

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON 21ST APRIL 2004**

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Holmes.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

04/00560/FULL

Erection of detached house and garage.
Land to rear of 64 Ampthill Road.

Object:- over-development of site, overlooks existing buildings, loss of both the light and the privacy of adjoining properties, overcrowding.

04/00639/OUT

Residential Development (including means of access).
Land at Old Bridge Way.

No objection:- Comment to say – consideration should be given regarding the current width restriction in Churchill Way. Traffic flow will increase and Constructor's traffic would not be welcome at the present time. Project should be held in obedience.

04/00650/FULL

First floor side extension, ground floor extension to front.
24 Eisenhower Road.

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

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

04/00114/FULL

First floor rear extension.
29 Ampthill Road.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

04/00126/LB

Replacement non-illuminated fascia sign.
18-20 High Street

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission
04/00218/FULL
Two storey rear extension and single storey front extension.
11 Lucas Way.

5. CAR PARK SIGNS & PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Letter received from Bedfordshire County Council's Senior Engineer (Traffic Management) enclosing a map informing the Council of the current parking restrictions in the town. The letter also stated that the situation regarding the Council's request to survey the signage appertaining to the car park was being investigated by Mr Alan Trille also from the County Council.

6. MBDC – CONSULTATION DRAFT

A consultation draft received from Mid Beds District Council is to be scrutinised by Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Collins.

7. CPRE - PLANNING DAY SEMINAR

An invitation to attend a Seminar/Workshop has been received from the Campaign to Protect Rural England. The seminar will take place at Bromham in the Village on 8th May at 7.30 p.m. Mr Leith said that he will attend.

8. FLOOD ACTION – MAGAZINE

A newsletter has been received updating members on flooding issues. The magazine was given to Mr. Leith and a copy to Mrs. Collins for their perusal.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Leith said he had received complaints from resident's of Shefford that there was insufficient seating in the town centre area. The members concurred with these complaints but stated that regrettably seats that had been previously placed in this area had been vandalised and not replaced as the sites had become concentrated problem areas.

A request was made to have the lower branches trimmed on what was thought to be a laburnum tree close to the play area adjacent to Somerfield's Store. It was felt the tree should receive immediate attention as laburnums are deemed to be poisonous and as such the branches should not be easily accessible to children particularly. Upon further discussion it was decided that the tree was not a laburnum after all.

The County Council to be asked to remove a dead tree close to the bridge in South Bridge Street.

It was noted that the waste bin outside No 95 Ampthill Road was broken and hence could no longer be used to deposit litter.

It was reported that a sign on the bridge in Nortbridge Street that had previously named the river was no longer in place. Request to the County Council for a replacement sign.

The situation regarding the poor condition of paths in certain areas is to be discussed at the meeting of the Services and Maintenance committee.

The issue of pot holes on the river bridge, paving outside No 7 Willow Way and a raised Cable-tel cover will be investigated by Mrs. Harrison at her meeting with the County Council officer next week.

The seats at the top of Willow Way and Ivel Road (near the post box) were said to be in poor condition and in need of replacing.

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.
