

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

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Mr. Fisher.

At this point Mr. Gray introduced Mr. John Hargreaves, a Director of Woods Hardwick, who made a presentation to the committee on possible development sites in the town.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission
03/00878/OUT

Residential development of up to 18 dwellings – all matters reserved except access.
Land to R/O 72-88 Ampthill Road.

5. DEVELOPER'S CONTRIBUTION FOR PLAY AND SPORTING PROVISION

A document has been received from the Play and Open Space Officer at Mid Beds District Council informing members of the three types of open space that the District Council requires developers to provide. Mrs. Harrison said she would study the document and report back at a future meeting.

6. UPDATE – KINGFISHER WAY PLAY AREA

Based on information received from the Play and Open Space Officer of Mid Beds District Council it was thought there was a need for a site visit to establish the exact area that the Town Council would like to adopt.

7. RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE STRATEGY REVIEW OF PARISH SCHEDULES 2004

A document has been received from the Play and Open Space Officer of Mid Beds District Council regarding the above. The report on Recreational Open Space Strategy (ROSS) contains a detailed listing of all play, sporting and amenity open space in the district together with an analysis of provision levels measured against the National Playing Fields Association's Six Acre Standard. The report detailed all such areas in the Town and the committee was invited to check the information contained therein and comment on any information that may be incorrect. Mrs. Harrison agreed to study the document and report back at a future meeting.

8. SHEFFORD SAINTS F C (Juniors) – CAPITA SYMONDS REPORT

Capita Symonds had previously been requested to send a report to the Town Council in respect of pitch safety at the Bellcote Meadow Millenium Green site. This has now been received and is to be forwarded on to the Council's insurers. As the report deemed the pitch to be safe for the resumption of football matches, the insurers are to be requested to lift the endorsement currently in place on the Council's insurance.

9. WASTE STRATEGY PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS

An invitation to attend a workshop has been received from the Bedfordshire Waste Authorities Partnership through the County Council regarding waste management and recycling services. Mr. Steeples stated that he would attend the meeting which is to be held at Biggleswade Council Offices on Thursday 25th November.

10. TOWN AND PARISH FOR A

An invitation has been received from the Chief Executive of Mid Beds District Council for a representative of the Town Council to attend workshops on the following : Waste & Recycling System, Affordable Housing and Town & Parish Plans. Mrs Holmes said she would like to attend the meeting which is to be held on Thursday 25th November at the Council Offices in Ampthill.

11. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CONFERENCE

An invitation has been received from the Community Safety Team to attend a conference on Anti-Social Behaviour. The conference is to be held on Friday 19th November at the Rufus Centre in Flitwick starting at 9.30 a.m. As a representative from the Committee could not be found, the invitation is to be passed to the next meeting of the Services and Maintenance committee.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was felt there was a need to establish the company or person responsible for obtaining access through the gates to the now almost defunct Shefford Business Park. It was thought that certain utility companies would require access to the river footpath adjacent to the Business Park as some of their contractors' would be using heavy plant and equipment.

A letter is to be sent to the District Council informing them that there is a planning inadequacy in the town and as such they should put a 'hold' on any further housing including those plans granted but not yet exercised.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.