

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH MARCH 2006

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Gray, Fisher and Leith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

06/00367/FULL

Single story rear extension, first floor side extension and conversion of garage to living accommodation.

27 Roosevelt Avenue

No Objection : comment - further load on an already overloaded sewerage system, loss of off-road parking space.

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

06/0048/FULL

Conservatory to rear and front porch.

18 Elm Road.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

05/02061/FULL

Single storey side and rear extensions

41 Hitchin Road.

Notice of NO OBJECTION - MBDC

06/00032/CC

Single storey extension to provide new classroom.

Shefford Lower School, Bloomfield Drive.

Notice of Granting of Planning Permission - BEDS C C

BC/CC/2006/3

Proposed extension to provide new classroom

Shefford Lower School, Bloomfield Drive.

5. SURVEY – HENLOW COMMON AND LANGFORD MEADOWS

A letter has been received from Michael Baldwin Associates who are working on behalf of the County Council to carry out user surveys on various countryside sites and areas. The letter enquired as to whether or not the committee had any views regarding the above sites. However, as the areas were deemed to be outside the town's envelope it was felt that an informed reply could not be sent.

6. 136 AMPHILL ROAD

A response has been received from the Empty Homes Officer of the District Council in answer to the committee's concern about the poor state of 136 Ampthill Road which has been empty for over two years. It appears that the District Council is fully aware of the situation and has made contact with the owner on several occasions with a view to ascertaining their intentions regarding the property. The Officer has promised to contact the owners again and a full report will be forwarded to the committee in due course.

7. DEVELOPER'S CONTRIBUTIONS – TAVISTOCK DEVELOPMENTS

The committee has received the relevant forms regarding the release of some monies apportioned to the Town Council in respect of play and sport facilities expenditure as a result of a Section 106 Agreement. In view of this, a meeting is to be arranged with the Shefford Saints in the hope that some of the money may be available to assist them with their proposed drainage work on the Bellcote Meadow football pitch. It hoped the meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd March 2006.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The maintenance contractor is to be requested to remove litter from both the Kingsmede and Duck Lane areas and then further carry-out a general tidy-up.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.
