

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2004**

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

04/00314/FULL
Single storey rear extension
20 Churchill Way

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

04/00326/FULL
Two storey and single storey rear extension.
34 Queen Elizabeth Close..

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

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission.
03/01775/FULL
Two storey side extension and single storey porch, detached double garage and workshop.
61/63 New Street.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission.
04/00023/FULL
Two storey and single storey rear extension. Single storey front extension and detached single garage.
23 George Street.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission
03/02035/FULL
Erection of 2 no. two bed flats with associated parking.
Land Adjacent to 28, Elm Road.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission.
03/02237/FULL
Erection of five covered trolley bays.
Somerfield Stores.

5. SHEFFORD SAINTS

E:mail received from Mr Beaumont (Chairman of Shefford Saints F C (Juniors) re the siting of a secure storage facility adjacent to the Millenium Green. Several suggestions towards siting were made by Mr. Beaumont but ultimately the conveyance on the terms of the lease does not allow the erection of any further buildings on the land including an extension to the changing rooms.

6. WHITBREAD WANDERBUS

A request has been received from Paul Lanham (Secretary to the Management Committee of the Whitbread Wanderbus) enquiring if the Town Council could inform residents about a vacancy for drivers and the need for a new Transport Manager.

7. STANDARDS BOARD FOR ENGLAND

A pamphlet has been received from the Standards Board for England asking the Town Council to advise it's member's on the rules regarding:-

- (1) Registering and declaring membership of the freemasons,
- (2) Registering and declaring membership of a political party council associations.

This information is to be passed on to the Services & Maintenance Committee and the Finance & Policy Committee.

8. THE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE FOR ENGLAND

An opportunity for Town/Parish Councils to comment on recommendations on parish council electoral arrangements. They may also comment on electoral arrangements proposed for the County Council. Representations will be made available for inspection at the offices of the Committee and the County Council. The Committee has placed a public notice in Bedfordshire on Sunday and a poster is displayed in the window of the Town Meeting Room.

9. SKATEBOARDING – LANCASTER PLACE

A further e:mail has been received from a Shefford resident regarding skateboarding in Lancaster Way. The resident is unhappy with the way the situation has been dealt with by the authorities. He is to be informed that the Council is powerless to proceed as the police have already investigated the matter and advised that if he wishes to take the matter further he should speak to the 'offenders' and take appropriate civil action.

10. UPDATE – ADOPTION LUCAS WAY PLAY AREA

The Lucas Way Play Area is now ready for adoption by the Town Council. A commuted sum is being calculated and a solicitor is to be appointed to deal with the paperwork as provided by Aragon Housing Association.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Information received from Mr. Sayeed suggests that progression on the saga of the bridge in Churchill Way is not looking too positive at the present time. A missive from Barratt's Developers mentions other issues on the development but appears to avoid mentioning the bridge specifically. It is being considered to ask Mr Sayeed to pose a question in the House asking if Developers can be brought to task to rectify issues that occur after completion of that development. It appears that at the present time some Developers have a totally cavalier attitude to incomplete work for which they still have a responsibility.

The Environment Agency has sent a list of properties that they consider to be at risk. Unfortunately the list does not include some properties that have already been known to flood thus leaving some doubt as to whether or not it's a totally comprehensive list.

A note of an area adjacent to Somerfield's store that needs clearing of debris etc.

A question was asked as to whether or not a disused factory in the Iveldale Drive/Southbridge Street contained any 'matter' that could be deemed as being dangerous to the environment. This was thought to be highly unlikely.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.
