

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SIMPSON CENTRE, STOTFOLD

Committee Members present: A Cooper (Chairman)
B Collier Mrs M Cooper
B Saunders Mrs C Turner
Mrs L Wilding

Also present: Councillors Mrs Bundock, Mrs Clarey and Savill, and the Clerk

2727. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Mrs Hyde.

2728. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Although taking part as a member of the public, Councillor Savill declared an interest in the correspondence item relating to the appeal for the application at 2 Hitchin Road.

MATTERS ARISING

2729. Town & Country Planning Act 1990 – Appeal by Mr G Braine – 08/00510/FULL – Site at 2 Hitchin Road, Stotfold – Erection of 8 no. 2 bed and 2 no. 1 bed flats with associated parking following demolition of existing building (see minute 2722)

Our original comments have been sent to the Planning Inspectorate, stressing that one of the neighbouring properties that would be affected by this development is a bungalow. The District Council now advise that the Hearing on the above appeal will take place on 26th November, 10am at the District Council offices in Chicksands. We are invited to attend and make our views known.

2730. Planning Applications (see minute 2712)

A response has been received to our request for a Tree Preservation Order to be placed on three trees in the vicinity of 40/42 The Avenue, among others on a list submitted. The Tree and Landscape Officer advises that there are many criteria that have to be covered in order to justify a TPO being applied. These include being clearly visible and of important public amenity, also to be healthy and safe or can be made so. The trees have to be at risk or perceived risk. They advise that having looked at the trees on the list, which includes the urgent request for a TPO on the trees in The Avenue, the vast majority are either in rear gardens and not very visible to public view or are poor specimens of limited value and life expectancy. They are therefore not at present considering putting Preservation Orders on these trees. A query was raised over the advice that the trees have to be at risk or perceived risk.

2731. DECISION NOTICES

Members were circulated the list of Planning Decision Notices recently received and it was:

Resolved that the Planning Decision Notices as listed and forming part of these Minutes be noted.

2732. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the planning application before them and it was:

Resolved that the comments made on the planning application as listed and forming part of these minutes be forwarded to Mid Beds Planning Department.

2733. TO CONSIDER A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ATTENDING THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MEETING AT MID BEDS DISTRICT COUNCIL RELATING TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUOTED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved that it is not necessary for a representative of this Committee to attend the Development Control Meeting at Mid Beds District Council on behalf of the Town Council.

Councillor Mrs Turner advised Members that the application for 7 Castles Close and 42 The Avenue will be heard at the next Development Control meeting of the District Council on Wednesday 15th October.

2734. ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY

There were no items for information.

There being no further relevant business the meeting was declared closed at 7.10pm

CHAIRMAN

DATED