

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Mackin presided over Mesdames Harrison and Clark. Messrs. Steeples, Fisher, Leith and Pollard.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Gray.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

At this point Mr. Mackin welcomed Inspector Whittred from Beds Police who came in answer to the committee's concerns over policing in the town. Inspector Whittred began by explaining the current set-up of resources and manpower and then went on to explain how the call-centre prioritises the various issues. Assurances were given that Shefford and the surrounding district was a safe area to live and police targets were being met in this respect as the police team was working hard to reduce crime. Inspector Whittred then went on to explain the 'Bigger Picture' initiative. This is a multi-agency scheme which has been on trial in an area of rural Bedfordshire and has proved to be extremely successful. In short, the various key partners 'pull together' to discuss the issues in their area which is hoped will be of benefit to the community. The committee offered their support for the initiative and requested further information accordingly.

A 'Vulnerable Vehicle' scheme has also been recently launched. The Beat Manager and PCSO's will be walking round car parks etc. and note any items of value left on car seats. e.g. lap-tops, mobile phones and handbags.

Inspector Whittred was thanked for her attendance after which she left.

**3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION**

07/01103/FULL

Infill to rear (retrospective). Pitched roof over existing flat roof extension.  
62 Clifton Road.

No objection.

07/01065/FULL

Change of use from hairdressers to solicitors.  
30 High Street.

No objection.

07/00932/FULL

Garage to replace existing.  
8 Bury Road.

No objection.

07/00960/FULL  
First floor rear extension.  
18 Bedford Road.

No objection.

07/01083/SE73  
Removal of condition 6 (closure of existing access) to permit the retention of existing access attached to Planning Permission Ref : 04/02086/FULL dated 14/12/2004 for replacement 2 bed detached bungalow following demolition of existing bungalow.  
5 Southfield.

No objection.

07/01067/FULL  
Single storey side extension.  
132 Ireland, Shefford.

Not in our area.

#### **4. DECISIONS**

Notice of Approval To Carry Out Works to Protected Tree(s)  
07/00720/TPO  
Oak Tree : Remove epicormics growth, raise crown by 0.5m, reduce extent of crown over adjacent property by 1m.  
Tree at Iveldale Drive.

Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission  
07/00663/FULL  
Change of use from school to residential.  
East Lodge School, Ampthill Road.

Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission  
07/00639/FULL  
Retention, repositioning and screening of existing air conditioning units. (Part retrospective).  
Malt House Building, Ivel Road.

Notice of Approval to Carry Out Works to Protected Tree(s)  
07/00627/TPO  
Two Alders to be felled.  
13 The Hollies.

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Notice of Approval of Listed Building Consent  
07/00671/LB  
New staircase to attic (revised scheme to that previously approved under Ref. 06/01392/LB dated 26/10/06  
35 High Street

Notice of Approval of Details  
06/00997/FULL  
Proposed Development : Erection of 10 No. 3 bed terraced houses, pair of semi-detached houses, studio flat and associated parking.

81-85 Clifton Road.

Details of Condition Discharged : Condition numbers 5 (boundary treatment), 10 (wheel cleaning), and 22 (refuse store) attached to Planning Permission reference 06/00997/FULL dated 16/11/2006.

Notice of Approval of Details

06/00973/FULL

Proposed Development : Erection of replacement sales building and service yard, alterations to existing canopy, additional parking area.

Shefford Service Station, Ivel Road.

Details of Conditions Discharged : Condition numbers 2 (materials), 3 (surfacing) and 8 (display of goods) attached to Planning Permission reference 06/00973/FULL dated 15/03/2007.

Notice of Approval of Details

05/01952/FULL

Proposed Development : Erection of 9 no. 1 bed flats.

8 Clifton Road.

Details of Conditions Discharged : Condition number 2 (materials) attached to Planning Permission reference 05/01952/FULL dated 19/09/2006.

Notice of Approval of Details

06/00581/FULL

Proposed Development : Single storey front, single storey rear extensions with conservatory to rear.

20 Purcell Way.

Details of Conditions Discharged : Condition number 3 (obscure glazing) attached to Planning Permission reference 06/00581/FULL dated 16/06/2006.

## **5. SUGGESTIONS FOR STREET NAME – LAND EAST OF OLD BRIDGE WAY**

The developer contracted to build 112 units as above has contacted the committee to enquire if they would like to choose a name for the development. The two suggested names that will be forwarded to the developer are River View or The Embankment.

## **6. REQUEST FOR HELP WITH PARKING FROM ROB'T BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL**

The Business Manager at the Robert Bloomfield School has asked if the Council could assist them in resolving parking problems around the school. A map and documentation from the County Council has also been received. The committee agreed to help in any way they could. The clerk will complete the necessary paperwork.

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## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The grass-cutting contractor is to be requested to trim Footpath 4 to Ashdown Road.

The County Council will be carrying out a speed and volume survey in Bedford Road next September.

Basil Jackson, the County Council's Assistant Director of Highways and Transport, is to be contacted about both the unfinished bus stop in Ampthill Road near Priory Gate and the 'sink' in Ivel Road near Elm Road. It should be noted that this area has been repaired before.

Concerns raised about broken glass in the window of the flat over the Shap-la premises in the High Street. The glass looks like it is ready to fall out into the High Street and as such is a potential hazard to pedestrians passing underneath. The clerk is to contact the appropriate department of the District Council for advice.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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