

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2004**

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Holmes presided over Mrs. Harrison, Messrs. Mackin, Fisher, Leith and Steeples.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mrs. Collins and Mr. Gray.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION**

04/02086/FULL

Replacement two bed detached bungalow following demolition of existing bungalow.  
5 Southfields.

No objection.

04/02097/FULL

Provision of vehicular access and hardstanding for land to the rear of 87 Clifton Road.

57 Elgar Drive and Land To The Rear of 87 Clifton Road, Elgar Drive.

The committee would support the Elgar Drive access providing residents were balloted. If Elgar Drive is chosen, then the Clifton Road access should be blocked to all traffic permanently. Conclusions on traffic information are incorrect. Dangerous access on to Clifton Road.

**N.B.** The District Council is to be asked why the Town Council weren't made aware that Planning Application 03/00711/FULL which had originally been refused had gone to appeal and subsequently passed.

**4. DECISIONS**

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

04/01842/FULL

Single storey rear extension.

5 Squires Close.

04/01237/OUT

Site at Land at Hillfoot Depot, Hitchin Road, Shefford.

Due to the fact that this application was originally refused, the applicant has exercised his right of appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. The Town Council's Planning Committee is invited to offer further information other than that already received. A reply is to be written informing the Inspectorate that an application for a new Health Centre on a nearby site has been received by the District Council. Therefore, should this permission be granted, there would be a considerable increase in traffic flow in the area, although at the present time a site for the Health Centre has not been determined.. The Inspectorate is also to be made aware of the increased pupilage at Samuel Whitbread Community College.

## **5. FORMER SHEFFORD HAND LAUNDRY**

Information from the Building Control Department at Mid Beds District Council informing members that the 4 houses currently being erected on the former Shefford Hand Laundry site will be known as numbers 1 to 4 Byrnes Mews with a postcode of SG17 5FD.

## **6. TRANSPORT TOKENS**

The Taxi Token Scheme currently being operated by Mid Beds is to change it's name to Transport Tokens. This means that the current tokens can be used on Stagecoach East buses. Discussions are currently in place with Thameslink in order to get them to accept tokens on trains. It is also hoped that more taxi companies will subscribe to the scheme.

## **7. MBDC FREE TREE SCHEME**

Mid Beds District Council is once again able to supply a free trees and hedging plants for planting on amenity land. They are also continuing their 'Front Garden Scheme' and as such enclosed a list of six small ornamental trees that will be on offer to the general public to plant in their front gardens this year. However, it should be noted that members of the public will only be eligible for a free tree if it is to be planted where it will be clearly visible from a public space. The scheme runs during the Autumn and Winter period from the beginning of November to the end of February.

## **8. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

An e:mail has been received from County Councillor Mr. Younger informing members of recent correspondence with Mr. Bill Brady the County's Officer responsible for Road Safety and Inspector Seamarks of Bedfordshire Police. The correspondence relates to bad driving in the vicinity of the two crossings in Shefford. It is hoped to arrange a meeting between Mr. Younger, Inspector Seamarks and Mr. Brady and will hopefully take place when P C Battams returns from holiday in the new year. In the meantime, the situation regarding the possibility of a crossing in Churchill Way is to be brought to Mr. Brady's attention.

## **9. SHEFFORD SAINTS – ALLIANZ CORNHILL**

A letter has been received from the Council's insurer's informing the committee that due to a report they have received from Capita Symonds, they have now lifted the endorsement previously placed on the insurance policy which forbade the Saints F C to play football on the Bellcote Meadow pitch.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The litter bin outside 95 Amphill Road still requires attention.

County Councillor Mr. Younger to be contacted to see if he has any further information on areas in the town requiring attention by the County Council, namely Duck Lane, Kingsmede and area outside the Council Chamber.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.