MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8TH AUGUST 2005 AT 7.25pm following the Public Session

PRESENT: Councillors P. Collins (Mayor)

Mrs. P. Desorgher

H. Lewis (Chairman)

H. Mordue P. Strain-Clark

Also Attending: Cllr. D. Isham

For the Town Clerk Mrs K.W.McElligott

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors: J. Barnett, R.Lehmann, G.Loftus, Mrs. P. Stevens and R Stuchbury.

4789 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4790 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2005, ratified on 1st August 2005, were received. There were no matters arising.

4791 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were received and discussed. –

04/03434/APP (AMENDED PLANS)

OPPOSE

Stratford House, High Street

Demolition of existing building and erection of four (no.) dwellings with associated parking and car port

The Chairman gave a brief resume of the reasons for reconsideration of the plans, and noted that work on site had been stopped pending the agreement of Section 106 off-site provision; the Environment Agency had been contacted and while there were no formal objections to the proposed scheme they would be looking to negotiate a Section 30 Agreement in relation to the maintenance of the floodplain land (this is separate from the planning procedure). At the Development Control Committee meeting held on 4th August 2005 the application had been delegated to officers to resolve.

Members discussed the amended plans and could find no improvement to the scheme sufficient to change their original response. The felling of trees before permission had been granted and conditions set was deplored. Wrong information on the original application on the original plans had misled Councillors and residents alike into thinking there was

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more separation of the proposed terrace from existing dwellings. Members agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should compose a suitable reply reflecting these views.

ACTION THE CHAIRMAN/THE COMMITTEE CLERK

05/01398/ALB NOTED

International Management Centre, 13 Castle Street

Alterations of front window frame colour to dark blue

It appeared that this was a retrospective application, and the response agreed was that in accordance with normal practice. Verbal criticism of the shade of blue was reported to the meeting but no written complaint had been received.

05/01667/APP SUPPORT

68 Bourton Road

Two storey rear extension

05/01677/AAD SUPPORT

Travelodge, London Road Erection of illuminated sign

05/01705/APP SUPPORT

19 Kingfisher Road Erection of conservatory

05/01730/APP OPPOSE

Buckingham Filling Station, Stratford Road

Variation of condition 3 of 93/01687/APP to extend car wash operating times to 07.30hrs-20.30hrs Mon-Sat and 09.00hrs-19.00hrs Sunday and Bank holidays and alterations to existing car wash

[93/1687/APP Condition 3. "The car wash machinery shall not be operated before 8am nor after 7pm Monday to Saturday; and not before 9am nor after 1pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays." The reason given: "In the interests of the amenities of the area."]. Previous application 05/00218/APP was WITHDRAWN in April.

The alterations to the car wash: front and rear doors, to be shut when the wash is in use. Members queried the effectiveness of installing doors.

Proposed by Cllr. Strain-Clark, seconded by Cllr. Collins, and AGREED that Standing Orders be suspended to allow Mrs. Una Robinson to address the meeting.

Mrs. Robinson reported that the Environmental Health Officer who attended after the mechanism had been changed during renovation of the site had recommended that the doors should be the subject of a separate application. Noise levels would need to be tested after installation before any extension of opening hours could be decided upon; there was also the question of the light pollution from the car wash/jet wash area during if extended hours were permitted.

Members felt that the extension of hours should be separated from the installation of doors to reduce the noise, and agreed to oppose the extension but support the doors. The doors might prove noisy in operation or exacerbate the noise of the wash mechanism rather than reduce it, reinforcing the case against extension of hours.

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Members also noted that the residential nature of the immediate area of the service station had not changed since the original conditions were set, and the amenity of the neighbours was still an important consideration

Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Mordue, and AGREED to reinstate Standing Orders.

05/01732/APP SUPPORT

9 Boswell Court

Single storey front extension

05/01771/APP SUPPORT

7 Middlefield Close

First floor side extension

The following two applications were considered together:

05/01777/ALB 05/01778/APP SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE

25-26 West Street

Conversion of ground floor outbuildings and first floor offices into four flats

Members support residential accommodation in the town centre but hoped that the Planning Officer would liaise with Building Control, the Fire Officer and the developer over the interior layout so that exit in case of fire did not lie through the kitchen area, the most likely source of fire.

05/01823/APP OPPOSE

5 Naseby Court

Two storey side and single storey rear extension

Members felt that the proposed extension was overbearing, overdevelopment of the site, and seriously detrimental to a unified street scene.

05/01875/APP OPPOSE

3 Stowe Close

Two storey side extension and conservatory

Members queried whether the proposed extension complied with the 1m separation from neighbouring property rule, giving the effect of a continuous frontage for nos. 2, 3 and 4 and materially affecting the street scene.

05/01877/APP SUPPORT

72 Moorhen Way

Single storey rear extension

05/01890/APP SUPPORT SUBJECT TO COMMENTS APPENDED

40 Highlands Road

Single storey rear and side extension

Members had been unable to gauge the effect of the extension on the adjoining property and asked that the Planning Officer check the impact of the proposal on the neighbours' amenity and the distances from boundaries of the new build.

