

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 20TH FEBRUARY 2008

PRESENT

Mrs. Holmes presided over Mesdames Harrison, Clark. Messrs. Mackin, Leith, Fisher and Steeples. District Councillors Brown and Birt.

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Gray and Barham

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

08/0021/FULL

Erection of two new dwellings with associated parking.
Land at Midland Close.

No objection.

08/00165/FULL

Alterations to form new entrance to first floor flat and new shop front to 10 High Street.
10 & 12 High Street.

No objection.

Comment : Material and finish should be sympathetic to street scene in a conservation area.

08/00246/FULL

Erection of single storey side extension and external alterations.
1 Riverside.

No objection.

08/00185/FULL

Two storey rear extension and front porch.
47 Clifton Road.

No objection.

4. DECISIONS

None.

5. SITE APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT – MBDC

Information has been received from the District Council regarding the *Issues and Options Consultation – Site Allocations : Shefford*. Thirteen sites have been identified and each one was discussed at length.

Bearing this in mind District Councillors Brown and Birt were invited to attend a meeting with this committee in order to discuss the possible implications if any of these sites were 'activated'.

Residents can view the proposals at an exhibition to be held in the Community Hall on Thursday 13th March from 1.00pm to 8.00pm and any comments should be forwarded to the District Council by Friday 4th April.

Town Councillors can make individual comments if they so wish but it is hoped that the Town Council will make a comment as a whole.

A website is also available – www.talktomidbeds.co.uk

6. LAND ON EAST SIDE OF OLD BRIDGE WAY – STREET NAMING

Postal addresses of the 112 flats and dwellings at Land on the East Side of Old Bridge Way (excluding Nos. 13 & 113) will be known as Nos 1 -112 River View, Shefford. SG17 5FL.

7. PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE A507/600 AIRMAN ROUNDABOUT

The above roundabout will be closed for two nights between 2000hrs and 0600hrs from Monday 10th March 2008 for two nights for resurfacing the whole roundabout inclusive of 50m up each leg. Alternative routes were included with the information.

8. INVITATION TO MEETING – LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

The second meeting of the Parish & Town Councils LAA Reference Group will take place at the Rufus Centre, Flitwick on Friday 28th March at 9.30 p.m. Mr. Leith said he hoped to attend along with the clerk.

9. IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN BEDSCC AND PARISH COUNCILS

The committee has received a comprehensive list of contact numbers and e:mail addresses from the Policy Team Leader at the County Council. In the event that these contacts cannot deal with every eventuality, a liaison role will be in place.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk to report slats missing on the seat in Churchill Way.

The Strategic Land Manager of Bloor Homes has written to the committee informing them that they have recently changed their Town Planning Consultants. Presentations to the Town Council regarding the Land Adjacent to Shefford Mill, Stanford Road had been made by Woods Hardwick of Bedford but now Bloor Homes are utilizing the services of Vincent and Gorbing due to a conflict of interests between the two companies. However, Bloor Homes are still keen to maintain a dialogue with the Town Council and as such are to be invited to a Planning and Environment committee meeting in either April or May.