

POTTON TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held on
Tuesday 10th March 2020, 7.00pm at the Mill Lane Pavilion

Present: Councillors Mr D. Ellison, Mr A. Gibb, Mr J. Hobbs, Mr L. Ivall, Ms L. Kitchener, Mr J. Lean, Mrs C. Leggatt, Mr A. Macdonald (Chairman), Mr B. Massey, Mr J. Price Williams and Mr C. Temple.

Absent: Cllrs Mr J. Day, Mr R. Harris and Mr A. Zerny.

Also Present: Beverley Hutchinson from Bartram, James Bartram from Bartram, Simon James from DLP, 2 Members of the Public and the Town Clerk.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Mr J. Day, Mr R. Harris 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 from the public.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 3rd March 2020, which had been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

5 Confidential – Commercial Matter

Councillor Angus Macdonald (Chairman) passed the following motion:
That, in pursuance of the confidential matters concerning a commercial issue, members of the public were asked to withdraw from the meeting.

A discussion between members took place.

It was **resolved** that the item is not a confidential matter and be open to the public.

The two members of the public who had left the room, were asked if they like to re-enter the room.

The two members of the public re-entered the room.

The Chairman invited the representatives of Bartram to speak about the proposal.

Mr Bartram asked Mr James to speak about the proposal.

Mr James started to speak about the proposal and handed out plans to members.

Mr James advised that the proposal included a factory for Bartram, employment space with eight small units, bungalows, mix of housing, community building, MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), Greenspace and LEAP (Local Equipped Area of Play). Mr James advised that the plans are at the draft stage and will evolve based on working with the town council and other stakeholders.

The Chairman spoke about the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was suggested that the community building would be a mirror image of the Swavesley Community Building.

The 30mph would be extended to at least the entrance to the residential entrance.

Section 106 and cascade clauses – affordable properties only available for local people initially so that people from the town could remain in the town.

A member mentioned the Neighbourhood Plan and the pros of the development include Bungalows, Care Home, Business Units, Affordable Homes for Potton residents, Footpath and Cycleway. Cons Lorry Traffic.

Mr James advised that a Traffic Impact Assessment would be carried out and this will lead to identifying what Traffic Improvements are needed to be included in a Travel Plan. The Travel Plan would be monitored and implemented. Vehicle movement from the development from the Bartram factory would be early in the morning and mid-afternoon. Space for a Cycle route within the development site.

Mr Bartram asked for two Planning Committee members to work with Mr James.

Mr James mentioned about the design code for the development would be based on Bartram buildings.

A discussion about the business units took place.

A discussion about affordable housing:

- Below market rent
- 80% of Market Value
- Right into the agreement that initially only Potton residents can purchase properties.

Cllr Macdonald left the room. Cllr Lean took over Chairing the meeting.

It was mentioned that this development would be outside of the current boundary for developments.

It was mentioned that the development would include commercial and bungalows.

Mr James mentioned about Central Bedfordshire Council five-year housing supply.

A member raised we could end up with Ridgeway, Mill Lane and Gamlingay Road developments.

A member mentioned that a development on Gamlingay Road is in the wrong place (West of town).

It was mentioned that the current site employees seventy members of staff and they all live in Gamlingay and Potton. If Bartram move to this site, the number of employees would increase and be in excess of one hundred and this would include apprenticeships.

This site is the preferred option, a second option is the other side of Cambridge.

Cllr Macdonald returned and took over chairing the meeting.

It was suggested that the Chairman of the Planning Committee and the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan work with Simon James on evolving the draft plan to a plan that Potton wants.

Bartram advised they are turning work away as the current site as it isn't on purpose-built building and so unable to increase production to meet demand.

It was **resolved** that the Chairman of the Planning Committee and the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan work with Simon James on evolving the draft plan to a plan that Potton wants.

6 Date of the Next Meeting

Tuesday 7th April 2020.

Signed..... ChairmanDate

Mission Statement

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