

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

**PRESENT**

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr. Leith.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. PLANS FOR CONSIDERATION**

09/00159/FULL

Demolition of existing garage and erection of one detached bungalow.  
Land at 13 Stanford Road.

Objection : over development of site, additional load on a sewerage system that is already working to full capacity.

REFUSED 20.12.2006.

Objections were raised on the original application stating that this would happen.

09/00118/FULL

Erection of 16 wind turbines, 2 control buildings and monitoring mast. Provision of associated hardstanding areas and on site track access.

Land to the North of Edworth Road, Langford.

No objection.

**4. DECISIONS**

Full Conditional Approval

08/02380/FULL

First floor rear extension and front porch.

59 Hitchin Road

Withdrawn by Planning Control Manager

02/01904/ADV

Internally illuminated fascia sign to front and side elevation. Entrance door canopy with non-illuminated lettering. (Retrospective).

**5. HIGHWAY MATTERS BEDS C C**

Beds. Highways have issued a statement in answer to the problems caused by the recent snow and other issues. The statement gave time allowances for such concerns as pothole defects, kerbing, general highway faults, signage, streetlights and salting.

**6. ROAD CLOSURE NOTICES**

Concerns have recently been raised by the Police Traffic Management Team with the licensing department of the D C, as on more than one occasion, Town and Parish Councils have been expecting Beds. Police to complete agreed road closures and provide the appropriate road closure signs.

All communications from Beds Police to the D C for road closures have the endorsement:

*'The event organisers will be responsible for obtaining and erecting the necessary signs and barriers to effect a lawful road closure. The organisers will be responsible for obtaining, from the highways department of the C C, an approved diversion route which is to be appropriately signed and maintained throughout the closure period'.*

## **7. ALCOHOL FREE ZONE**

The committee has received a map from the Corporate and Democratic Services solicitor at the District Council indicating the area to be designated as an Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ). It was agreed that the area shown was as originally requested.

## **8. BELLCOTE MEADOW CHANGING ROOMS – WATER DAMAGE**

The clerk reported that he had visited the changing room to ascertain the damage caused by the water tank overflowing during the recent cold weather. The committee felt that although it was probably impractical to drain down the system after winter football matches, the Saints committee had a duty to turn off the water at the main to prevent a re-occurrence. The insurers are to be contacted to establish if there is cover for this particular incident.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was reported that that a manhole cover has become loose at the Old Brewery site in Ivel Road. However, as it is within the confines of the actual premises the repair becomes the responsibility of the owners.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.