

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 20TH OCTOBER 2004

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

04/01912/FULL
Insertion of roof window to rear elevation.
3 Millstream Court

No objection.

04/01842/FULL
Single storey rear extension
5 Squires Close

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

04/01290/FULL
Erection of 11 dwellings
Land at Squires Close.

Objection:- overcrowding, inappropriate access, over-development.

04/01905/FULL
Single storey rear extension
11 Tippett Drive

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

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission
04/01439/FULL
First floor rear extension
20 Bedford Road.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission
04/00581/FULL
Detached single garage and bay window to front elevation.

RESIDENTIAL CAR PARKING SCHEMES

A letter has been received from Mid Bedfordshire District Council asking the Town Council to comment on the possibility of them funding 25% of residential car parking schemes and the requirement to raise a Special Levy to fund schemes within the highway. The Town Council is to reply that this would be impossible due to the fact that not only is their money taken for other issues but also they are financially constrained by the District Council. Overall it was felt that the scheme should be a District Council responsibility.

5. THE RAILWAY STEAMER-APPLICATION TO TRANSFER LICENCE

A Notice of Application to Transfer Licence has been received from the Anglia Relief Agency informing the Town Council that the Application is to be heard at The Magistrates Court in Bedford on 10th November. The Committee did not raise any objections.

6. FORMER SHEFFORD HAND LAUNDRY

Planning permission has been approved for the erection of four dwellings on the former hand laundry site in North Bridge Street. The Developer has suggested the name Burns Mews as Burns is the surname of the lady who has resided there for many years. After the refurbishment has been completed it is anticipated that the lady in question will continue her residence.

7. LAND AT SHEFFORD – WOODS HARDWICK

A Director of Woods Hardwick has enquired if he can attend a Council meeting to give a short presentation regarding proposals for some land that his client owns in the Shefford area. The Committee agreed to this request and is to invite him to the next meeting of the Planning and Environment meeting on 3rd November.

8. THE LICENSING ACT 2003

A document has been received from Mid Beds d C regarding the Licensing Act 2003. Mrs. Holmes said she would study the document and report back to the Committee in due course.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that a wooden post at the bottom of Ivel Road that had been placed there to restrict vehicular traffic has now been broken. Highways to be contacted for a replacement post.

Concerns raised over the likelihood of traffic speeding along Churchill Way once the current work on the bridge have finished. The possibility of 'speed humps' was suggested but it was thought this may not be viable as the road will now be used by HGV's. Consideration might be given to a central reservation crossing point as this would also be a benefit to people with poorer vision. Enquiries have already been made regarding the possibility of a safety armco being installed adjacent to the Kingfisher Way play area and information requested regarding 'Safer Routes to School'.

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.