

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

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Holmes and Mr. Gray.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

07/01668/LB
Replacement signage.
6 North Bridge Street.

No objection.

07/01712/FULL
Single storey front and side extensions, two storey rear extension.
10 Oakwood Road.

No objection.

Comment : subject to Building Regulations being correctly applied and providing it does not detract from neighbour's light.

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Withdrawal of Planning Application
05/01364/SE73
Proposal : Section 73 Determination : Variation of condition 7 (visibility splays) attached to outline planning permission ref. 96/01341/OUT for residential development.
Shefford Town Football Club, Ivel Road.

5. CCTV REVIEW – MID BEDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Community Services Manager at the District Council has forwarded the Executive report setting out the recommendations of the CCTV Review which confirmed that the partnership's concerns of the fixed network with regard to its age, partnership arrangements and performance and highlights the value of the D C's approach to partnership working on anti-social behaviour. Savings in 2008/9 will be used to further develop this approach by investing a further £20k on early notification and referral of young people involved in anti-social behaviour which contributes to high levels of criminal damage across the area.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT – TESCO STORES

County Councillor Younger has forwarded an e:mail from the Senior Communications Officer at the County Council informing the committee that Bedfordshire County Council Trading Standards officers working with Mid Bedfordshire District Council closed the petrol station in Shefford after finding a potentially explosive atmosphere due to petrol fumes.

The discovery was made after a visit to check the recently refurbished petrol station. When the problem was found, officers issued prohibition notices closing the petrol station at 11.45 a.m. on 16th October. This was done to protect the public's safety and environment from pollution. Tesco will be appointing experts to assess the site and it will be re-inspected once the problem has been resolved. The Tesco supermarket remained open as usual though customers were not able to use the car park or the petrol station. No homes were evacuated and local residents were re-assured that it did not pose a threat to them.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.
