

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2005**

**PRESENT**

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mrs. Harrison.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION**

05/00533/FULL

Alterations and extensions to existing outbuildings to form a pair of semi-detached dwellings (1 no. 3 bed and 1 no. 4 bed) and erection of block of 4 garages.  
Land to the Rear of 54 and 56 High Street.

No objection but comment to say : Egress is .50 metres from chip shop doorway  
Very poor visibility splay on egress.

05/00654/FULL

Erection of a pair of semi-detached 3 bed dwellings with integral garages.  
Land between 8 and 11 Palmer Close.

Objection :

Has been known to flood on several occasions, narrow pathway as shown on map has been an accepted right of way for many years and should not be blocked, discrepancies and inaccuracies on Design Statement with regard to tree removal and variance in ground levels with and around the site. Flood Risk Assessment required.

**4. DECISIONS**

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

05/00213/FULL

First floor side extension  
4 Eisenhower Road.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

05/00059/FULL

External alterations to building  
Malt House Building, Ivel Road.

Notice of Consent to Display Advertisement(s)

05/00182/ADV

Replacement signage  
23 Clifton Road

Notice of Refusal of Listed Building Consent

05/00068/LB

Retention of one externally illuminated and one non-illuminated fascia sign (retrospective)

46-48 High Street

#### **5. PLANNING APPLICATION – 04/02097/FULL**

Notification has been received from the Head of Planning at Mid Beds District Council that the above Planning Application is recommended for Approval. The committee felt that they had not received all the information due to them as the course of this application had been somewhat chequered. A letter is to be sent to Planning Services requesting an explanation as to the reasons why this application has been subject to so many changes of direction. It is hoped that a representative from the town's Planning and Environment committee will attend the meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Ampthill.

#### **6. ON-STREET PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

A letter has been received from the County Council informing members that an annual report regarding on-street parking is now available from South Bedfordshire D C. The letter also enclosed contact names and addresses should the committee require enforcement activity due to contravention of the on-street parking regulations.

#### **7. DEVOLVED SERVICES**

The Deputy Clerk to Sandy Town Council had previously written to the committee enquiring if they would be interested in devolving services from Mid Beds Council and enclosed a list accordingly. The committee stated they were generally interested but declined to respond immediately as one or two of the services mentioned still required further explanation. Application was made to Sandy Council for additional details appertaining to those particular services. Regrettably their reply stated that no further information was available at the present time but hoped to give more information in due course.

#### **8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Comment made on the extremely poor quality of work carried out by the contractors in both the High Street and Southbridge Street which has a serious adverse effect on the overall look of the recent Town Centre Enhancement. A letter is to be written to the County Council informing them of the appalling quality of their contractors and requesting that they should consider a site visit before they pay the invoice.

Report of contractor's rubbish dumped on the grass in Ivel Road.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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