

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2005**

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Holmes presided over Mrs. Harrison, Messrs. Mackin, Steeples and Fisher.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr. Gray and Mr. Leith.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr. Steeples declared an interest in Planning Application Number 04/02258/FULL and Planning Application Number 04/02317/FULL

**3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION**

04/02317/FULL

Retention of temporary buildings for use as nursery unit.  
Samuel Whitbread Nursery School, Shefford Road, Clifton.

No objection: - Comment : Residents of Shefford and surrounding area would like to see an additional permanent nursery as the existing one is over-subscribed.

04/02258/FULL

Single storey front extension.  
4 Ampthill Road

No objection.

04/02223/RM

Landscaping pursuant to outline planning permission ref: 03/00617/OUT dated 19.04.04 (Outline : Residential development with associated vehicular access road and separate footpath/cycle link to Pedley Lane with landscaping and public open space – all matters reserved except means of access).  
Clifton Nurseries, Shefford Road, Clifton.

Objection : over-development of site, inappropriate access, too close to school, strays on to flood plain.

**4. DECISIONS**

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

04/02005/FULL

Pitched roof to existing showroom, insertion of windows, roof lights and new door.  
44 High Street, Shefford.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission  
04/02204/FULL  
Single storey rear extension and conservatory to rear.  
11 Elgar Drive, Shefford.

#### **5. 'SALTING PROGRAMME' – CHURCHILL WAY**

Concerns were raised over the fact that an e:mail from the Principal Engineer (Maintenance – Policy) stated that if Churchill Way was to be 'salted', then South Bridge Street would have to be removed from the salting route. The committee is to inform the Engineer that this is totally unacceptable as Churchill Way is the 'preferred' school route and the designated road for H G V's entering the town. South Bridge Street is also a school route as well as being a main bus route. The committee felt that the likely cost to the County Council of would be negligible.

#### **6. REST AND RECEPTION CENTRES**

An e:mail has been received from the Emergency Planning Officer of Mid Beds D C informing the committee that they are updating their Rest and Reception Centres in the County. At present the only such centre in Shefford is the STMA but the e:mail stated that if other local committees or groups could offer such a facility, then these could be added to the list. It was thought that the Combined Churches should be contacted to see if they would be interested.

#### **7. YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER**

An e:mail has been received from the Youth Participation Officer at Mid Beds D C informing the committee that next February there will be an event to celebrate the commitment and achievement in the year long 'Year of the Volunteer' event. Nomination forms have been received. However, it is to pointed out to the Officer that an e:mail sent on 13<sup>th</sup> January requiring nominations by 24<sup>th</sup> January (8 working days) is an insufficient period in which to gather names, bearing in mind that questionnaires have to be completed and possibly a photograph produced. The Officer is to be informed of this fact along with a note expressing the Committee's reservations about taking photographs of youths (as was suggested) bearing in mind the age group is for 13 – 18 year olds

#### **8. BUS CONCESSIONS/PERMITS**

An Officer from Mid Beds D C has enquired if the Town Council will be available for the issuing of bus concessions/permits during week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> April as it is now two years since the last issue. The Committee agreed and the date of 20<sup>th</sup> April has been set. The Town Meeting Room has been booked and the opening times for the issuing of free concessions/permits will be from 9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

#### **9. BEDS & LUTON FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE-INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT**

A document has been received from the Beds & Luton Fire & Rescue Service inviting comments on their integrated Risk Management. Mr. Mackin stated that he would examine the document and report back in due course.

**10. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

A Statement of Community Involvement has been received from Mid Beds D C. along with an invitation to comment. This is to be studied and a reply made accordingly.

**11. SHEFFORD BUSINESS PARK – PLAY AREA**

Information received from the Play and Open Space Officer states that the developer of the proposed development to build 61 dwellings on the Shefford Business Park is only offering 100 sqm of play area on site. The Officer's recommendation is for 400 sqm of play area. The Services and Maintenance Committee agreed with the Officer's figure and thought that 100 sqm of play area was totally inadequate. The Planning and Environment Committee were invited to comment and they agreed unanimously with the comments made by both the MBDC Officer and the Services and Maintenance Committee. The comments are to be passed on to the appropriate personnel accordingly.

**12. LANDSCAPING – KINGSMEDE AND OTHER AREAS**

Mrs. Harrison informed members that she had attended a meeting with two Officers from the County Council and Mr. Robin Younger. Various items were discussed including Kingsmede, the area adjacent to the vertical support posts by Duck Lane Car Park and a parcel of land in the Clifton Road/Ivel Road area. It was also noted that anybody wishing to sponsor a roundabout should be directed to the County Council.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Link-a-Ride Community Transport Ltd to be contacted with regard to a request for information on destinations and times etc.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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