

# Flitwick Town Council

Minutes of the 351st Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 11th May 2021 at The Rufus Centre.

Open Forum  
No items.

Committee Members Present :- Councillor J Dann  
Councillor P Dodds (Chairman)  
Councillor P Earles  
Councillor J Gleave  
Councillor M Platt (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor R Shaw

Also in Attendance :- Environmental Services Manager  
Cllr M Williams

**2814 To note declaration of interest on Agenda Items**

None.

**2815 To Accept Apologies for Absence**

None.

**2816 Station Interchange Update**

No update.

**2817 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman commented that FTC had been in contact with Steppingley Parish Council to support their objections to the Crematorium application.  
The Chairman had received correspondence from the contractors of the former leisure centre site to discuss traffic arrangements.

**2818 Minutes**

All Members agreed the minutes were a true recording of the meeting held on 23rd April 2021.

**2819 Matters Arising**

None.

**2820 Planning applications for consideration**

2820- 1	21/00220/TRE	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	TRE
	Applicant Name :-	Mr Mark Fensome	Date Received :-	04/05/2021
	Location :-	10 Osprey Road Flitwick Beds MK45 1RU	Date Returned :-	13/05/2021
	Proposal :	Works to Trees Protected by Tree Preservation Order MB/76/00007/G2: Cut Tree (1) back 2m to original prune points, reduce height by 2m, to review the lower branch towards the north east for damage and remove if necessary, remove all epicormic growth and maintain shape/style and cut Tree (2) back 2.5m all around, reduce height by 3m, remove lower branch towards toward the south west, remove all epicormic growth and maintain shape and style		
	Observations :	FTC - Support (Vote - all in favour)		

2820- 2	21/01534/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :-	Mr Abbott	Date Received :-	04/05/2021
	Location :-	5 The Birches Amphill Road Flitwick MK45 1BA	Date Returned :-	13/05/2021
	Proposal :	Single storey rear extension		
	Observations :	FTC - Support (Vote - all in favour)		

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2820- 3	21/01804/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :-	Mr L Fehr	Date Received :-	04/05/2021
	Location :-	10 Tythe Close Flitwick Beds MK45 1LE	Date Returned :-	13/05/2021
	Proposal :	Extend and convert the existing dwelling into two dwellings		
	Observations :	FTC - Support (Vote - all in favour)		

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2820- 4	21/01846/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :-	Mr Coward	Date Received :-	04/05/2021
	Location :-	10 Ely Close Flitwick Beds MK45 1UJ	Date Returned :-	13/05/2021
	Proposal :	Proposed single storey front extension and garage conversion.		
	Observations :	FTC - Support (Vote - all in favour)		

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**2821 To consider additional applications**

CB/21/01214 - Support (Vote - all in favour)

**2822 To note planning decisions from Central Bedfordshire**

Members noted the planning decisions from CBC.  
The Chairman felt that training would be benefit both staff and members when recording objections to applications.

**2823 Correspondence received**

None.

**2824 Highways**

The Chairman advised that a Highways meeting had taken place and minutes would be presented at the next meeting.

**2825 Questions**

Cllr Dann commented that banners had been put on the welcome gates within the Town. The Environmental Services Manager advised that these had now been taken down.  
Cllr Earles advised Members that the catering van on the Steppingley Gardens Estate had placed an advertising stand on one of the footpaths. The Environmental Services Manager agreed to take this up with CBC.  
Cllr Dann asked if CBC had reported the outcome of the enforcement case for the unit that had been erected at the Village Hall. The Environmental Services Manager would investigate this.

The Meeting closed at : 20.00

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Signed :

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Chairman

Date:

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On behalf of :-

Flitwick Town Council

**NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM Central Bedfordshire Council**

**Minute Ref**

**Tue 25 May 2021**

**District Ref**

' C ' Contrary to District 'CD' Contrary Delegated  
' D ' Delegated  
' E ' Endorsed by District 'ED' Endorsed Delegated

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**GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSIONS**

<b>E</b> 21/00819/FUL	Approved	13 Pevensey Grove
<b>E</b> 21/01073/FUL	Approved	53 Conway Drive
<b>E</b> 21/01170/FUL	Approved	5 Canterbury Road
<b>E</b> 21/01214/FUL	Approved	40 Church Road
<b>C</b> 21/01323/FUL District COMMENT	Approved	149 Millwright Way Local COMMENT FTC - Object 1. Members asked for clarification of the 3 parking spaces as Members felt there was insufficient space on the plans to facilitate 3 spaces. 2. Members questioned whether the dropped kerb could facilitate 3 parking spaces. 3. Inconsistency on the plan about the location of the garage. 4. Members questioned whether the porch had been given planning consent previously. Vote - all in favour
<b>E</b> 21/01387/FUL	Approved	5 Hawes Close
<b>E</b> 21/01424/FUL	Approved	8 Windmill Road
<b>C</b> 21/01470/FUL District COMMENT	Approved	10 Kendal Drive Local COMMENT FTC - Object 1. Overdevelopment of the plot 2. Not in keeping with current street scene Vote - all in favour

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Cllr C Gomm  
Glenister  
34b Church Road  
Westoning  
Beds  
MK45 5JW

07 May 2021

Dear Councillor Gomm,

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

**Application No:** CB/EN/21/0215

**Location:** Land between 24 and 26, Trafalgar Drive, Flitwick

**Subject:** Working hours contrary to condition 12 (CCoP) of 20/02969

This is a notification that a planning enforcement case has been created.

