

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON 20TH DECEMBER 2006**

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Mr. Gray.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

06/01985/FULL

Repositioning and screening of air conditioning units and screening of existing air conditioning units.

Malt House Building, Ivel Road.

No Objection.

Comment : providing pathway is sufficiently wide for prams, pushchairs and disabled wheelchairs.

06/01997/TPO

Fell one Ash tree.

Land at the Health Centre, Iveldale Drive.

No objection.

06/01801/FULL

Single storey side extension to garage with two dormer windows to side elevation.

6 Penfold Close.

No objection.

06/02038/FULL

First floor rear extension.

14 Bedford Road.

No objection.

06/01671/FULL

Single storey rear extension.

113 Ampthill Road.

No objection.

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

06/00997/FULL

Erection of 10 No. 3 bed terraced houses, pair of semi-detached houses, studio flat and associated parking.
81-85 Clifton Road.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

06/01571/FULL

Revised house types to plots 3, 4, 9 and 10 and repositioning of garages to plots 7 and 8 (revised scheme to that previously approved under ref 04/01290/FULL dated 18.08.05).

Land off Squires Close.

Notice of refusal of Planning Permission

06/00856/FULL

Two storey side extension incorporating garage with single storey extension to rear.
10 Ashdown Road.

Notice of Withdrawal of Planning Permission

02/00607/OUT

Conversion of existing outbuilding to residential and erection of 10 additional dwellings.

Malt House Building, Ivel Road.

5. PRECEPT – 2007/8

The precept in respect of the Planning and Environment committee was established and as such is **RECOMMENDED** to full Council.

6. BUS SERVICES

A letter has been received from the Transport Project Manager at the County Council informing members that Stagecoach will be withdrawing/amending several bus services in the Bedfordshire area. The committee is to write to Stagecoach's Management Board to register their concerns about this situation and request them to change their minds. It is understood that the County Council will be taking similar action. Details of the changes to the bus services can be obtained from the clerk.

7. NEW PROCEDURES RE IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAFFIC ORDERS – BEDS C C

The Watchman in Chief at the County Council has informed the committee that it is intended to implement new procedures for the Implementation of Traffic Regulation Order in Parish and Town Councils. It is anticipated that the new procedures will ensure that all Parish/Town Councils are fully aware of all the proposals for TRO's which in turn will enable them to promote the implementation of the measures which bring most benefit to all residents and hence further enable Bedfordshire Highways to focus on the highest priority works for the benefit of residents.

Information showing the six steps for dealing with requests was also enclosed. The County Council is to be informed that the committee felt that steps one to three were deemed unnecessary and the Town Council should be contacted at step four. It should be noted that Speed Limit Alterations, Weight Limits/Lorry Bans and Advisory Disabled Parking Bays are being consciously excluded from the process.

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8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that debris was still surrounding the new bus stop in Ampthill Road (near Priory Gate) and was causing a potential hazard to both pedestrians and bus users alike. Enquiries are to be made as to whether or not the work is complete but it was felt that at the moment the 'stop' was far from ideal especially for wheelchair users and people trying to manipulate pushchairs etc.

The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.
