

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 18TH JULY 2007

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Gray, Leith and Steeples.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

07/00965/FULL

Single storey front extension, first floor extension over garage and rear conservatory.
5 Great Hill.

Objection : overdevelopment of site, additional load on an already overloaded sewerage system.

07/01082/FULL

Provision of new access to serve existing commercial/industrial depot and construction of roundabout on highway land.
Land at Hillfoot Depot, Hitchin Road.

Objection : Insufficient information. Inappropriate access in view of the development on adjacent land – Health Centre, Hitchin Road.

Full traffic survey required. Concerns over visibility splay – Samuel Whitbread Community College.

07/00959/FULL

Pergola to rear of public house.
Black swan, 1 High Street.

No. objection.

07/00956/FULL

Two storey side extension.
1 Walton Close.

No objection.

07/01198/FULL

Single storey rear extension. Front porch.
15 New Street.

No objection.

07/01137/ADV

Non-illuminated fascia signs to car park.

Shefford Service Station, Ivel Road.

No objection.

4. DECISIONS

None.

5. PLANNING OBLIGATIONS STRATEGY

Documentation regarding the above has been received from the District Council. Mrs. Holmes informed the committee that she would study the document and report back to them before the deadline.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The clerk has received confirmation from the Environment Agency that they no longer carry out any work to remove debris and vegetation that has accumulated under bridge supports etc. The removal of such detritus is the responsibility of the land owner and the EA will only remove trees that have fallen across a river on to the opposite river bank. Regrettably this means that the EA will not be removing the debris at South Bridge.

The clerk has received a complaint from a resident about damage to a low brick wall at the rear of his property. It is believed that the damage was caused by a vehicle carrying out a reversing manoeuvre in Duck Lane. The responsibility for repair lies with the landowner.

The County Council is to be requested to attend to the main drain in Duck Lane as it is believed that blockages occur on a regular basis due to cooking fat being deposited into the drainage system from one or both of the two take-ways/restaurants in the High Street.

Apocryphal stories have been heard regarding incidents of anti-social and nuisance behaviour by the residents and carers either living in or working at the three bungalows in Elm Road. Residents with any positive incidents of adverse behaviour should be directed to the clerk who will in turn forward them on to Social Care Solutions who provide support to both residents and carers.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.
