

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2008**

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Gray and Leith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

08/00070/FULL
Erection of a conservatory.
3 The Pyghtle.

No objection.

08/00085/FULL
Demolition and replacement of a conservatory to a side elevation.
6 Penfold Close.

No objection.

08/00014/FULL
Erection of a single storey rear extension.
6 Iveldale Drive.

No objection.

08/00095/FULL
Erection of single storey front extension.
15 Walton Close.

No objection.
Comment : the proposed front extension will reduce the visibility splay of No. 14.

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Details

07/01489/FULL

Proposed Development : Erection of building to form pre-school and children's centre.

Details of Conditions discharged : Condition number **3 (Materials)** attached to Planning Permission reference 07/01489/FULL dated 09/10/2007.

Shefford Lower School, Bloomfield Drive.

Notice of Approval of Details

07/01489/FULL

Proposed Development : Erection of building to form pre-school and children's centre.

Details of Conditions discharged : Condition number **4 (tree protection)** attached to Planning Permission reference 07/01489/FULL dated 09/10/2007.

Shefford Lower School, Bloomfield Drive.

Notice of Approval of Details

06/00402/FULL

Proposed Development : Two storey rear extension and conversion of dwelling into two properties.

Details of Conditions discharged : Condition number **7 (parking area surfacing)** attached to Planning Permission reference 06/00402/FULL dated 24/05/2006.

128 Clifton Road.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

07/01915/FULL

Single storey front extension.

34 Queen Elizabeth Close.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

07/01994/FULL

Retrospective revision to planning permission ref. 06/0487 dated 17/05/06 for a single storey side extension and two storey rear extension to allow an area of roof to be retained.

22 Churchill Way.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

07/01881/FULL

Single storey rear extension and single storey front extension.

15 New Street.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

07/01815/FULL

Single storey front extension, two storey rear extension.

5 Great Hill.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

07/01782/FULL

Part single storey, part two side extension.

1 Walton Close.

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

07/01883/FULL

First floor side extension, porch extension and loft conversion.

188 Shefford Road, Clifton – not within the Shefford envelope.

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Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission

07/01478/FULL

Erection of single storey side/rear extension.

1 Cedar Close.

Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission
07/01885/FULL

Erection of single storey side/rear extension, two storey front extension and conversion of loft incorporating the construction of dormer windows to the rear and raising in height of roof.

61 Bedford Road.

Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission
07/01740/RM

Residential development of 18 dwellings (to include Layout, Scale, External Appearance, Means of access and Landscaping.) Following outline planning permission ref 03/00878/OUT dated 13/10/04.

Land To The Rear Of 72-88 Ampthill Road.

5. SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

Information that Bedfordshire Highways has developed a programme for a county wide speed limit review has been received from the County Council. The review includes Hitchin Road and the next step in the process will be to gather accurate, up to date speed and traffic flow data. The information will be collected using an automated roadside data collection device which will automatically collect data for 24 hours a day for a period of seven days.

Information collected from previous speed and flow reviews is to be forwarded to the Highways Department by way of assistance.

6. INVITATION TO SITE ALLOCATIONS MEETING – MBDC

Mid Beds Council will shortly be launching the *Issues and Options* consultation for the Site Allocations Development Plan Document, part of the Local Development Framework for Mid Beds. Over 400 sites have been submitted including 11 from Shefford. A briefing session has been arranged for 11 February at 6.30 p.m. in Priory House. Mr. Mackin and Mrs. Holmes said they would attend.

7. INFORMATION RE UNITARY BID – MBDC

An update on the LGR in Bedfordshire has been received from the Chief Executive at the District Council. The update included a small Q & A pamphlet which is hoped will allay resident's concerns particularly following the County Council's latest PR campaign.

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8. INFORMATION AND QUESTIONNAIRE – PLANNING AND LAND USE TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE RURAL COMMUNITIES

A copy of the above document has been received from the BRCC.

A few days ago the BATPC Finance & General Purposes Committee met and one of the items on their agenda was the Matthew Taylor Review – Rural Economy and

Affordable Housing. As the Review is asking for specific examples, evidence and case studies, the committee took the view that individual parishes and towns should be given the opportunity to provide evidence to inform the Review and as such all relevant information has been subsequently issued to them.

Mrs Holmes said she would study the information provided and report back to the committee with a view to completing the questionnaire.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Both the Town Mayor and the Town Council are to independently write a letter of support for the proposed new Health Centre.

The Highways Department is to be requested to provide a copy of the report that they mentioned at a recent meeting held in Maulden regarding the proposed re-surfacing of both North Bridge Street and South Bridge Street.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.