

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH MAY 2009

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Harrison, Messrs. Wilson and Leith.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs. Clark declared an interest in Item 6.

3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION

CB/09/00473/FULL

Two storey side extension, remove conservatory and place to rear elevation. First Floor extension to garage, increase pitch of roof.

3 Alamein Close

Objection : overbearing impact, over development, not in keeping with street scene.

Comment : considered to be a major variation and significant deviation from previous plan/increase in roof height.

4. DECISIONS

Full Conditional Approval

MB/09/00380/FULL

Two storey front extension for disabled access lift.

10 Hazel Close

Full Conditional Approval

MB/09/00159/FULL

Demolition of existing garage and erection of one detached bungalow.

Land at 13 Stanford Road.

Conservation Area Consent

MB/09/00217/CAC

Demolition of former laundry and associated buildings

Land at Old Bridge Way.

5. LUTON & BEDFORDSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE – CORE STRATEGY

A period of public consultation on the above commenced on 17th April and will be open until 12th June 2009. Any comments can be posted to : Luton & Bedfordshire Joint Technical Unit, Regus House, 960 Capability Green, Luton. LU1 3PE or e:mailed to : ERPLNJTU@luton.gov.uk

6. APPLICATION TO OPEN A PHARMACY AT THE NEW PRIMARY CARE FACILITY

The committee has received a Full application to open a pharmacy at the New Primary Care Facility in Hitchin Road. As Shefford is not within a controlled locality, the application is only to be determined under Regulation 12(1) the 'necessary desirable test':

1. Whether it is necessary or desirable to grant the application in order to secure in the neighbourhood the adequate provision of the services, or some of the services, specified in the application.

The committee welcomed the application and supports it accordingly.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to pay for 2 large flags c/w poles, 6 flag batons c/w flags for the Shefford Majorettes Group.

Portable traffic signals will be placed at the Ivel Rd./Southbridge Street junction for two days between 4th and 8th May 2009.

An invitation to attend a *New Councillor Induction Training Course* has been received from the Beds. Assc'n. of Town & Parish Councils.

A list of events for May and early June has been received from the Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership.

Concerns were raised about a property and surrounding land in Midland Road. The situation is to be monitored.

The Play and Open Space Officer at Central Beds is to be contacted to ascertain the latest situation regarding the possible adoption of the Kingfisher Way play area and surrounding land.

The Chief Planning Officer at Central Beds is to be contacted to explain her understanding of the s106 Agreement appertaining to the provision of a possible football ground in the town.

The Chairman of the Shefford Sports Trust is to be sent a Statement of Intent as to the football pitch situation and whether or not there has been any progress to date. The Statement is to request a written response clearly setting out his understanding of the s106 Agreement and when he expects any progress to be made.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.