

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 JULY 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 Ms S Mulchrone, Cllr I Bond, Cllr Mrs H Ramsay, Cllr Mrs M Russell, Cllr D Albone, Cllr B Briars.
Louise Wilcox – Deputy Town Clerk
Sue Crowther – Administrative Assistant
Members of the Public - 4

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr G Wilson, Cllr P Woodward, Cllr P Vickers, Cllr R Skinner 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** – Cllrs Mrs J and D Lawrence declared an interest in item 4d as listed on the agenda.

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no items discussed during the public open session.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. CB/12/02206/FULL - 4 Jasmine Close, Biggleswade, SG18 8SW

Loft conversion with raised roof & chimney & rear dormer & installation of velux windows to the front elevation.

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/12/01898/ADV – 6 Kingsfield Road, Biggleswade

1 x Fascia sign (B) – externally illuminated by overhead trough lighting unit 1 x Fascia sign (F) – externally illuminated by overhead trough lighting unit 1 x internally illuminated Totem sign (J) 1 x flat aluminium panel 'Goods delivery' sign (K) 1 x flat aluminium panel 'Estates directory panel' – (L)

It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council **OBJECT** to this application as internally illuminated signs are not permitted in Biggleswade.

c. CB/12/02105/FULL – 97 Potton Road, Biggleswade

Two storey rear extension

It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council raise no objection to this application **PROVIDED** that the extension is made of the same material as the main residence.

d. CB/12/01668/FULL – 46B Shortmead Street, Biggleswade

Change of use to dog groomers

It was **RESOLVED** that Town Council raise no objection.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Proposed Diversion of part of Public Footpath no 29 and Public Bridleway no 28, Biggleswade

CBC is consulting Town Council on the proposed combined diversion of part of Biggleswade Public Bridleway no 28 and Public Footpath no 29. The Bridleway no 28 diversion is a Council generated scheme to correct an anomaly on the Definitive Map, while the Footpath no 29 diversion is to be paid for by the developer.

Members are invited to comment by **2nd August**.

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

b. Annual Bowls Match

The Annual Bowls match is due to take place on Thursday 16 August (weather permitting) at 6pm. Councillors who wish to play, were asked to let the office staff know, so that teams can be compiled.

It was **RESOLVED** that this be noted

c. Further to PLOS meeting 12 June – item 5b – Grasmere Recreation Ground

Further to the above meeting when it was **RECOMMENDED** that in the short term, the play equipment be fenced off and warning signs be erected. The play equipment is to be removed and possibly relocated. New equipment and location of replacements will be discussed at a later date.

The play equipment has now been fenced off and warning signs erected.

Members were asked to consider the removal of the play equipment so that the area can be filled in and re-seeded.

It was **RESOLVED** that the play equipment be removed so that the area can be filled in and re-seeded.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a. Works to Trees – 6 London Road, Biggleswade – CB/TPO/12/00173

CBC had received an application to carry out works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order: remove deadwood, reduce and reshape 1 Lime Tree and 6 Horse Chestnuts that dangerously overhang the road.

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

b. Works to Trees – Baystrait House, Biggleswade – CB/TCA/12/00172

CBC had received notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area: Fell large conifer trees which have grown over the boundary.

It was **RESOLVED** that this be noted and that it is requested that hedges be planted in the area after the trees have been removed.

7. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

A member of the public asked if the play equipment discussed earlier in the meeting would be relocated.

Cllr T Woodward replied that this item would be discussed by the PLOS committee.

Cllr Mrs W Smith said that some of the equipment may be thrown away, we will see which is reusable.

The member of the public asked if the equipment would be relocated far from the current site.

Cllr Mrs W Smith replied that she didn't know yet.