

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH APRIL 2004

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

04/00397/FULL

Single storey rear extension.

30 The Hollies.

No objection :- providing it doesn't detract from neighbour's light.

01/00432/FULL

Two storey side extension and single storey porch, detached double garage and workshop.

61/63 New Street

No objection :- providing it doesn't detract from neighbour's light.

04/00498/FULL

Two storey and first floor front/side extension.

11 Tippett Drive.

No objection :- providing it doesn't detract from neighbour's light.

04/00518/FULL

Single storey entrance porch.

5 Mallard Close.

No objection.

04/00562/FULL

Single storey extensions to side, front and rear.

70 Amptill Road.

No objection :- providing the work is carried out in keeping with the current appearance of the house.

04/00563/FULL
Detached double garage.
70 Ampthill Road.

No objection.

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Consent to Display Advertisement(s)
03/02220/ADV

New corporate fascia signs to front and side elevations and new free standing car park and totem pole signs.
Sommerfield Store, St. Francis Way.

5. SITE ON THE CORNER OF CLIFTON ROAD / IVEL ROAD

Letter received from the Building Control Department of Mid Beds D C informing the members that the suggested names for the construction of 23 flats at the above address is:-

Units 1-10 The Maltings, Clifton Road, Shefford.

Units 11-23 The Maltings, Ivel Road, Shefford.

Clerk to inform Mid Beds D C that the name 'The Maltings' is already in existence in the High Street and as such cannot be used elsewhere. Members suggested names were possibly Coopers Way or Old Brewery Way and felt generally that there should be two names as there were two entrances. It was further felt that if these names were not acceptable, then the members had no strong opinion either way providing the Mid Beds suggested names did not include the name 'maltings' but did reflect that the area had previously been a brewery site.

6. APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER – ESSO SNACK AND SHOP A507 BY-PASS

Letter received from Lockett & Co., Retail and Licensing Consultants, informing members that an application had been made to the Justice's for the transfer of a licence on the above premises. The members had no objections.

7. LETTER FROM RESIDENT REGARDING FLOODING CONCERNS

A letter has been received from a resident concerned about the fact that floodwater had reached to within ten feet of his house. He further stated that in his opinion this situation could not all be put down to 'global warning'. Brief details as to what the members think could be contributing to this problem are to be sent to the resident. Primarily, however, the concerns contained in his letter are to be sent to both the Bedfordshire and River Ivel Drainage Board and the Environment Agency for their comments and the resident is to be informed accordingly.

8. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Notification has been received from Bedfordshire County Council informing members that the results of a Public Inquiry held between 25th November and 9th January 2003 into the objections to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan has now been published. Bedfordshire and Luton have now received copies of the Inspector's Report and are available for public inspection. These are free of charge and a list of places where it can be obtained was also included.

9. APPEAL re SITE AT 2 ARNHEM PLACE, SHEFFORD

A letter received from Mid Beds D C informing members that the District Council had refused Planning Permission on Application No. 03/02062/FULL received on 1st December 2003 and 16th January 2004. The applicant has now exercised his right of appeal to this decision. As a result of this the Town Council are now invited to make additional comments to those already made. The members decided to make no further comment.

10. SHEFFORD SAINTS

A letter has been received from Allianz Cornhill regarding the football pitch at the Millenium Green. The letter pointed out that until the mole problem has been dealt with and the pitch certified as 'safe' then the Town Council cannot allow football to be played there as they would be liable as owner's of the pitch and not the Bedfordshire Football Association's Insurers.

The Saints are to be informed of this fact and that no further correspondence will be entered into until the moles have been cleared and a Certificate of Pitch Safety has been issued and seen by the Town Council.

An e:mail from the Chairman of the Saints F C enquired if the Town Council would be prepared to offer financial support towards providing top soil. The Council is to reply that if the Saints sent them an appropriate invoice, they will consider it but in any case it would have to be after they had had sight of the correct certification document stating that the pitch was suitable for football to re-commence.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It has been observed that the garden refuse sacks appear to be not entirely adequate along with a further observation that there are a considerable amount of orange sacks around the town.

Logs have been placed at the entry point of the woods in Amphill Road opposite Priory Gate

Bye laws relating to 'dog fouling' are to be discussed at the next Finance and Policy Committee meeting as is litter picking with a view to a 'Keep Britain Tidy Campaign'.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.
