

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2005**

**PRESENT**

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr. Gray.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mrs. Harrison and Mrs Holmes declared an interest in Planning Application Number 05/01805/FULL – 3 New Street.

Before the meeting commenced, the committee welcomed Mr. Alan Trille from the Area Team, Bedfordshire County Council Highways Department who arrived to discuss the various issues the committee has about certain areas of the town.

**3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION**

05/01805/FULL

Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2 no. 3 bed houses and 1 no. 4 bed house.

3 New Street.

Objection : over-development of site, increase in traffic movements in a narrow street, not in keeping with street scene, unsuitable access, increased load on an already over-loaded sewerage system.

05/01833/FULL

Erection of detached dwelling on Plot 1 (revised scheme to Approval 04/02349/Full dated 11/03/05).

Land To Rear Of 122 To 126 Ampthill Road.

No objection : comment – proposed location of garage will mean that the owner will have to drive in front of three other properties.

05/01788/SE73

Variation of condition 6 (recycling Centre) attached to planning permission ref 04/01287/DC3 dated 2.2.05 (erection of centralised offices for Mid Bedfordshire District Council and ancillary facilities) to permit siting of recycling centre above ground level.

No objection.

05/01754/FULL

Conservatory to rear

3 Victoria Road

No objection.

05/01799/FULL  
Single storey front porch  
10 Mallard Close.

No objection.

05/01850/FULL  
First floor side extension  
14 Oakwood Road

No objection.

#### **4. DECISIONS**

Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission  
05/01421/FULL  
Erection of 4 bed detached dwelling with detached single garage.  
Land ToThe Rear of 43 New Street.

Notice of Planning Permission Withdrawn  
05/01599/FULL  
Detached four bed house with integral garage.  
Land Off Midland Gardens.

#### **5. FREE TREE SCHEME**

A letter has been received from the Forward Planning Officer of the District Council informing the members that they will be ceasing to operate the Free Tree Scheme and intend to close the nursery in Wrestlingworth by Christmas 2005. The letter enclosed a list of the trees that are still in stock but also advised that the trees would be issued on a first come first served basis. The District Council's Play and Open Space Officer is to be contacted to see if it would be possible to purchase some trees which could be planted adjacent to the Churchill Way Play Area as it is hoped that this play area will eventually be adopted by the Town Council. Should this become a possibility then the Ivel and Ouse Countryside Project will be contacted to arrange planting and maintenance.

#### **6. MID BEDFORDSHIRE LOCAL PLAN FIRST REVIEW**

A formal notice has been received from the District Council informing members that they will be adopting the above document on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005. Notification that the Plan has been formally adopted will be issued in due course.

#### **7. BEDS C C - MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**

The Assistant Director Learning (Libraries) has written to the members informing them that the above service has been both modernised and reorganised. A timetable was also enclosed showing the vehicle times for arrival/departure and the days of the week at which each town/villages will be visited.

**8. LAND REGISTRY – FIRST REGISTRATION OF TITLE**

Information has been received informing the members that if they wish to take advantage of First Registration of Title they would need to establish the sites the Town Council owns. This information is to be forwarded to the next Services and Maintenance committee meeting in order that a full list of the areas owned by the Town Council can be compiled.

**9. B R C C – TOWN PLAN**

A Field Officer representing the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity has written to the committee enquiring as to what three topics they would like discussed by a guest speaker. All Bedfordshire towns/villages are to be contacted and their responses will be collated with a view to finding an appropriate speaker to discuss the most popular topic. Mrs Holmes said she would speak to the said Officer and inform him of the matters specifically associated with Shefford.

**10. MID BEDS DISTRICT COUNCIL STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – REGULATION 25 & 26**

Mrs Holmes informed members that she had studied the above document and felt there was no need to make a formal comment at the present time.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Complaint of noise from broken bottles caused by members of the public using the bottle bank.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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