

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2023, AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GREENACRE CENTRE, STOTFOLD

Committee Members present:

B Collier (Chairman), L Anderson, T Bhasin, S Buck, A Cooper, S Dhaliwal, S Hayes, D Matthews, G Russell, J Smith

Also present:

K Elliott-Turner, Town Clerk (attended virtually), non-committee members Councillors M Cooper, B Saunders and J Hyde and one member of the public

19/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence, as all committee members were present.

20/23 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS INTERESTS ON MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE AGENDA AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interests or requests for dispensations. Members were reminded that if at any time during the meeting they feel they have an interest in an item being discussed, they should declare it at that point.

21/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & RESPONSE

Not at this time.

22/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 25th January 2023 are confirmed as a correct record.

23/23 CLERK'S REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

Correspondence received from Central Bedfordshire Council to advise of an Appeal against Planning Enforcement for Land North of Wrayfields, adjoining the Great North Road, Stotfold, SG5 4BL. Alleged breach: without planning permission, the material change of use of land for the use of the land as a vehicle recovery yard, including the storage of recovery trucks and recovered vehicles and associated equipment and for the storage of building materials and equipment. Without planning permission, the erection of a storage building and the siting of static caravans and shipping containers. Enforcement ref: CB/EN/22/0097. Appellant's name: Saunders Recovery. Appeal ref: APP/P0240/C/22/3311955. The Planning Inspector advises that this appeal will be dealt with via the Hearing process. Any comments are to be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 16th March 2023.

Members noted the information.

24/23 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the list of planning decisions.

25/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that the comments made on the applications as listed and forming part of these minutes be forwarded to the Central Bedfordshire Council Planning department.

26/23 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS BY CENTRAL BEDS DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

It is not considered necessary to call in any applications for consideration by the Central Bedfordshire Council Development Management Committee.

27/23 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, RELEVANT TO THIS COMMITTEE ONLY

A member noted that following an application for works on a tree with a TPO on it, for an address on The Green, it appears that both trees have now been removed completely. Tree Preservation Orders are put in place to protect older trees of note, with most TPO trees in the town being on town council land. A request was made for Central Bedfordshire Council's Tree Officer and Planning Enforcement team to investigate why this TPO tree was removed, and to request that a replacement is planted, and that it also has a TPO placed on it.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 7.13pm.

MINUTES APPROVED (date):

SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN:

Planning Decisions Report

Committee meeting: 8th February 2023

Decisions of Local Planning Authority, Central Bedfordshire Council on applications received.

[CB/22/03093/FULL](#)

109 Church Road, Stotfold, Hitchin, SG5 4NE
2 storey rear extension

Town Council comments: no objections

Central Bedfordshire Council Decision: Refused 19/01/23

[CB/22/04680/FULL](#)

16 Church Road, Stotfold, Hitchin, SG5 4LZ
First floor rear extension

Town Council comments: no objections

Central Bedfordshire Council Decision: Granted 20/01/23

Planning Applications Received

Committee meeting: 8th February 2023

Comments made by Stotfold Town Council's Planning Committee, on applications received

[CB/23/00092/VOC](#)

8 High Street, SG5 4LL

Variation of condition number 2 & 3 of planning permission CB/21/05106/FULL (Rear single storey pitched roof extension alter existing single storey flat roof side extension to pitched roof) changes to plans and to install a glass canopy to the rear-extension

Town Council comments: no objections

[CB/23/00250/FULL](#)

5 The Avenue, SG5 4LY

Single storey extension and associated ramp for Disabled access

Town Council comments: no objections, we feel it is important to retain this valuable service for Stotfold

[CB/23/00360/FULL](#)

12 The Gardens, SG5 4HD

Single storey rear extension and raising of roof ridge to accommodate loft conversion. 1 No large rear dormer window to rear roof slope, 2 No small pitched roof dormers to front roof slope, insertion of skylight and raised roof to porch. Alterations to fenestration and new external materials

Town Council comments: no objections