

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 15th OCTOBER 2003**

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

03/01773/FULL

Replacement conservatory to rear.
10 The Hollies

No objection.

03/01814/FULL

Two storey rear extension
41 New Street

No objection

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Further Details Not Required

03/01574/DTM

Upgrade of existing 15mtr. Pole and cabinet with new 15mtr. Monopole to support 6 no. antennae and up to 2 no. transmission dishes. Cabinet to be replaced with new 2.4 mtr. x 2.4mtr. mini cabin with planting.
Shefford Mill, Stanford Road.

5. PROPOSED VISIT TO ELSTOW RE-CYCLING UNIT

Dates and times of visits have been received from District Councillor Mr. Brown. Five people will be visiting on 25th October at 10.00 a.m. Clerk to make arrangements for this visit and to obtain dates for another visit by other Council members at a later date.

6. LAND TO REAR OF 1- 25 LUCAS WAY

Letter from Mid Beds D C enquiring if the Council would like the already suggested name of Cockshoot Hill Close for the new access road that will be constructed for the above site. Council agreed that this name would be acceptable.

7. DONATION OF CHRISTMAS TREE

A resident of Shefford offered to donate a large Christmas tree to the Shefford Lights Committee. The offer was not taken up as there had been problems with nuisance youths in the past. Resident to be thanked for her offer.

8. RIVERS FLIT AND HIT, SOUTHBRIDGE

A reply has been received from the Environment Agency regarding a letter sent to them about a fallen tree at the point where the two rivers meet and also the Council's concern about prolific weed growth. The Environment Agency will find the riparian owner to have the tree removed and arrangements are in place to cut back weed growth in both the Flit and Hit.

9. INVITATION TO MEETING – BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE FORCE

An invitation has been received from Stotfold Town Council for representatives of Shefford Town Council to attend a meeting to discuss rural policing and higher visibility policing. Clerk to obtain further details.

10. 44 NEW STREET – REPLY FROM MID BEDS D C

A formal reply has been received from Mid Beds D C regarding a decision made on a Planning Application at the above site.

11. TOWN AND PARISH FORA

Messrs. Wren and Steeples to attend a meeting arranged by Mid Beds D C on the subjects of alternate weekly collections for waste, Quality Parish Council Scheme and Best Value Review.

12. PEDESTRIAN/VEHICLE TRAFFIC CONFLICT A507/A600

A copy of a letter to Bedfordshire County Council from District Councillor Birt has been received by the Town Council regarding the above. In general terms the Town Council concurred with Councillor Birt and supported him in his comments and propose to send a letter stating that fact to the County Council's Strategic Director (Environment) accordingly.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The railings at Kingsmede remain broken. Mrs. Harrison will discuss with Mr. Carafalo from Raynesway Construction.

The problem of a raised metal hatch in Ivel Road to be dealt with in the same way.

The subject of the demolition of the laundry at Old Bridge Way was discussed.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.
