

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
6th OCTOBER 2008 AT 9.22pm following the Buckingham Plan meeting**

PRESENT: Councillors T. Bloomfield
Mrs. P. Desorgher
P. Hirons
A. Mahi
M. Smith
Mrs. P. Stevens
R. Stuchbury
M. Try
W. Whyte (Chairman)
Also Attending: Cllr. H. Cadd.
Cllr. D. Isham

For the Town Clerk Mrs K.W. McElligott

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors G. Loftus and H. Mordue (Mayor).

5245 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Hirons declared a personal interest in 8.1 as a friend of the correspondent;
Cllr. Stuchbury declared a prejudicial interest in 8.2 as a relative of the correspondent.

5246 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2008 to be placed before the Council on 27th October 2008 were agreed. There were no matters arising.

5247 ACTION LIST

The Action list had been circulated with the agenda. Items not listed on the agenda were deferred to the next meeting.

NOVEMBER AGENDA

5248 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were received and discussed. –

08/02016/APP
Rivermead, 5 Pateman Close
Erection of timber tool store

SUPPORT

08/02206/APP**OPPOSE**

54 Well Street

Change of use of adjacent land to inclusion within residential curtilage

*Members opposed on the grounds of loss of amenity and visual impact the height of the fence would have on the open aspect of the courtyard.***08/02265/APP****SUPPORT**

60 Moreton Road

Insertion of N^o2 rear dormers and N^o1 front dormer for loft conversion**08/02282/APP****OPPOSE**

Former Railway Station Site

Erection of 13 apartments creation of a new access

*Members opposed on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site; the possible effect on the drainage of the area, already a cause of concern; the loss of 22 trees, 13 of which have TPOs, and the further possibility of damage to the protected yew group; the proposed gating of the compound, which Members felt was unnecessary; the blockage by fencing of access to Railway Walk from Station Terrace, despite a verbal assurance from the developers that the right of way had been preserved in the sale documents; and the inadequate parking, which could lead to on-street parking on Lenborough Road, which is too narrow. Members pointed to the target occupancy by young professionals, who were likely to have a car each, and the real possibility of multi-occupancy by students at the adjacent University leading to as many as three vehicles per dwelling.**The following minor amended plans were posted for Members' information only:***08/02161/APP** Stonecroft, Avenue Rd. Alterations to roof and dormer window*[Amendments reduce size of dormer window, so that its ridge is below the house roof ridge]***5249 PLANNING CONTROL**

The following planning decisions were received from Aylesbury Vale District Council;

APPROVED

08/01956/ATP 15 Moreton Drive

Fell 1 sycamore, crown lift 1 beech

Oppose

WITHDRAWN

07/03079/APP Stratford House, High St. Alterations to building to create one first floor flat over car port and associated parking

*[Clerk's note: the appeal against the refusal of 06/02977/APP – alterations to garage building to form 2N^o 1 bedroomed flats above and associated parking – was allowed in April 2008]***5250 PLANNING - OTHER MATTERS****5250.1 Buckingham Plan**

There was nothing further to add to the previous meeting which had recommended the draft to Full Council for approval.

5250.2 (5220 & 5222.4) To discuss and agree whether to participate in the pilot electronic scheme (postponed from August meeting)

Concern was expressed on the following:

- access to plans by members of the public and Councillors preparing for the meeting who would no longer have paper plans to view;
- the need for a dedicated computer either in the Council Offices or AVDC Offices in Verney Close as it would be inconvenient for staff to have to break into their work to access the website for visitors; and noting that Verney Close was not open daily;
- the financial implications of acquiring the necessary projection or printing equipment so that Members could view plans at meetings.

Members agreed to discuss the matter further with Mr. Cannell, providing there was some indication of AVDC being willing to provide the necessary equipment for the pilot, for which this Council had no budget, and there was confirmation of some means of the general public having access to plans without having to make a trip in office hours to Aylesbury. (This Council makes the plans available by appointment outside office hours, including Saturdays, to residents working out of town or otherwise unable to visit between 10am and 3pm on weekdays).

ACTION THE CLERK

5250.3 (5231.3) Taylor Review – Market Towns (postponed from August meeting)

Cllr. Hirons had circulated a report with the agenda; there was no indication of Government reaction to the Review, although some of the points raised were interesting.

Cllr. Hirons was thanked for producing his report.

5250.4 (5241.2) To discuss and agree a policy on contact with AVDC Officers (postponed from last meeting)

The Chairman said that a formal policy would not be necessary if Members worked via the Office for contact with other authorities unless specifically delegated to represent the Committee. This did not, of course, preclude personal contact on behalf of a constituent.

5250.5 To receive for information Planning News (Bull. 38) on amendments to PDR and further note from Chairman.

Members noted the information which had been circulated with the agenda.

5250.6 SEERA: Partial Review of the SE Plan – Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs. To appoint a Councillor to review the documents and provide draft response to the consultation for 3rd November meeting.

(Consultation ends 21/11/08)

Cllr. Hirons offered to provide the draft response; he asked for a copy of the previous consultation (BCC et al.; Min. 5078.1) for information.

ACTION THE CLERK/ CLLR. HIRONS

Cllrs. Cadd and Stuchbury left the meeting

5251 CORRESPONDENCE

5251.1 Silverstone Area K – letter from Cllr. Bainbridge, SNDC

The letter had been circulated with the agenda.

Members remained concerned at the volume of traffic likely to be generated by the development at Silverstone, and asked that Andrew Grant at AVDC be contacted for an update on the situation, and that Cllr. Bainbridge be advised that this Council is aware of the issues and thanking him for contacting us.

ACTION THE CLERK

5251.2 Mrs. N. Stuchbury – request for more cycle racks

The letter had been circulated with the agenda.

Members noted that cycle rack provision should be added to the Buckingham Plan. The six Sheffield hoops installed by BCC had been replaced by low-level planters by Waitrose and the other provision in the town - Verney Close for three cycles, not in sight of occupants of the building, and three racks at the bus stand - was not felt to be adequate. Members also criticised the maintenance of the plants in the 5 (not 6 as in Waitrose' application) planters. They were not far enough apart so did not allow of adult and children's cycles being locked together, nor did they provide stability to cycles without integral stands.

Letters would be written to BCC about the general lack of provision of racks in the town, and to AVDC and Waitrose about the specific problems listed; Mrs. Stuchbury would be kept informed.

ACTION THE CLERK

5252 BUDGET STATEMENT

The Clerk apologised that pressure of work had precluded the provision of the budget statement with the agenda. This would be rectified by next meeting.

The Chairman had decided on which publications would be useful for the Buckingham Plan and would provide the Clerk with the details so they could be ordered.

ACTION THE CHAIRMAN/THE CLERK

5253 NEWS RELEASES

None were deemed necessary.

5254 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

The Chairman drew attention to the consultation on the 2008 Local Transport Plan Progress Report which ends on 17th October. Members had been circulated with the details separately which included the web address for response.

Meeting closed at: 10.03pm

CHAIRMAN DATE