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CC/36/05 (05/01924/ACC)

SUPPORT

Grenville Combined School

Erection of external canopies to create covered play areas for pre-school and early years pupils

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

04/02735/APP Land at Swan Business Pk. Erection of non-food retail warehouse Amended drawings show additional glazing section on North elevation; car parking spaces increased from 124 to 135

05/01549/APP Pine Lodge, Avenue Rd. Erection of 4 dwellings with garaging (amendment to 03/02897/APP)

Amended drawing shows chimney on Plots 1 & 2 houses to be external (previous drawing showed external in one elevation drawing and internal on another). Members OPPOSED the application.

4792 PLANNING CONTROL

BCC – PERMISSION GRANTED

CC/33/05 Buck.Primary School Infill extension to create Art/Drama Block Support (05/01566/ACC)

The following planning decisions had been received from Aylesbury Vale District Council;

APPROVED

05/01156/APP 27 Waine Close	Conv.roof space inc.dormer windows front and rear	Oppose
05/01303/APP 21 Lime Avenue	2-st.rear extension and single storey front porch	Support
05/01324/APP 1 Lower Wharf	Single storey rear extension	Support
05/01326/APP Gwynfa, Stratford Rd	.Two storey rear extn. & conservatory & garage extr	ı.Support
REFUSED		

05/00453/APP Buck.Town Football Club17.5m telecomm antenna on floodlight column Support05/01099/APP 26 MeadwaySingle storey side extensionSupport05/01102/APP 19 Badgers WayTwo storey side extensionOppose

NO OBJECTION

05/01566/ACC Buck. Middle School Single storey infil to create Art/Drama block (CC/33/05)

WITHDRAWN

05/01184/ALB Old Dairy, rear Conv.of offices into 2 dwellings and conv/extn Support of outbuildings to form 3 dwellings in Principle

APPEAL LODGED

05/00686/APP 14 Aris Way Enc. of land by reposit 2m high boundary fence Oppose

REPORTS TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Reports on the following applications had been received and were available in the office 04/02735/APP land at Swan Business Pk. Erection of non-food retail warehouse (class A1) with access, service arrangements , car parking and landscaping

04/03434/APP land to rear Stratford Ho. Demolition of existing building and erection of 4 dwellings with associated car parking and car port

4793 PLANNING - OTHER MATTERS

4793.1 <u>Aylesbury Vale Local Development Framework: Local Development Scheme</u> A copy of this document was available in the office.

4793.2 (4779.1) 02/03028/AOP Land at Burleigh Piece – Appeal Hearing

Cllr. Mordue reported on the informal hearing and site visit. He had been concerned at the statement that Federated Homes had contributed towards the establishment of Bourton Park; this was not so, and the Park could not be counted as part of the open space provision.

The proposed housing, comprising two semi detached 2-bed houses joined by an archway giving access to 7 terraced houses, was not in keeping with the other housing on Linden Village. Vehicle access to the semidetached houses was not shown, and the representative present did not know whether the houses were to have separate drives. The houses and archway gave onto the continuously curving Burleigh Piece.

Cllr. Mordue considered that the £20,000 offered to the District Council if planning permission were to be granted amounted to an inducement.

When the site was visited there were children playing on the area; Cllr. Mordue pointed out that the space had been allocated for community use, and though no meeting place had, in the event, been built the land should still be available for the whole community.

The District Council had taken the maintenance of the public areas on, for which everyone was grateful; however the 21-year period of Receivership ran to 2006, when ownership of the unsold land would pass to the Treasury. He was unable to comment on which entity would be easier to deal with.

The decision would be available in five weeks' time.

4793.3 Street Naming: to make suggestions for the land behind Stratford House

The name Cecil's Yard was suggested to commemorate Mr. J. T. Cecil whose builders yard occupied the land during much of the last century. However Members considered that naming the development was premature as the current proposal had not yet received planning permission, and a letter would be sent to AVDC deferring choice until the necessity for a name was demonstrated.

4793.4 Street Naming: to make suggestions for the land between Chandos Road and Brookfield Lane

The developer had suggested Steeple View; Members considered this banal and chose Wagland's Garden – Mr. Wagland had owned the land before selling it to the School.

4794 CORRESPONDENCE

4794.1 (05/05161 & 01568) MOH Properties

Members were circulated with the letter, which expressed the developer's concerns at the discussion on these applications.

A courtesy reply would be sent.

ACTION THE CLERK

4794.2 (05/00686/APP:14 Aris Way) Appeal against AVDC decision Notice of the appeal had been circulated with the agenda.

4794.3 (4653.1) Unauthorised display of advertising signs, Browns Hairdressing The signs had been removed. A letter would be sent to AVDC thanking them for taking action in this matter.

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ACTION THE CLERK

4795 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no Chairman's items.

CHAIRMAN

Meeting closed at: 8.20pm		