

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 3RD JANUARY 2007

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Mr. Fisher.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

06/00717/FULL

Erection of office, toilet facilities, car port and staff rest room for existing taxi business and closure of eastern access.

Land Adjacent to Garage, Deadmans Cross.

4. IVEL ROAD/CLIFTON ROAD JUNCTION

An e:mail has been received from a Bedfordshire Highways Technician informing the members that due to the concerns of local residents regarding the hazard caused by the above hoardings he has requested the Health & Safety Executive to pay a site visit and further requested that the hoardings are removed as soon as is practicable.

5. PORTABLE SIGNALS – SOUTHBRIDGE STREET/HIGH STREET

Information that temporary traffic lights are to be erected at the Southbridge Street/High Street junction between 8th January to 15th January 2007 to enable remedial work to be carried out.

6. HOUSE NAME – MIDLAND GARDENS

A letter has been received from the Building Control Manager at the District Council informing the committee that the property at 4A Midland Gardens, Shefford. SG17 5YF is to have the addition of Ripley House added to the address.

7. ACUTE SERVICES REVIEW – BEDFORD HOSPITAL

Notes of a meeting which took place on 5th December at Priory House, Chicksands regarding the future of Bedford Hospital have been received from the Democratic Services Manager at the District Council.

8. REQUEST FOR MEETING RE SPORTS FACILITIES IN SHEFFORD

A request for a meeting to discuss the above has been received from a representative of Bidwells Town Planners). The committee is to suggest a date of 21st February.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that the street light outside the Kebab Shop is illuminated for 24 hours a day.

It was noted that the large tree in Southbridge has been uprooted in the high winds. It is understood that the Environment Agency has been contacted for remedial action.

A gate on the proposed Tesco site is now only secured by one bolt causing a potential hazard. Tesco's are to be contacted to secure the gate and make it safe as swiftly as possible.

A letter has been received from a local resident suggesting that the Council might like to run a gardening competition in the town and suggested that a charge of £1 could be made which could then go to a nominated charity. The resident also suggested that if the Council had some spare land they could turn it into a community garden and let the youth of Shefford look after it and further offered to work with them on Saturday mornings. The committee is to reply that although they are very grateful for the suggestion and appreciates the offer of help, regrettably this would involve not only insurance costs but the resident would have to make application to the Criminal Record Bureau for clearance because of working with young people.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.
