

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER 2003

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

03/02193/TPO

Fell 5 Alder trees and prune 3 Alder trees.
15 The Hollies

No objection:- providing the District Council's Arboricultural Officer is in agreement.

03/02035/FULL

Erection of 2 no. two bed flats with associated parking.
Land adjacent to 28 Elm Road.

No objection.

03/02062/FULL

First floor side extension.
2 Arnhem Place.

No objection:- providing there is no encroachment on to neighbour's property.

03/02104//FULL

Erection of 35 dwellings with access road on to Shefford Road and pedestrian link to Pedley Lane.
Land at Clifton nursery.

Object:- dangerous access and egress because of close proximity to S-bends.
Increase in traffic flow to Samuel Whitbread Community College which now has consent for additional buildings to accommodate more pupils.

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

03/01773/FULL

Replacement of and extension to conservatory to rear.
10 The Hollies

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission
03/01814/FULL
Two storey rear extension
41 New Street

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission
03/01868/FULL
Reopen entrance to warehouse
Aljec Wholesale, Ivel Road

Notice of Approval to Carry Out Works to Protected Tree(s)
03/01923/TPO
Remove deadwood and reduce crown of two Oak trees by 10-15%
12 Mayfields

Notice of Refusal of Listed Building Consent
03/00036/LB
Retention of external clear bulb fairy lighting
The White Swan, 2 Bedford Road

5. LICENCE FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT – S T M A

No objection.

6. LAND TO REAR OF 1 – 25 LUCAS WAY

List of house numbers from Mid Beds D C regarding house numbers for plots on Cockshoot Hill Close.

7. DEVELOPMENT AT 148 CLIFTON ROAD

Letter from Mid Beds D C asking the Council for suggested street names for the above development. Hyde Close or The Hyde suggested as this was the name of the family butcher who previously had premises on the site.

8. CHANGE TO PLANNING DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEES AND OFFICER DELEGATION

Letter from Mid Beds D C the Town Council of various changes related to the above which will come into effect in January 2004 and will be reviewed at the Council AGM on 15th April 2004.

9. MONITORING OF SPEED ACTIVITY - BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE

Letter from Operational Support Division of Bedfordshire Police stating that due to operational commitments within other areas of their work they will no longer provide regular speed activity checks until at least April 2004. Concentration will be on burglary dwellings, violent crime and vehicle crime. This does not mean the removal of Police Officers from the Parish area but a temporary re-focussing of the officers from completing speed checks to a wider remit of crime reduction.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Request to be made to Mid Beds D C to enquire what progress has been made with regard to the proposed Tesco store.

It was thought that the traffic lights had now become out of sequence leaving allowing insufficient time for pedestrians to cross. Clerk to contact the Highways Department of the County Council.

A question was asked if the 'For Sale' sign at a house in Bloomfield Drive related to the land or the house. It was established that the sign related to the house only.

It had been noticed that the front of Patel's shop (46-48 High Street) now appears to have an additional doorway. As the shop front is now different in appearance, information is to be sought as to whether this is a new doorway or if it is merely the reopening of a previously existing doorway.

It was reported that the lights on the Traffic Island adjacent to School Lane appear to be dimly lit. The County's Highway Department is to be asked to either clean them or install brighter bulbs.

A large amount of dead leaves has accumulated at the bus stop in the vicinity of the hairdressers. It was thought that when the leaves get wet they would become slippery and cause a potential hazard to pedestrians.

A further report of debris and associated matter has also been received in the area of the Conservative Association's premises.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.
