

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH JUNE 2005

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Mackin and Gray.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

05/00155/FULL

Extension to double garage.

5 Hazel Close.

Approval of Minor Amendment to Permission Granted

04/02267/LB

Sandblasting of render, provision of smooth render and re-painted white where existing render exists. The area where the white paint is to be removed will also be rendered with a smooth finish and painted white.

Speedsdairy Farm, Beadlow.

5. BEDS C C - TERM CONTRACT FOR HIGHWAYS SERVICES

Information has been received from the County Council informing the committee that they have awarded Amey the Highways Services Contract for Bedfordshire. The contract will commence on 1st October 2005 and is for a 5 ½ year term with the potential for up to a further five year extension if the contract performs to the County Council's expectations.

6. PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT PLAMER CLOSE

A letter has been received from a Planning Officer at Mid Beds District Council inviting comments on a letter they have received from the Ivel & Ouse Countryside Project, a copy of which was enclosed. In short, the committee generally agreed with the comments made by the Countryside Project Officer and will reply accordingly.

**7. SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS RE TAVISTOCK DEVELOPMENTS
03/01230/FULL**

An e:mail has been received from the Play & Open Space Officer at Mid Beds D C explaining, in general terms, how monies received from Section 106 Agreement in respect of Education and Cycle Network Contributions are dealt with. Additional information received from the Officer states that the trigger point for payment of these contributions is prior to the first occupation of the Development. As certain parts of the Development are now occupied, a request for the appropriate paperwork is to be made to the District Council in order that any monies due will be released in due course.

8. PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 04/02097/FULL

A copy of a letter sent to The Planning Inspectorate in Bristol has been received from a local resident. The letter outlines the issues raised in regard to the above Planning Application and expresses incredulity that the application needs to go to the Inspectorate bearing in mind the decision made by the District Council's Planning Authority based in part at least on residents' objections. A letter is to be written to the Head of Democratic and Legal Services/Monitoring Officer requesting an explanation as to how the situation arose.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Holmes informed the committee that she had almost completed her study of the document received from Beds C C entitled 'Bedfordshire's Consultation : Emerging Strategic Plan' and hopefully would report back at the next meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee.

A report that the drain outside No. 3 New Street was in dire need of attention as it was totally covered in weeds.

Aragon Housing Association is to be asked to remove the large amount of vegetation that is accumulating around the bench seat in Willow Way.

Mrs. Holmes gave the committee a brief resumé of a meeting she had attended on 9th June entitled Infrastructure Deficits. The District Council had asked those present to complete a questionnaire by 31st July. As the questionnaire contained 18 pages, the committee decided a photocopy should be issued to all Town Councillors and the answers then collated to form a single document prior to forwarding it to the District Council.

A report of profuse vegetation accumulating under the bridge in Southbridge Street.

A request for the removal of weeds on the footpath between Lucas Way and Bedford Road is to be made to the County's P3 Officer.

A letter is to be sent to Chief Superintendent of Beds Police informing him of the outcome of a meeting that had taken place on 9th June whereby it was thought that the local police need assistance in dealing with frequent nuisance incidents that occur in the town. Overall the attendees of that meeting felt that other areas of Bedfordshire were receiving far more attention. The Chief Superintendent is to be asked if more assistance is likely to be available in the near future.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

