

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2007**

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Gray and Leith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. Steeples declared an interest Planning Application Number 07/01478/FULL

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

07/01478/FULL

Erection of single storey side/rear extension.

1 Cedar Close.

No objection.

07/01881/FULL

Single storey rear extension and single storey front extension.

15 New Street.

No objection.

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Consent to Display Advertisement(s)

07/01543/ADV

Replace existing signs with two illuminated fascias to front and rear elevation.

Somerfield Stores, St. Francis Way.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

07/01513/FULL

Single storey rear extension and open front porch.

21 New Street.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

07/01637/FULL

First floor side, single storey side extension and porch canopy.

4 Hardwick Close.

Notice of Approval of details

07/00001/FULL

Proposed Development : 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).

Details of Conditions discharged : Condition numbers **2 (Materials) 3 (Landscaping) 5 (Surfacing) 8 (Boundary Treatment)** attached to Planning Permission reference 07/00001/FULL dated 22/02/2007.

Land To The Rear Of 43 New Street.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

BC/CC/2007/30

Proposal : Continued siting of 3 existing double temporary units.

Robert Bloomfield Middle School, Bloomfield Drive.

5. CONFIDENT COMMUNITIES FUND

Information has been received from Bedfordshire Police HQ that any application for part-funding a PCSO should be notified to them by 30th November 2007. Police HQ are to be notified that the committee would like part of their CCF to be utilized towards maintaining their current PCSO.

6. SPECIAL CONSTABULARY INFORMATION EVENINGS

The Special Constable Recruiting Officer has written to the committee to inform them there will be two information evenings to promote this valuable part of Bedfordshire Police. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th November 2007 at 7.30 p.m. at Bedfordshire Police HQ, Woburn Road, Kempston and the second meeting will be held at The Moakes, Marsh Farm, Luton at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 5th December 2007.

The meeting will be of interest to any male or female that would be interested in learning more about the Beds. Special Constabulary.

7. REPORT FROM DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MANAGER – MBDC

The committee has received a response from the Development Control Manager at the District Council in answer to their concerns registered at meeting earlier in the year. The overall feeling was that all the committee's concerns about planning issues had not been fully answered and may be discussed at a future meeting.

8. INFORMATION FROM BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL RE THE PROPOSED FOOTBALL PITCH IN LANGFORD ROAD

Concerns had been raised about the amount of allocated vehicular parking at the proposed use of land as a sports ground and changing pavilion in Hitchin Road. The Shefford site if approved will have parking provision for 50 vehicles with no coach parking for visiting teams whereas the approved Biggleswade site will have parking for 133 vehicles plus 3 disabled parking spaces, a disabled drop-off bay, provision for visiting players coaches coach parking and visiting supporters coach parking.

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9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Notice of temporary Road Closure for re-surfacing works. UC130/UC149 junction Southill/Ireland. The works are expected to take place for one day during the week

commencing Monday 17th December 2007 between the hours of 0730hrs and 1800hrs – access may be allowed from time to time according to local signing.

The Planning and Enforcement Officer at the District Council is to be contacted to ascertain if the illuminated sign at 'The Local' off-licence contravenes any planning regulations bearing in mind it is in a conservation area.

Concerns were raised about the number of vans parked at the old A T Olivers site (now Beechwood Homes) which are causing difficulty for other road users. Beds police to be informed to see what action needs to be taken.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.