

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

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

03/02104/FULL

Erection of 35 dwellings with access road on to Shefford Road and pedestrian link to Pedley Lane.

Land at Clifton Nursery, Shefford Road.

Objection:- Dangerous access and egress, area liable to flood, overcrowding and close proximity to S-bends.

03/0220/ADV

New corporate fascia signs to front and rear and side elevations and new free standing car park and totem pole signs.

Somerfield Store, St. Francis Way.

No objection.

04/00023/FULL

Two storey and single storey rear extension. Single storey front extension and detached single garage.

23 George Street

No objection providing there is no loss of neighbour's light.

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission.

03/01933/FULL

Alterations and extensions to existing garage to form residential annexe.

24 Montgomery Avenue.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

03/01921/FULL

Change of use from A1 (newsagents) to A2 (professional and financial services).

Retention of first and second floors for residential.

46-48 High Street.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission
03/02024/FULL

Substitution of house type to plot 4 (revised scheme to that previously approved under ref: 02/01527/FULL dated 9/12/02 for the erection of 9 detached houses).
Plot 4 Land off Midland Close.

5. SITE AT 148 CLIFTON ROAD

Letter from Mid Beds D C informing Town Council of house numbers in the newly named Hyde Close. Nos. 1 – 9. (Post code SG17 5FB).

6. LICENCE FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT ROBT. BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL

No objection.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that the path from Ivel Road to the telephone box has become slippery.

Lamp post number B5 in South Bridge Street Is not working.

Photographs of poor vehicle parking in North Bridge Street were shown to the Committee that included unauthorised vehicles parking in the disability bays. Traffic Attendants could deal with this situation but not Police Community Support Officers. It was stated that some motorists were parking there for periods in excess of twelve hours and as such it was suggested that application should be made to the County/District Councils for a Traffic Order to be imposed that would allow for a maximum of two hour parking only. This is to be further discussed at the next meeting of the Services and Maintenance Committee.

Concern was expressed about three large vehicles that were almost constantly parked near Ford's petrol station and as such were causing a hazard. Also a further concern was raised about one resident in Victoria Road who had several vehicles parked almost permanently outside his residence. It was stated that as these vehicles were only moved on rare occasions, this again was causing a potential hazard to other road users.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.
