

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2007

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Mackin, Fisher and Leith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

07/00004/FULL

Erection of 1 no. 4 bed detached dwelling with single detached garage (Revised scheme to that previously approved under re 06/01550/FULL dated 30.10.06)
Land To The Rear Of 43 New Street.

Objection : Concerns over access, overbearing impact on surrounding area.

06/02127/FULL

Upgrading of airwave equipment on existing orange mast, to include the increase in height of the 3 existing antennae by 1 metre. The installation of 2 no. additional 0.3 metre dishes and 2 no. cabinets and ancillary development.
Orange Pcs Ltd Base Station, Land At Wren Park Industrial Estate, Hitchin Road.

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

06/01748/FULL

Single storey rear extension. Single storey side extension to replace existing conservatory.

5 George Street.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

06/01866/FULL

Conservatory to rear.

1 The Pyghtle.

Notice of Consent to Display Advertisement(s)

06/01968/ADV

Non-illuminated lettering to gable wall.

1 Brewers Yard.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

06/01950/FULL

Two storey side and rear extension.
27 Eisenhower Road.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission
06/0171/FULL
Single storey rear extension
113 Ampthill Road.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission
06/01801/FULL
Single storey side extension to garage with two dormer windows to side elevation.
6 Penfold Close.

Notice of Approval of Details
Erection of 10 No. 3 bed terraced houses, pair of semi-detached houses, studio flat
and associated parking.
81-85 Clifton Road.

Notice of Minor Amendment to Permission Granted
04/00134/FULL
Alterations and extensions to existing barns and farm buildings to form 7 dwellings;
erection of 6 bay carport; change of use of land to form 6 paddocks and change of
use of agricultural land to garden land.
Land at Speedsdairy Farm, Beadlow.

Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission
06/0154/FULL
Conversion of existing garage to a dwelling.
13 Stanford Road

5. BEDS C C – CONSULTATION ON THE 5 YEAR WORKS PROGRAMME-2005/12

The committee has received a copy of the Bedfordshire Highways DRAFT 5 year works programme for the period 2007/12 in electronic format. The programme has been circulated to all County Councillors, the 3 District Councils and each Town and Parish Council as part of the consultation process. Any comments on the programme should be forwarded to the Area Steward by 31st January 2007. The clerk will view the CD and pass on any salient points to the committee.

6. MOTORHOME PARKING

A resident from Middlesborough has e:mailed the committee to enquire if they have any car parks in the town that would be suitable for overnight motorhome parking including washing/toilet waste facilities etc. in the town. The Committee is to reply that the town's only car park does not have any of those facilities and also has a height restriction barrier.

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7. BEDS C C – EAST OF ENGLAND PLAN

The Draft East of England Plan was subject to Examination in Public between November 2005 and March 2006 and the Report of the Examination Panel's Report

was published in June 2006 and passed to the Government to consider what changes it wished to make to the Draft Plan. Following this, the Government published the *East of England Plan-The Secretary of State's Proposed Changes to the Draft Revision to the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East of England and Statement Reasons*. The Government Office for the East of England (GO-East) is keen to ensure the East of England emerging plan has a high profile and is encouraging local communities to be actively involved in all stages of preparation. The committee felt that there was no need to comment at the present time.

8. BOTTLE BANKS

The Contract Services Manager at the District Council has written to the committee to inform them that they are willing to consider additional sites for bottle banks but warned that there would be certain conditions attached to the siting etc. The Clerk is to inform the officer that two more bottle banks are required at the Somerfield's site.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that information/timetables etc. relating to the newly erected Clifton Road bus stop has in fact been secured to adjacent lamp post.

The clerk was requested to contact a contractor to seek a quote for reducing the size of the shrubbery adjacent to the changing rooms at Bellcote Meadow.

More positive and complimentary reports have been received from members of the public regarding the excellent work carried out by the Council's contractor on the recent weed clearing operation in and around the town.

Concerns were raised over the construction of the bus stop in Ampthill Road adjacent to Priory Gate. It was felt this construction could be particularly hazardous to the disabled and people with push chairs etc.

Mr Steeples expressed an interest in the following :

A boundary fence between nos. 2 and 4 Ampthill Road has broken which is thought to have been caused by a pedestrian tripping on the gully between the two properties and falling on it. The Clerk is to contact the County Council to arrange for remedial work to be carried out on the gully .

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.
