

Minutes

of the **Planning & Environment Committee Meeting** held on 12 May 2008

Present: K Thomas (Chair) E Cooper
D Livingstone J Nicholas
K Perkins

Visitors: 2 residents

Clerk: C Gallacher

Item 6 (security at allotments) was taken out of turn by agreement of the meeting, but all items are reported in agenda order.

1. Apologies and declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from N Warden.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Public Time

Concerns were raised about the security of the allotment site at Garthwaite Crescent, where there have been a number of incidents of vandalism and theft. The plot holder's concerns were noted and the item discussed by the meeting.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 7 April 2008 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

The meeting noted that the clerk hopes to meet MK Council officers towards end May to discuss parking issues. It was also noted that there has been no progress with the proposed parking improvements in Faraday Drive.

It was also noted that MK Council had delivered 20 tons of aggregate to Windmill Hill allotment for repairs to the ridings, which are being undertaken by tenants.

4. Planning Issues

The meeting considered the applications received from Milton Keynes Council listed on the appendix to these minutes, on which it was agreed that no comments or objection be made.

Recent decisions of the Local Planning Authority were noted.

K Perkins volunteered to check applications for the next month.

5 Tattenhoe Park

D Livingstone reported on a recent meeting of the WEA Stakeholders group, which received a presentation from developers for Phase 1 of Tattenhoe Park. A number of issues had been raised at that meeting, including absence of garages, courtyard parking and absence of redways. It was agreed to include an article in the June newsletter and to generally raise public awareness of the development but that further action should await the formal planning application.

6. Progress reports

The meeting noted that the Garthwaite Crescent allotment site had been designed with a hedge and low gates, after consultation with potential plot holders and that all tenants were made aware of the lower security. It was agreed, however, that additional measures should be investigated, including closure of the small pedestrian gate, planting of defensive shrubbery and installation of mesh fencing at weak points and the clerk was instructed to obtain quotations for consideration.

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7. Correspondence

The meeting noted:

The decision at MK Council Cabinet regarding pedestrian crossings on V4 Watling Street;
Questionnaire on the Planning Portal completed by the clerk;
Correspondence from English Partnerships regarding the proposed allotment at Westcroft, which the clerk was authorised to investigate.

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There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20h12.

Signed.....Chair