

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH MAY 2004

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Harrison.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

04/00522/FULL

First floor side extension and rear conservatory.
16 Montgomery Avenue.

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

04/00811/FULL

Replacement 3 bed detached bungalow following demolition of existing bungalow.
5 Southfields.

No objection: Note to say that the Town Council fully supports this style of building.

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission

04/00518/FULL

Single storey entrance porch.
5 Mallard Close.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

04/00398/FULL

First floor side extension.
2 Arnhem Place.

Notice of Approval of Details

03/00229/CI

Ten blocks of single living accommodation to comprise 438 bedrooms and associated facilities.
DISC Chicksands.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

04/00116/FULL

Change of use of farm buildings for general workshop/storage use – retrospective.
Old Rowney Farm, Old Rowney.

5. APPLICATION FOR: Transfer 28/04/2004– ESSO SNACK & SHOP

Adjourned as applicant is unwell.

6. SHEFFORD SAINTS Re: PROPOSED PLANNING APPLICATION

Documentation and a map have been received from Shefford Saints F C (Juniors) re a proposal for the provision of land drainage, mole barrier, replacement fencing, new welcome and sponsors' boards, coaches/substitute's shelter and the temporary use of a free-standing storage container. A letter is to be written to Mid Bedfordshire D C's Planning Department explaining the Town Council's views and then the matter is to be discussed at the next Finance and Policy Committee meeting on 19th May.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A report and appropriate literature was received from Mrs. Collins regarding her attendance at the Bedfordshire Rural Sports & Physical Activity Conference on 22nd April. One of the main topics discussed was the 'Awards for All' in the Eastern Region. This led to a discussion on arranging coach trips through the Town Council but this was thought not to be viable as there would be implications of Health and Safety and Risk Assessment. It was decided that it would be preferable if the clubs/societies of Shefford made the approach and stated the costs, purpose, aims etc. of any proposed trip.

Mrs. Holmes reported on matters discussed by the Community Liason Forum particularly with regard to planning matters generally but also as to how the planning authorities will deal with the matters that will inevitably come their way in the future. It was thought there had been numerous planning inconsistencies in the past and the situation should be monitored very carefully.

Mr. Younger is to be asked if there are any European grants that can be used to improve the viability of the High Street as it constitutes part of the conservation area of the town.

A request for the removal of the second wrong crossing sign in Amptill Road.

It was noted that there was only one green recycling bin at the entrance to the flats which was deemed to be insufficient to contain the amount of recyclable waste disposed of by the residents. A more sensible larger bin is to be requested.

Debris is collecting under the bridge in Southbridge Street. The Bedfordshire and River Ivel Drainage Board are to be asked to clear it and inspect the area around the bridge supports to see what is causing the build-up.

The grasscutting contract is to be viewed to see if Footpath No. 12 from Ashdown Road to Bellcote Meadow is part of the Town Council's responsibility. The area has become overgrown and requires strimming around the kissing gate and sides.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.
