

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 19TH MARCH 2008

PRESENT

Mrs. Holmes presided over Mrs. Clark. Messrs. Steeples and Fisher. District Councillor Birt.

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Harrison. Messrs. Mackin, Gray and Leith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. LDF – SITE ALLOCATIONS – ISSUES AND OPTIONS

The committee and Cllr. Birt studied all the sites appertaining to Shefford and discussed each one at length. Several observations were made and information had also been gleaned from visiting the exhibition at the Community Hall on 13th March. The committee's response will now be forwarded to the District Council before the closing date of 4th April 2008.

4. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

08/00351/FULL
Erection of single storey rear extension.
56 Amphill Road.

No objection.

5. DECISIONS

None.

6. INFORMATION FROM BLOOR HOMES

The Strategic Land Manager at Bloor Homes has forwarded extracts of the Flood Risk Assessment that they have commissioned because of the Town Council's request to keep up to date of the E A's latest evidence in flood issues affecting the town. The documentation was deemed to be both informative and useful.

7. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

Mid Beds D C has received outline application for Street Naming in respect of the housing development at Shefford Business Park in Clifton Road.

The developer has put forward several suggestions for names and these were discussed.

Overall the committee decided on the name of Heronslee Court for the whole development of 42 houses and 16 apartments.

8. PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Information regarding temporary road closures for resurfacing has been received from Bedfordshire Highways. The roads in question are : Bloomfield Drive, Great Hill, Gresham Way, Hardwick Close, Hitchin Road (service road), Maple Drive, Osborn Crescent, Southfields and Victoria Road.

The works are expected to take place for one day per site during the period from Thursday 1st May to Monday 30th June between the hours of 0730hrs and 1800hrs – specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time – access will be maintained from time to time according to local signing. An alternative route for Bloomfield Drive was suggested but there will not be an alternative route available for other closures. Bloomfield Drive will take place during school holidays only.

The committee registered surprise that Bloomfield Drive had been designated for resurfacing as it was deemed to be in good condition but there was no mention of New Street which is in dire need of resurfacing. The clerk is to inform Bedfordshire Highways accordingly.

9. SUPPORT FOR ACTION PLANS

The Shefford Action Plan Monitoring has now been completed and is to be forwarded to the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The committee has received a letter from a local resident thanking them for their recent efforts in attempting to get action from EDF Energy regarding the recent power cuts.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.