

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 2ND JULY 2007

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

08/1142/TPO

Remove lower south facing branch of Holm Oak.
14 Hitchin Road.

No objection.

08/01016/FULL

Two new dwellings with associated garage/parking.
Land adjacent to Midland Gardens.

Objection : over development of site. 32 dwellings already have access to this area due to existing housing density. Will impact on Churchill Way.

4. DECISIONS

Notice of Approval of Planning Permission

08/00490/FULL

Change of use from A1 (swimming pool sales) to Veterinary Surgery. (Ground floor only).

5. TALK TO MID BEDS

An additional site has been submitted to the D C re the *Talk to Mid Beds* initiative, namely the garden of 52A Ivel Road. As mentioned on page 1661 : 6/208 information appertaining to this site can be viewed in Stotfold on 10th July.

6. CONFIDENT COMMUNITIES FUND

As noted in previous Minutes, the PCSO option has been withdrawn from the Confident Communities Fund initiative. Bearing this in mind, it was agreed to utilize the funding for a youth shelter. An application form to this effect is to be completed and forwarded to the County Council accordingly.

7. LOCATION OF ASH TREE – MBDC – TPO 1967

A map showing the exact location of the Ash tree as above has been received from the District Council. The tree in question is growing in the area behind St. Michael's Church adjacent to the site of the old forge.

8. STAKEHOLDER UPDATE – MBDC

The committee has received a copy of Stakeholder Update One (July 2008) which outlines the proposals and progress to date on the new unitary authority.

9. TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY

The D C is seeking to gain a better understanding of the needs, requirements and aspirations of town and parish councils. This is deemed to be the start of Central Bedfordshire's consultation with stakeholders in the community and as such surveys have been distributed to all town/parish councils thus giving them an opportunity to express their views over a wide range of subjects. The individual members are to receive a copy of the survey for completion and the information received will be collated into a formal response.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The committee was informed about holes in the paved area surrounding the seat in Ivel Road. Clerk to investigate and report accordingly.

The grass-cutting contractor is to be sent a letter informing him that the Council feels he is in breach of contract regarding the poor quality of work that has been recently carried out. Furthermore, part of Footpaths 3 and 4 have not been cut or strimmed at all thus causing a health and safety hazard particularly in areas adjacent to the river.

Concerns were raised about the amount of rubble left on the site of the defunct Shefford Business Park. It was felt that entry into the site would not be difficult and again there are health and safety issues. Beds Police and the site owner are to be made aware of the committee's concerns.

Concerns had been raised about the financial state of the developers of the Old Brewery site in relation to outstanding monies due on an s106 Agreement. Confirmation has been received from the D C that they have received all contributions due in respect of this development.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.
