

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2006**

**PRESENT**

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Messrs. Leith and Gray.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr. Mackin and Mrs. Harrison declared an interest in Planning Application Number BC/CC/2006/3.

**3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION**

05/02006/FULL  
Single storey side and rear extension.  
41 Hitchin Road

No objection.

BC/CC/2006/3  
Proposed extension to provide new classroom.  
Shefford Lower School, Bloomfield Drive.

No objection.

**4. DECISIONS**

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission  
05/01740/FULL  
Change of use from residential to A2 (Business use).  
88A Clifton Road.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission  
05/01871/FULL  
Change of use from B1 (business) use to D1 (osteopath clinic).  
2 Brewers Yard.

04/01237/OUT  
Appeal re Hillfoot Depot, Hitchin Road was dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

**5. PARKING ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS FROM MBDC**

The third quarter's (October to December 2005) Parking Enforcement Statistics have been received from the District Council. The committee is to reply that they would prefer to receive the statistics in a different format i.e. date order rather than street name order. Further information is to be sought as to how many times the parking attendants visit the town per quarter and how many hours per visit. It was felt that it might be of interest to know if there were any visits whereby no tickets were issued.

**6. BEDFORDSHIRE AND LUTON MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

A letter has been received from the County Council informing members that policies W5 and W6 of the adopted Bedfordshire and Luton Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2005 govern how waste management should be addressed in the context of development proposals. The draft Supplementary Planning Document expands on these policies and provides specific guidance on sustainable waste management for all types of new development within the administrative areas of Bedfordshire C C and Luton Borough Council.

The draft documents are available free of charge to Statutory Consultees, Town/Parish Councils and charitable/community groups. A workshop to consider the SPD will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at County Hall, Bedford.

**7. MID BEDS NEW OFFICES – SAFE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON A507**

The committee has received copies of two letters sent to the County Council from County Councillor Mr. Younger regarding the above. One letter was written to the Director of Environment and the other to the Strategic Director. Both letters registered Mr. Younger's complete dissatisfaction that a safe pedestrian crossing was unlikely to be provided by way of access to the new District Council Offices in Chicksands.

**8. BELLCOTE MEADOW CHANGING ROOMS**

An e:mail has been received from a resident living near Bellcote Meadow suggesting methods of deterring vandalism on the changing rooms.

**9. BEDS C C - THE BEaR PROJECT**

A letter has been received from the County Council's Director of Environment informing members that they are developing new ways of dealing with household waste more sustainably than the current practice of landfilling. In line with Government policy they are looking at solutions which produce Energy from Waste, via a variety of possible methods. This project will be called BEaR, the Bedfordshire Energy and Recycling Project. Over the next few months they will be identifying suitable sites, which will be subject to further evaluation. The County Council is also planning to develop an integrated Waste Management Facility to deal with materials that cannot be recycled.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The light at the end of New Street is now working but the siting could be better.

Report of street light at the junction of The Hollies and Ampthill Road still isn't working.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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