

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 2ND JANUARY 2008

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Mr. Gray.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

4. DECISIONS

None.

5. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

The committee has received information from the County Council's Highway Department that St. Francis Way which extends from the junction of Old Bridge Way (adjacent to Old Bridge Court) east for approx. 100m will be temporarily closed (as below) to non-emergency vehicles.

The temporary closure is required to enable gas main works to take place. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

It is expected that the works will take place from Monday 14th January 2008 for THREE WEEKS – 24hr closure.

The proposed alternative route is :

Proceed south on Old Bridge Way and continue to the junction with St. Francis Way, turn left and continue to site and vice versa.

The proposed order will come into operation on 14 January 2008 for a period of 4 months or until the proposed works have been completed, *as detailed above*, whichever is the earlier.

The above information will appear in Beds on Sunday.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that an area adjacent to the bridge in South Bridge Street appears to be permanently wet irrespective of the weather. The matter has been reported to the County Council on several occasions and repairs have been carried out. However, the problem appears to have started yet again and is believed to be the result a fractured water main as fresh water can be seen flowing into the river from the riverbank. Clerk to report the matter to the Highways Helpline.

The pathway in Campton Road – adjacent to the cemetery - is to be swept as the heavy leaf fall could cause a potential hazard to pedestrians.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.