

Minutes of a meeting of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE**, Arlesey Town Council held in the Village Hall, Arlesey on **Tuesday 20 March 2012**.

PRESENT:

Cllrs: N Daniels (Chairman)	M Rainbow
G Bains	Mrs J Rencontre
Ms L Clapham	Ms L Warwick
Mrs H Frost	D West
C Howitt	A White
D Page	

Also present: Mrs E Hare (Town Clerk), and one member of the public.

123 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Ms J Squizzoni.

124 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

- a) There were no declarations of personal interests received.
- b) There were no declarations of prejudicial interests received.

125 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

126 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Prior to the meeting Members received a copy of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 6 March 2012.

It was RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 6 March 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

127 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

128 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) **CB/12/00770/VOC** – Variation of Condition: To vary Condition 2 on Planning Permission MB/92/916 approved 22/12/92: The occupation of persons falling within the definition of “Gypsy” – Twin Acres, Hitchin Road, Arlesey SG15 6SE

The Chairman gave a short planning history of the original planning application to members. The application is to consider changing the existing condition 2 which limits occupation just to the occupant’s family and replace with the definition of “Gypsy”

Recommendation: To reject the proposal to change the existing Condition 2. The Town Council objects to varying the condition. Condition 2 must remain as it is.

(b) **CB/12/00438/FULL** – Single storey front extension including garage conversion – 8 Gothic Way, Arlesey SG15 6TP

Recommendation is to approve this proposal subject to neighbours’ comments being taken into consideration. The Town Council has no objections to this proposal other than to express concern over any potential parking hazards and would there still be adequate parking arrangements within the plot.

129 PLANNING DECISIONS

(a) **CB/11/02857/FULL** – Single storey extension to the front – 27 Vicarage Close, Arlesey SG15 6XH – **GRANTED**

(b) **CB/12/00252/FULL** – Single storey side and rear extension with carport – 116 Stotfold Road, Arlesey SG15 6XR – **GRANTED**

(c) **CB/12/00231/FULL** – Erection of single storey side extension – 9 Chase Close, Arlesey SG15 6UT – **GRANTED**

It was RESOLVED

to note planning decisions 129 (a) to (c)

130 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

The Chairman reported he and Cllr Howitt attended the Development Strategy Workshop held at Priory House on Wednesday 14 March 2012. Work is being undertaken on a new plan to cover the whole of Central Bedfordshire. The plan is called the Development Strategy and will set out how much development (housing, employment and retails, etc) is required and broadly speaking where it should go. The workshop was held as a consultation with stakeholders to get their views. Delivery of the key issues must be completed and adopted by February 2014. The aim is to bring the two policy frameworks of the North and South of the area together taking into consideration all the forecasts and factors. The progress of the new document will be found on the Council’s website along with the timescales for this work. The consultation closes on 28 March 2012.

It was RESOLVED

the Clerk will email a link to all councillors in order that they can respond to the consultation via the questionnaire

131 CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

The Chairman reported this item was brought forward from the Planning Committee meeting held on 21 February 2012. The correspondence received from the ROW Team Leader which informed the Town Council that Network Rail has applied to divert the current level crossing section in association with the provision of a pedestrian footbridge. The proposed diversion is part of Arlesey Public Footpath No 3 under Section 119A of the Highways Act 1980 (Rail Crossing Diversion).

The resolution on 21 February was to ask how the construction equipment would reach the site. A reply has been received for Council's further consideration of the proposals and comments to confirm acceptance or rejection should be sent in by 21 March 2012.

A lengthy discussion took place on Network Rail's response to Council's previous concerns, and on how the construction equipment will reach the site via the route shown on the plan.

It was RESOLVED

to accept their proposed diversion, that the new footbridge would be an asset and that Network Rail will bear in mind the Council's previous concerns when planning construction traffic movements.