

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 21st FEBRUARY 2007

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIS

Messrs. Gray and Leith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

07/00241/FULL
Replacement garage.
8 Bury Road.

No objection.

07/00239/LDC
Use of property as a residential dwelling.
49 Clifton Road.

No objection.

4. DECISIONS

Approval of Minor Amendment to Permission Granted
06/01367/FULL
Two storey side and single storey front extension.
Description of Amendment :
Reduction in width of front extension.
37 Bury Road.

Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission
06/01985/FULL
Repositioning and screening of existing air conditioning units and the retention and screening of existing air conditioning units to the gable end of the building. (Part retrospective).
Malt House Building, Ivel Road.

Trees in conservation area – Information only.
No1/Yew tree in rear garden to reduce by 50%.
No 2 & 3 / To shorten back lateral branches hanging over property boundary.
4a North Bridge Street.

Replacement signage
Shefford Service Station, Ivel Road.
Approve - signage / Refuse – Box Fascia Sign.

5. CONSUMERS SHORT-CHANGED BY NEW HOUSING – COMMISSION FOR ARCHITECTURE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

A report from the above states consumers in England are getting a raw deal with 82% of new housing built over the last five years failing to measure up on design quality. The housing audit examines schemes from the largest volume house builder in the Midlands and South West and integrates this analysis with data from the six other regions in England. The results gave an unflattering picture : fewer than one in five developments was assessed as good or very good and 29% were so poor that they should not even have got planning permission. CABE are advising local authorities and developers across the housing growth and market renewal areas and will use design review to influence every significant housing development.

6. NOTICE BOARD

The committee decided they would like to progress the idea of a notice board which ideally they would like it sited somewhere in the central area of the town. Bearing this in mind, both the Shefford Conservative Association and St. Michael's Church authority are to be contacted to enquire as to whether or not they would give consent for it to be erected on their land.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Further attempts have been made to establish if the hoardings surrounding the building works at the Ivel Road/Clifton Road junction are still necessary.

The Town Council's contractor is to be requested to remove debris from the pavement in Campton Road in order to re-instate the pavement/grass verge line leading to the cemetery and further tidy-up the area in general.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.