An investigation has not yet taken place, but if the enquiry is confirmed as a breach of planning control you will be notified.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Clark

**Compliance Officer**

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Cllr G Mackey

06 May 2021

Dear Councillor Mackey,

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

**Application No:** CB/EN/21/0213

**Location:** 2 Abbis Close, Flitwick, Bedford, MK45 1AF

**Subject:** Installation of clear glazed window at 1st floor contrary to condition 10 (windows) and 11 (PD withdrawal) of 03/02019

This is a notification that a planning enforcement case has been created.

An investigation has not yet taken place, but if the enquiry is confirmed as a breach of planning control you will be notified.

Yours sincerely,

James Clancy

**Planning Enforcement Officer**

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Cllr G Mackey

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**Our Ref** CB/EN/21/0040  
**Date** 18 May 2021

Dear Councillor Mackey,

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

**Location:** 34 Eagle Drive, Flitwick, Bedford, MK45 1SW  
**Subject:** Change of use of amenity land to residential garden

You were notified that an Enforcement Case had been opened regarding the site below;

34 Eagle Drive, Flitwick, Bedford, MK45 1SW

Following an investigation this case has now been closed because:  
The breach of planning control has been remedied.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Duffett  
**Principal Planning Officer: Enforcement**

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<b>Our Ref</b>	CB/EN/21/0158
<b>Date</b>	21 May 2021

Dear Councillor Gomm,

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

**Location:** 26-32 Brookes Road, Flitwick, Bedford, MK45 1BX  
**Subject:** Deliveries to front of shop contrary to planning condition

You were notified that an Enforcement Case had been opened regarding the site below;

26-32 Brookes Road, Flitwick, Bedford, MK45 1BX

Following an investigation this case has now been closed because:  
No breach of planning control has been identified.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Last  
**Planning Enforcement Officer**



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**Our Ref** CB/EN/21/0215  
**Date** 21 May 2021

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**Compliance Officer**

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Cllr G Mackey

26 May 2021

Dear Councillor Mackey,

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

**Application No:** CB/EN/21/0245

**Location:** 9 Dunstable Close, Flitwick, Bedford, MK45 1JN

**Subject:** Condition of land affecting amenity

This is a notification that a planning enforcement case has been created.

An investigation has not yet taken place, but if the enquiry is confirmed as a breach of planning control you will be notified.

Yours sincerely,

Tracey Horner

**Planning Enforcement Officer**

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## Highways Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at The Rufus Centre

Present: CBC Cllr Gomm, Mackey  
FTC Cllrs Dodds, Dann, Earles  
John Chandler – CBC Principal Highways Officer  
Environmental Services Manager

Apologies: CBC Cllr Bunyan  
Steppingley Parish Council – Chris Wood

### 1. Windmill Road / Chapel Road Parking & Speeding Issues

Cllr Gomm advised that a meeting had been called internally to discuss this area and an update would be available at the next meeting. Cllr Gomm would find out if FTC Members would be able to attend.

### 2. Froghall Chicanes

Cllr Mackey advised that Froghall Road had now been updated.

### 3. Water Lane

Highways had advised that the surface was not in a poor enough condition for a resurface. Cllr Mackey was awaiting documentation which included intervention levels.

### 4. Steppingley 20mph Limit & Cameras

There was a closure in place to carry out carriageway resurfacing. JC advised that speedhumps could be an option for reducing speed.

### 5. Speeding in Flitwick

Cllr Dodds advised that FTC were currently looking to recruit volunteers to join the speedwatch campaign. Members suggested speed calming measures be incorporated within the plans for the new care facility on Steppingley Road.

JC asked if there was any S106 funding available for Highway works. Cllr Mackey would investigate further.

Action: Cllr Mackey

### 6. Roundabout Maintenance Licences

JC suggested contacting Gareth Hughes at CBC to obtain these licences.

Action: ESM

### 7. Froghall Road Railway Bridge Flooding

Cllr Mackey advised that investigatory works were being carried out, no plans to repair the issue had been included on the annual plan for this financial year however it would be added to 2022/23 annual plan if required.

### 8. Kebab Van – Station Road

ESM advised that she had received no response from the licensing department. Cllr Mackey was dealing with the matter.

## NEW ISSUES

- 9.** Cllr Mackey felt that the safer routes to schools should be a priority. JC advised that this could be included within the annual masterplan. JC to circulate masterplan.

Action: JC

- 10.** Cllr Dodds commented that the raised table on the High Street, opposite the Blackbirds was breaking away in the middle. JC agreed to look into this.

Action: JC

- 11.** A resident had complained about dangerous driving within Swift Close. Cllr Mackey advised that this would be investigated.

- 12.** Cllr Dodds advised that FTC Members would carry out a walkabout before the next meeting and report any issues on 'fix my street'. JC advised to take measurements of potholes and record them on the portal.

Cllr Gomm asked if urgent matters could be sent direct to JC's team. JC advised that all issues should be sent to himself/Nick Carofalo/Rick Thompson and the area 1 email address.

Next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Good Morning,

A few months ago, we had an application for Street Trading Consent from Cakes and Canapes. They wanted to trade on Ryder Way, however we received an objection from you on the grounds that the location is a residential area.

The trader has been back in contact to advise that she has been contacted by many residents of the Steppingley Gardens estate asking if she can come to their location. She says that she has spoken to many of the residents face to face, including those who live directly opposite where she would like to park. She also advised that there had been a posting on a local Facebook page 'Steppingley gardens and Froghall Road Resident Group' which also received a lot of support.

I was wondering whether you would be open to her having a trial at the location? She only wants to trade there every other Friday. So maybe a 6 to 8 week trial to see how it goes, with a view to adding the location to her consent if no complaints are received.

Kind regards

Nicola O'Donnell

Interim Licensing Team Manager

Licensing (Public Protection)