

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Mackin presided over Mesdames Harrison and Clark. Messrs. Fisher, Leith and Pollard. Mr Steeples attended for last part of the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mrs. Holmes and Mr. Gray.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION**

07/01419/SE73

Removal of Condition 4 (obscure glazing and restriction of opening) attached to planning permission ref 07/00831/FULL dated 04/07/2007 in respect of the forwardmost window serving the new bedroom.  
68 Ampthill Road. Shefford. SG17 5BB

No objection.

07/01543/SDV

Replace existing signs with two illuminated fascias to front and rear elevation.  
Sommerfield Stores, St. Francis Way.

No objection.

07/01489/FULL

Erection of building to form pre-school and children's centre.  
Shefford Lower School, Bloomfield Drive.

No objection.

07/01513/FULL

Single storey rear extension and open front porch.  
21 New Street, Shefford.

No objection.

BC/CC/2007/35

Single storey extension to form music room.  
Robert Bloomfield School. Bloomfield Drive.

No objection.

**4. DECISIONS**

None.

## **5. LICENSING ACT TESCO STORES**

The Licensing Officer at the District Council has written to the committee to outline the voluntary conditions agreed by Tesco regarding the licence in respect of their new outlet in Ivel Road. The conditions include : 1. two personal licence holders based at the premises. 2. CCTV to be installed and maintained to police requirements. 3. The store will adopt a refusal register/incident report register. 4. Notices to be displayed around the premises informing people that under 18 and people who purchase alcohol on behalf of persons under 18 are committing offences. It is also understand that Tesco have amended their hours for selling alcohol from 0600 hours to 0000 hours to 0600hours to 2300 hours daily.

A copy of the Decision Notice appertaining to the hearing of 12<sup>th</sup> September has also been received.

## **6. LICENSING ACT 2003 – STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY REVIEW**

A copy of the above has been received from the District Council. The Licensing Act 2003

requires a licensing authority to prepare and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy every three years. The policy must be kept under review and the licensing authority must make revisions as it considers appropriate. The D C felt that that in the three years since the original policy was established there have been no significant issues and the policy has worked very well. However, to ensure that the policy reflects the needs of the Districts residents and business's the D C welcomes any constructive views and comments. The documentation included a Statement of Licensing Policy and a pro-forma response form.

## **7. THE LICENSING ACT 2003-STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2005/8**

The committee is now in receipt of the above document as issued by the District Council which will be maintained a licensing policy reference book.

## **8. PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN IVEL ROAD**

The committee has requested the County Council to implement Parking Restrictions at Ivel Road. A form has now been received which is to be completed by the committee in order that a full assessment of the area can be made.

## **9. 'SLOW SIGNS' – 'S-BENDS' – STANFORD ROAD**

The committee has requested the County Council to paint SLOW signs on the approach to the S-bends in Stanford Road. A form has now been received and after completion an assessment of the proposal will be undertaken and then ranked along with other similar requests throughout the county.

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## **10. NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION – FOOTPATH 3**

A Notice of Confirmation and a map regarding Footpath 3 has been received from the District Council. Both the Notice of Confirmation and the Order were confirmed by an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2007.

## **11. SCHOOL BUS ROUTES – SAFETY REVIEW**

Following a request from County Councillor Younger, the County Council has undertaken a full review of home to school bus routes that are contracted to them and that travel along Ivel Road. The County Council's engineer travelled over the school routes using Ivel Road and the alternative route of Hitchin Road and Clifton Road and collected data accordingly. In short, based on Amey's engineer, the County Council has decided to continue using Ivel Road/Southbridge Street to Clifton Road rather than Hitchin Road. The clerk is to enquire what vehicle was used and at what time was the assessment undertaken.

## **12. MID BEDS LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

A meeting of the above took place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at the DC's offices in Chicksands. The committee has now received a draft copy of the Mid Beds Sustainable Community Plan which relates to the Draft Community Plan.

## **13. WEBSITE – DRAFT MINERALS SITE ALLOCATION PREFERRED OPTIONS**

The consultation dates for the above are : 18/09/07 to 01/11/07

The viewing dates for the above are : 19/09/07 to 31/12/2007

The draft can be viewed on :

<http://consultation.limehouse.co.uk/bedfordshire/drafts/12/index.html>

## **14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was reported that the floor at the bus stop at the end of Ampthill Road has been raised. This could potentially be a hazard as people alighting from the bus are likely to hit their heads on the actual bus stop sign.

It was reported that occasionally Churchill Way/Old Bridge Way was awash with water due to the new development in that area. Concerns were raised that this would be particularly treacherous in winter should there be a substantial dip in temperatures. However, it hoped that a tarmac surface should be laid in the next two weeks which should remedy the problem. The area is to be monitored over the next few weeks.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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