

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2007 AT 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors T. Bloomfield
Mrs. P. Desorgher
P. Hirons
G. Loftus
A. Mahi
H. Mordue (Mayor)
Mrs. P. Stevens
R Stuchbury
W. Whyte (Chairman)
In attendance Cllr. R. Newell
Miss L. Fahey (Deputy Town Clerk)
For the Town Clerk Mrs K.W. McElligott

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors H. Cadd, M. Smith and M. Try, and Cllr. Mahi for late arrival.
The Chairman noted that Cllr. Lewis had not sent apologies for several meetings and asked that the Clerk check he was receiving the agenda.

ACTION THE CLERK

5129 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Stuchbury declared a personal interest in application 07/03267/APP as a parent of a pupil at the school.

5130 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2007 to be ratified on 7th January 2008 were received

5131 ACTION LIST

The Action list had been circulated with the agenda. Members asked that a follow-up letter be sent to Mr. Skedge if no written reply had been received within the 14 days (i.e. by 20th December). It was also agreed that the matter be submitted for the next Partnership agenda.

5132 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were received and discussed. –

07/03267/APP

Bourton Meadow Combined School
Single storey 3 classroom block

SUPPORT

07/03274/AAD**SUPPORT**

Opposite Tesco, London Road
Advertising bus shelter

In light of the current stop schedule (both directions of X5 at the layby stop on the other side of the road, and the 66 stopping within the Tesco site) Members asked that Passenger Transport be contacted to check if changes were to be made and what arrangements for publicity and signs would be made if so.

ACTION THE CLERK**07/03329/ALB****NOTED**

Rose Cottage, Bourton Road

Internal works of raising ceiling and removal of partition and windows, rendering of wall and rebuild East End Chimney (retrospective)

Concern was expressed at a retrospective application for a protected building; Members would accept the Historic Buildings Officer's recommendations.

The following minor amended plans were posted for Members' information only:

07/02592/APP 19 Chandos Cl. Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side and rear extension to form replacement garage with living accommodation above
Amendment shows first floor to be set in.

07/02768/APP Budgens store Sub division of existing store to provide new class A1 unit and creation of new shop front and entrance and rear roller shutter entrance
Addition is Part 2 of application form omitted from original documents received. Decision has been made (below)

07/03009/APP 64 Waine Close Conversion of garage into residential use
Amendment: additional parking area

[Members had responded (3/12/07): Support was given subject to there being adequate parking space within the curtilage, given the loss of garage space.]

5133 PLANNING CONTROL

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

APPROVED

07/02488/APP	2 Embleton Way	Conversion of garage to residential use	Support
07/02569/APP	16 Bourton Road	Two storey side extension and new access	Support
07/02662/APP	2 Cheyne Close	Single storey front extension	Oppose
07/02664/APP	Bourton Meadow	Sch. Repl. temp.building w. modular permanent	Support
07/02669/APP	The Woolpack	Extn/alts. to pergola/constr.play area in garden	Support
07/02691/APP	33 Bourton Road	2 storey side & single storey rear extension	Oppose
07/02722/APP	28 Bradfield Ave.	Single storey side extension	Support
07/02768/APP	Budgens	Subdivision of store to provide new A1 unit, etc	Support
07/02783/APP	15 Swan.Bus.Cen.	Install 3 windows & 5 airconditioning units	Support
07/02785/ALB	Clays Butchers	Repair and replace windows	Support
07/02939/ATC	5 Bostock Court	Works to trees	Oppose

LISTED BUILDING PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED

07/02667/ALB The Woolpack Extension and alteration to existing pergola and construction of enclosed play area in rear garden

Cllr. Mahi arrived during the following item.

5134 PLANNING - OTHER MATTERS

5134.1 (5125.1) To discuss and agree contributing organisations and other details for the Town Plan

The Chairman circulated a document at the meeting giving his suggestions for areas to be considered. Members discussed the headings and suitable organisations to be involved.

The following were suggested:

- the Guinness and Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trusts, so that social/affordable housing can be planned for and distributed evenly in proposed development
- Aylesbury Vale Transport Users Group, linked to all forms of public transport
- both secondary schools, to provide youth input
- a joint representative for the three doctor's practices, as being in touch with patient needs; or a representative from the PCT
- U3A
- Play Association (if extant)
- a representative from AVDC Forward Plans department.

The surrounding parishes would also be approached for ideas, as development in Buckingham affected them all.

Cllr. Whyte advocated 4 or 5 meetings involving the group tackling different subjects with each meeting; he would collate results. He thought the office contribution would amount to some 50 letters only. He had reserved the domain name www.buckinghamplan.org.uk, as it was available, and the site could be linked to the Town Council's.

Cllr. Newell arrived.

Members felt the Planning Committee should be seen to be leading the discussions to give validity to the application to have the document included in the LDF. The Forum in March could be useful for publicity and the Events Committee would co-operate with a launch event in the town centre. It was agreed that the Mayor would mention the Plan in his New Year message for the *Advertiser*.

There were a number of Plans available on AVDC's website for Members' reference and information.

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. Stevens and **RECOMMENDED** that the Mayor and the Chairman of Planning be joint facilitators of the meetings to be held to work out the Buckingham Plan and that either could chair a meeting.

The Chairman would amend the circulated document with the results of the discussion and the Clerk would circulate it to the Committee for comments.

Regular reports would be made to Committee meetings.

Members also felt the Vision and Design Statement needed updating.

**ACTION CHAIRMAN/CLERK
COMMENTS FROM ALL COUNCILLORS**

5134.2 To appoint a Councillor to report on the Buckinghamshire Economic Development Strategy consultation document and formulate a response (response required by 8th January 2008)

Cllr. Hirons would consider the document over Christmas and liaise with the Chairman if necessary. The response could be e-mailed on 7th January 2008.

ACTION CLLR. HIRONS

5134.3 (5126.1) Report on investigation re Dark Alley - Chairman

The Chairman had checked through the files; the Clerk reported that Amended Plans clearly indicating the path through the estate as being a diversion for Dark Alley had been received in January 2005; the minutes of the Development Control Committee for February 17th 2005 showed that details of the diverted path were to be approved by AVDC before work started (para.17) and Mr. Barker was investigating.

Members felt that an update should be sought from Mr. Cannell on the progress re successful discharge of conditions for this site, and that the matter of Dark Alley be placed on the Partnership agenda.

ACTION THE CLERK

5135 CORRESPONDENCE

5135.1 (5097.1) AVDC – acknowledgment of response for Affordable Housing SPG consultation.

The Chairman asked a copy of the SPG be obtained for the file.

ACTION THE CLERK

5136 NEWS RELEASES

Apart from the Mayor's reference to the Buckingham Plan, none were agreed.

5137 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS

5137.1 (5125.2) Development and Infrastructure in North Bucks.

The Chairman had circulated the report of the debate Mr. Bercow had instigated.

5137.2

The Chairman wished the Committee Happy Christmas and thanked Members for their support. He presented his apologies for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at: 8.10pm

CHAIRMAN DATE