monies left over from last years Community Grants.

Various ideas were discussed including:

Marquee hire, Bands, local caterers, local schools involvement, cooking outdoors, funfair, hot roast etc.

Cllr Mrs W Smith suggested that Town Council plant a commemorative tree.

Cllr R Skinner suggested planting a tree or a stone carving, something permanent.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a. Thank you letter from St Andrew's Church PCC

St Andrew's Church PCC had written to Town Council to thank the ground staff for the excellent job they have done in recent weeks in maintaining the churchyard.

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

b. Biggleswade History Society newsletter

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

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

7. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

A member of the public asked the Mayor where and when the Town Councils Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations would take place.

Cllr T Woodward replied that Town Council staff and a group of volunteer Councillors would be sorting out the details.

The member of the public asked the Mayor to ensure that the Union Jack is up for the celebrations as there were 3 occasions last April when the flag should have been flying and it wasn't.

Cllr T Woodward replied that he would endeavour to ensure that the flag would be flying for the Diamond Jubilee and if the member of public would write into Council with the dates when the flag wasn't raised, the matter would be investigated.