

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 4TH JUNE 2003

PRESENT

Mr. Gray presided over Mesdames Harrison, Collins and Holmes, Messrs. Mackin, Fisher, Steeples and Leith.

APOLOGIES

None

1. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

03/00919/FULL
Conservatory to side.
2A Clifton Road

No objection

03/00825/FULL
Erection of 18 dwellings – 4 flats, 12 houses, 2 bungalows.
Land to R/O 54 Lucas Way

No objection

03/00709/FULL
Removal of condition 3 (No outside Storage)-ref. 82/44 23/09/1982-to allow outside storage of metal cages and wooden pallets

Object; Same reason as before. Condition 3 should not be removed. Risk of pallets being stacked too high, possible attraction of vermin and risk of vandals igniting wooden pallets.

2. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission
03/00386/FULL
Conservatory to rear
3 Oak End, Pear Tree Close.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission
03/00551/FULL
Two storey side extension incorporating garage
14 Priory Gate.

3. DUE NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that occasionally the timing of correspondence sent from Mid Beds District Council to Shefford Town Council and the general public on planning related matters didn't always match. It was felt, therefore, that as there is a set time allowed to respond to these matters because of the legislation imposed, then interested parties should be given the necessary information as speedily as possible to allow them the maximum amount of time to respond.

4. ESSO SNACK AND SHOP – SHEFFORD BY PASS

Letter from Lockett & Co relating to an application for a licence to sell liquor at the above premises. STC to object. Alcohol is available at Somerfields, there is already a problem with youths and anti-social behaviour and it was further felt that a petrol filling station is not an appropriate place to sell intoxicating liquor.

5. USE OF LAND R/O 5 MAYFIELDS

Letter from Dr. Colin Smith objecting to a planning proposal for change of use of agricultural land to residential use. Clerk to write to Dr. Smith to say that STC have already written to Mid Beds D C stating their objections as well.

6. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – BEDFORD ROAD

Receipt of a copy letter from Latif Suddle which they wrote in response to a complaint from Mr. Reardon of 31 Bedford Road, Shefford regarding the siting of the proposed pedestrian crossing. All objections to this scheme will be reported to the Development Control Committee of the County Council and the decision will be notified in due course.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 It was thought that a meeting should be arranged before the start of the new Council year with Mr. Granger as to exactly which areas of grass he should be cutting as there have been changes since the last consultation. Clerk to speak to Mr. Granger re grass cutting on Shefford side of the Campton underpass

7.2 Various illicit advertisement signs have placed at the roadside near the Airman Public House and on the A507. It was understood that the County Council will be dealing with this matter.

7.3 It was noted that the pillar on the Maltings has become slightly detached from the building causing a possible safety issue. Clerk to write to the Conservation Officer at Mid Beds D C.

7.4 Mrs. Collins noted that oil seed rape was being grown close to residential buildings which she thought was not allowed but would make investigations on the appropriate website and report back.

7.5 E-mail received from Mr. Huffadine-Smith of Anglia Water regarding Barratt development at Ivel Road stating that Phase 1 of the development has been put on to 6 months maintenance effective 13th May 2003 – Phase 2 is already on maintenance although issues to be resolved in this period are arrangements for telemetry (foul pumping station) and Discharge consents for Surface water. Further e-mail from Lisa king informing STC that at the end of the maintenance period subject there being no remedial works then Anglian Water can proceed to adopt the sewers which in turn will allow B C C to adopt the estate roads assuming there are no remedial works to the road.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.
