

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 2ND JULY 2003

PRESENT

Mr. Gray presided over Mesdames Harrison and Collins, Messrs. Steeples, Leith and Coward.

APOLOGIES

Mesdames Warwick & Holmes, Messrs. Mackin and Dear.

1. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

03/01079/FULL

Two storey rear extension

41 New Street

No objection:- providing it doesn't interfere with the right of way for number 43 or adversely affect neighbours.

03/01158/LB

Erection of four dwellings following the demolition of existing buildings.

10 Northbridge Street

No objection:- Note to say that and Shefford T C are aware that there are already buildings in existence but Mid Beds D C should be mindful that the area is on flood plain.

03/01105/FULL

Removal of Condition 5 (detail of frame members, tie beams, knee braces and wall plates) attached to planning permission 02/1602/FULL dated 10/12/02.

Ivel House, Southbridge Street.

Object : See below:- 03/1106/FULL

03/01106/CAC

Demolition of brick built garage and timber forge building.

Ivel House, Southbridge Street.

With the objection to the removal of Condition 5 then this application cannot be resolved until 03/01105/FULL has been determined and as such cannot, therefore, be approved.

2. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

03/00682/FULL

Erection of first floor extension to side/front

45 Eisenhower Road

Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission
Erection of 14 dwellings, car ports and parking spaces.
Land to the rear of 1-25 Lucas Way

3. SITE OFF MIDLAND CLOSE

A proposal for the name of this development to be called 'Ivel Gardens' rather than 'The Sidings' was made to the Town Council by the developers Costdeal Ltd. This suggestion was reluctantly accepted by the Council although they did not think that the word 'Gardens' necessarily reflected the general aspect of the area.

4. PROPOSED TESCO SITE

A reply to a letter previously sent to Tesco regarding 'site safety and vandalism' has been received stating that they have instructed New World Builders to re-secure the building and arrangements for mobile patrols have been put in place to deter further acts of trespass and vandalism.

5. THE MALTINGS - HIGH STREET

Mr M Simmons, Conservation and Design Officer of Mid Beds D C has written in reply to a request made by the Town Council that he should examine a pillar at 1-3 The Maltings in the High Street. This pillar appears not to be resting on its plinth and as such may be unsafe. He has offered to speak to the owner of the listed building as to whether or not it has been examined by a structural engineer/surveyor. The Council would like him to take up his offer.

6. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – BEDFORD ROAD

An e-mail has been received from S. Summerfield (Baptist Minister) regarding the fact that the pedestrian refuge has been removed during recent road repairs and that lorries and other vehicles have become used to there not being any bollards and as such are increasing their speeds accordingly. Clerk to write to Babtie and Beds C C Highways Dept to express the general concerns about this situation.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that a lamp post outside Somerfield's Store has had an electrical cover removed and as such could be dangerous as wiring has become exposed.

P C Battams to be contacted about a vehicle parked in the vicinity of the Hardware shop in the High which is illegally parked on a regular basis.

Road surface in Nortbridge Street has deteriorated and the County Council is to be asked to 'patch' accordingly.

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There appears to be no legislation as to how close to domestic dwellings oilseed rape can be grown. The nuisance caused by mosquitoes appears to be the concern of Mid Beds D C.

An attempt has been made to cut back hedges at the Priory Gate footpath but this has proved to be inadequate and a further attempt will be made.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.
