

**MINUTES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2014 AT
THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE, SAFFRON ROAD
BIGGLESWADE**

Present: Cllr Mrs H Ramsay, Cllr I Bond, Cllr Mrs M Russell, Cllr M North, Cllr G Wilson, Cllr T Woodward
Cllr Ms S Mulchrone, Cllr D Lawrence, Cllr S Watkins, Cllr D Albone, Cllr P Biernis,
Cllr B Rix, Cllr Mrs J Lawrence
Louise Wilcox – Deputy Town Clerk
Sue Crowther – Administrative Assistant
Members of the Public - 6

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs W Smith and Cllr B Briars

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any agenda item – none declared
- (b) Non-pecuniary interests in any agenda item – non declared

3. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor said there will be a Public Consultation regarding the development at Land North of Potton Road, held in the Town Council Chamber, the date is to be confirmed.

The Mayor along with Cllr Mrs Russell had attended Leighton Linslade Civic Service.

The Mayor had also attended a meeting of the Town Plan Steering Group.

4. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Cllr Mrs J Lawrence asked if there has been any progress with the 'A' boards.

Cllr Mrs M Russell replied that Town Council had not long received signed papers from CBC and that there would be a meeting set up shortly between the Chamber of Trade and Town Council.

5. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no items discussed during the Public Open Session.

6. BEDFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Members received the Crime Figures from Bedfordshire Constabulary.

Cllr G Wilson said that it's good to see that the figures show crime decreasing each month. The Assaults are mainly domestic.

There will be a meeting between the Chief Inspector, Town Clerk and Cllr G Wilson on 12 March. From this meeting it is hoped that the Chief Inspector accepts an invitation to attend a forthcoming Council meeting.

7. INVITED SPEAKERS

There was no invited speaker.

8. MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF MEETINGS

- a. Members received the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 February 2014 at the Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, The Old Court House, Saffron Road, Biggleswade.

Cllr Mrs M Russell said that on page 2 – paragraph 11 – Should read 'AG' not 'AF'

The Minutes were approved subject to this alteration

9. **MATTERS ARISING**

- a. Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 February 2014

Page 5 – James Gleaves presentation to Town Council re Biggleswade Transport Interchange – Cllr Mrs Russell said that the funding has been identified in the CBC Medium Financial Plan, this in addition to the £200k from LXB.

10. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a. **CB/14/00390/FULL – 146 London Road**
Proposed 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.

- b. **CB/13/04438/MW – Former Quarry Plant Site, Warren Villas Quarry, New Road, Sandy**
Change of use of land to an inert waste recycling centre by screening, crushing and washing together with retrospective change of use of land to a mix of fishing and nature conservation uses and associated engineering operations to create fishing swims. (Re-submission of withdrawn application no CB/13/01874/MW)

The previous application was considered by Town Council on 23 July 2013 when:

*It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council **OBJECT** to this application. Members raised concerns about the increase in traffic on New Road and the access to the A1.*

Cllr Mrs M Russell proposed that Town Council **OBJECT** as previous to this application, this was seconded by Cllr P Biernis.

A vote was taken: 11 voted in favour of Objection

Cllr Mrs J Lawrence voted against Cllr D Lawrence abstained Therefore:

It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council **OBJECT** to this application on the same grounds as previous –

Members raised concerns about the increase in traffic on New Road and the access to the A1.

- c. **CB/14/00139/MW – Former Quarry Plant Site, Warren Villas Quarry, New Road, Sandy**
Construction of 5 soil bunds associated with proposed inert waste recycling centre, the subject of application CB/13/04438/MW

Cllr Mrs Russell proposed that Town Council **OBJECT** to this application on the same grounds as the application above, this was seconded by Cllr I Bond.

A vote was taken: 11 voted in favour of objection 2 voted against Therefore:

It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council **OBJECT** to this application on the same grounds as CB/13/04438/MW

- d. **CB/14/00509/FULL – 17 Cedar Avenue**
Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory.

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/14/00539/FULL – 1 High Street, Biggleswade**
Replace existing flat roofed single storey extension to rear with new pitched roof single storey extension

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

f. **CB/14/00529/RM – Land South Of, Potton Road, Biggleswade**

Reserved Matters: following Outline Application MB/03/01205/OUT to land parcel 38 and 39 for 60 dwellings including details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

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

g. **CB/14/00473 – 20 Spring Close**

Erection of attached dwelling with alteration to existing garage and parking.

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.

11. **ACCOUNTS**

a. **Financial Administration**

Members received the following accounts:

- i. Detailed Balance Sheet to 31 January 2014
- ii. Summary of Income & Expenditure.
- iii. Current Bank Account, receipts and payments to 31 January 2014

Cllr M North proposed that the Accounts be adopted, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs M Russell.

A vote was taken: All voted in favour Therefore:

It was **RESOLVED** that these Accounts be adopted.

12. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a. **Consultation on the Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan Pre-Submission 2014**

Correspondence was received from CBC regarding the above Consultation which is open from 17 February to 31 March 2014.

The Draft Plan, supporting documents and response form are available online at:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/gypsytravellerplan

A copy of the correspondence was attached to the agenda.

It was **RESOLVED** that Members would add their own comments via the CBC website.

13. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

a. **Planning application outcomes**

A report detailing the outcome of recent planning applications was attached to the agenda.

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

b. **Footways works – Boddington Gardens, Biggleswade**

CBC has notified Town Council of Footways works that are planned to commence in Boddington Gardens on 24 February. The works are expected to take up to 6 weeks to complete.

A copy was attached to the agenda.

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

c. **Biggleswade & District Pensioners Association Newsletter**

A copy of the above Newsletter was attached to the agenda.

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

d. **Minutes of the Joint Committee meeting held on 29 January 2014**

A copy of the minutes of the Joint Committee held on 29 January 2014 was attached to the agenda.

Cllr Mrs J Lawrence said that the Minutes should read 'Draft Copy'

Cllr Mrs M Russell said that these are not full minutes, decisions made are not reflected in the minutes.

Cllr T Woodward said that the format of CBC minutes clashes with Town Council format. CBC minutes are never a blow by blow account. These are in draft form and can be amended.

Cllr Mrs Russell said that is ok, as long as the decision is correctly minuted.

e. **Proposed Temporary Road Closure – B659 Langford Road, Henlow**

Amey, on behalf of CBC, has notified the Town Council of a Proposed Temporary Road Closure at the above address. Details were attached.

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

f. **Proposed Temporary Road Closure – B1042 Bury Hill/ Wrestlingworth Road/ Sutton Road crossroads, Potton**

Amey, on behalf of CBC, has notified the Town Council of a Proposed Temporary Road Closure at the above address. Details were attached.

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

14. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no items discussed during the Public Open session.

15. **EXEMPT ITEMS**

The following resolution will be moved that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item +issue(s) is discussed.

There were no exempt items.

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council **resolve** to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.