

POTTON TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held on
Tuesday 20th June 2017, 7.00pm at the Community Centre.

Present: Councillors Mr D. Ellison, Mr G. Emery, Mr L. Ivall, Mr J. Lean, Mr A. Leggatt, Mr J. Lewis, Mr A. Macdonald Chairman, Mr C. Temple and Mr R. Whitfield.

Absent: Councillors Mr A. Gibb, Mr R. Harris, Mr J. Hobbs and Mr A. Zerny.

Also Present: One member of the public and the Town Clerk.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mr R. Harris, Mr J. Hobbs and Mr A. Zerny.

2 Declaration of Interest

Councillors were reminded that they should declare an interest in any matter of personal or prejudicial interest to be discussed at this meeting. Information about this requirement had been on the table.

3 Public Participation Session

No questions.

4 Development in Potton

4.1 Property Count

The Chairman summarised the Town Clerks report

- As of the 31st March 2015 Potton's Property Count was 2,250 dwellings.
- During the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 the number of dwellings increased by 27.
- By the 31st March 2016 planning permission has been approved for 241 additional properties. (Land to the South of 'The Paddocks' = 90, Land at Biggleswade Road 120 and Land at Biggleswade Road Phase 1 = 31)
- Between the 1st April 2016 and 31st January 2017 planning permission has been approved for a further 152 additional properties. (Land to the South of Sandy Road = 90 and Land opposite the Playing Field, Mill Lane = 62)
- Further applications which have not yet been decided have been submitted for 80 more properties. (Off, of Sutton Road, Potton = 80)

4.2 Planning Application(s) outside the remit of the Planning Committee

Application No: CB/TCA/17/00221

2 Biggleswade Road, Potton, Sandy, SG19 2LU.

Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area: Removal of dead Willow tree to close to the house.

It was **resolved** to approve of the application.

4.3 Mill Lane Planning Application

It was noted what invoices have been currently paid, the invoice which had been submitted by Stephenson Harwood LLP and that the town council is awaiting an invoice for the High Court cost.

Members also noted the town council approved first stages at the meeting on the 18th April 2017.

Members discussed the correspondence.

It was **resolved (i)** to stop the Judicial Review now, because the town council doesn't have the financial appetite. **(ii)** Negotiate fees with the developer and Central Bedfordshire Council. **(iii)** Contact Stephenson Harwood LLP about negotiating fees with the developer and Central Bedfordshire Council.

5 Red Lion Bench

The Chairman read out correspondence from Cllr Harris with regards to relocating the Red Lion Bench.

Members discussed where the Red Lion bench could be relocated to.

It was **resolved** to suggest to Central Bedfordshire Council that the bench is relocated to outside Station House on the corner of Station Road and Shannon Place.

6 Potton Hall for All

Members noted the correspondence.

Members discussed about town councillors meeting with Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) Cllrs Dixon and Shelvey.

It was **resolved** that Cllrs Gibb and Macdonald along with Cllr Emery meet with CBC Cllrs Dixon and Shelvey.

Cllr Emery mentioned about CBC want to know how the funding shortfall for construction and fit out costs, will be met.

A discussion about the need for infrastructure and services are needed first before housing as per the news item on Look East earlier this evening.

It was **resolved (i)** to contact Sarah Hughes about obtaining a date to meet with CBC Cllrs Dixon and Shelvey. **(ii)** to contact Sarah Hughes to obtain a copy of the plans of Henlow Pavilion as offered by Cllr Young in March 2017 so that they can be compared with Potton's Hall for All. **(iii)** to email Cllrs Emery, Gibb and Macdonald about availability to meet with CBC Cllrs Dixon and Shelvey. **(iv)** to support the charity as they will be responsible for the buildings construction and will also be the owner of the building on land leased to them by the town council on a long-term lease.

7 Street Trading Application

The town council noted the correspondence from Central Bedfordshire Council with regards to a street trading application from Howe & Co Fish & Chips for a mobile fish and chip van.

It was **resolved (i)** to object to the street trading application for a mobile fish and chip van. **(ii)** to advise the Royal Fisheries, Market Square, Potton that the town council has objected to the street trading application and the town council wants to show its support for the local trader.

8 Complaints Committee

The town council noted the correspondence with Mr Sale with regards to now proceeding with his complaint with regard to the charges for the burial of his late mother.

It was **resolved (i)** to set up a Complaints Committee to consider the complaint. **(ii)** members of the Complaints Committee are as follows Cllrs Gibb, Lean, Lewis and Macdonald.

9 Finance

i. To approve the list of payments.

It was **resolved** that the payments up to the 20th June 2017 be approved.

10 To Arrange Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Town Council had been arranged for Tuesday 4th July 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed.....ChairmanDate

Mission Statement

The aim of Potton Town Council is to serve the people of this town to the best of its ability.