

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2005**

**PRESENT**

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mrs. Holmes and Messrs. Mackin and Gray.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION**

05/01421/FULL

Erection of 4 bed detached dwelling with detached single garage.  
43 New Street

Objection : Out of character with street scene, concerns over access, overbearing impact on surrounding area, overload on sewer system.

**4. DECISIONS**

Refusal of Minor Amendment to Permission Granted

05/00157/FULL

First floor side extension, single storey rear and single storey front extensions.  
28 Montgomery Avenue.

Notice of Approval of Listed Building Consent

05/01254/LB

Alterations, extension and conversion of outbuilding to form one bed dwelling (revised scheme to that previously approved under Ref 42/99/368/LB dated 24.5.99) (Retrospective).

35 High Street

Notice of Approval of Listed Building Consent

05/00058/LB

Replacement windows (one to front and two to rear elevation).  
46-48 High Street.

Notice of Grant of Planning Permission

BC/CM/2005/15

Retrospective change of use to the temporary storage of domestic recyclable glass and paper.

Units 5 & 5, Shefford Business Park, 1 – 3 Clifton Road.

## **5. GYPSY & TRAVELLER POSITION STATEMENT – MBDC**

At the last meeting of this committee, Mr. Mackin informed those present that he would study the above document and report back accordingly. Mr. Mackin's draft comments were discussed and a formal reply is to be sent to the Strategic Director at the District Council.

## **6. NATIONAL E-PLANNING SERVICE DELIVERY STANDARDS**

A letter has been received from the Systems & Searches Team Leader of the Development Planning and Control Section at the County Council enquiring which of three possible methods would the Town's Planning committee wish to receive their planning applications. The choices indicated were : a). In paper form and by letter in the normal post b). Electronically via e:mail with an attachment c). By letter but with the information on a CD. The committee decided to opt for (a).

## **7. PLAN THIS PLACE – MBDC**

An invitation has been received from the District Council to attend a seminar on the Local Development Framework – Plan This Place. Four venues were suggested but none of those present felt they would be able to attend.

## **8. ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING – BEDFORDSHIRE HEARTLANDS PCT**

The Annual Report of the above Trust has been received by the committee along with an invitation to attend a public meeting on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at the District Council offices in Ampthill at 2.00 p.m.

## **9. YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN BEDFORDSHIRE**

An invitation to attend a Youth Participation Information event has been received from the Bedfordshire Youth Participation forum. The event will be free of charge and will be held at the Rufus Centre in Flitwick on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October between 9 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

## **10. LAND WEST OF CHURCHILL WAY**

There is a possibility that the Town Council will look into the possibility of 'taking-over' an area of land to the west of Churchill Way which is currently owned by the District Council. A site meeting is scheduled to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 a.m. It is anticipated that the Play and Open Space Officer of the District Council will attend along with a representative of the Ivel & Ouse Valley Project and Mrs. Harrison.

## **11. PROVISIONAL LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN**

The above report has been received from the County Council. Mr. Steeples informed the committee that he would study the document and report back accordingly.

## **12. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Information from the County Council explains that councils are required to produce a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for all their planning activities. They are deemed to be the new tool for managing how local authorities engage with the public. A copy of the report was downloaded from the Internet via the County Council's website.

### **13. QUESTIONNAIRE FROM THE BEDFORDSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITIES CHARITY**

A letter has been received from a Field Officer-Community Planning at the BRCC requesting responses to various set questions. Mrs. Harrison had made notes on her answers to these questions which were in turn discussed by the committee prior to sending a reply.

### **14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Report of Willow trees requiring attention in the vicinity of Webber Close adjacent to the Millenium Green. Mrs Harrison said she would investigate the matter.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.