

**Flitwick Town Council  
Planning Committee**

**Minutes of the 364th Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 17th  
February 2022 at The Rufus Centre.**

**Open Forum**

**There were no items.**

Committee Members Present :-

Councillor Chacko

Councillor P Earles

Councillor J Gleave (Chairman)

Councillor Hodges

Councillor M Platt

Councillor Roberts

Councillor R Shaw

Also in Attendance :- Environmental Services Manager

**2980 To note declaration of interest on Agenda Items**

None.

**2981 To Accept Apologies for Absence**

None.

**2982 Election of a Vice Chairman**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Martin Platt as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee.

**2983 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had attended the CBC Development Management Committee meeting on behalf of the Town Council and presented comments previously agreed by the Council in relation to the Aldi application.

The Enhanced Partnership for buses had been adopted by CBC.

The Chairman encouraged Members to read all Planning documents and applications in advance of the meeting to help aid discussions and make decisions.

**2984 Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Planning Meeting on 27th January 2022 as a true record.

**2985 Matters Arising**

Members were advised that unfortunately the Speedwatch scheme would not be progressing anymore due to lack of volunteers. The Chairman thanked Cllr Shaw for his time spent trying to establish the group.

The Environmental Services Manager had contacted the Department for Transport regarding the policy on 'Stopping up' requests. They advised that although they are responsible for issuing them, 'policy' would be the responsibility of the local authority. No further correspondence had been received from CBC at the time of the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Members for their input into the response to the Enhanced Partnership for buses consultation, this had now been adopted by CBC.

The Environmental Services Manager had received a response from the Licensing department in relation to the concerns Members had raised. This was read out to Members. The street trading license had been granted.

## 2986 Planning applications for consideration

- 2986- 1      21/05677/FUL Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL  
Applicant Name :- Mr & Mrs Rutherford      Date Received :- 27/01/2022  
Location :- 21 Kingfisher Road Date Returned :- 21/02/2022  
Flitwick  
Beds  
MK45 1RA  
Proposal : Side extension, insertion of rooflights, new front porch, internal alterations and associated works.  
Observations : FTC - Support
- 2986- 2      21/05687/FUL      Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL  
Applicant Name :- Mr Mike Wright      Date Received :- 28/01/2022  
Location :- 58 Dunstable Road Date Returned :- 21/02/2022  
Flitwick  
Beds  
MK45 1HU  
Proposal : Demolition of lean to Kitchen entailing moving of one exterior wall by 600mm, creation of new kitchen extension with lantern roof light.  
Observations : FTC - Support
- 2986- 3      21/05688/LB Plot Ref :- Type :- LB  
Applicant Name :- Mr Mike Wright      Date Received :- 28/01/2022  
Location :- 58 Dunstable Road Date Returned :- 21/02/2022  
Flitwick  
Beds  
MK45 1HU  
Proposal : Listed Building: Demolition of lean to Kitchen entailing moving of one exterior wall by 600mm and creation of new kitchen extension with lantern roof light.  
Observations : FTC - Support
- 2986- 4      22/00003/TRE      Plot Ref :- Type :- TPO  
Applicant Name :- Mr Phil De Feo      Date Received :- 28/01/2022  
Location :- 17 Church Road Date Returned :- 21/02/2022  
Flitwick  
MK45 1AE  
Proposal : Works to trees Protected by Tree Preservation Order  
MB/53/00002/A1: Prune eight mature lime trees (L1-L8), including removal of all growth (epicormic/suckers) up to the crown break (where the main branches originate)  
Observations : FTC - Support
- 2986- 5      22/00122/FUL      Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL  
Applicant Name :- Smith Date Received :- 28/01/2022  
Location :- 69 Windmill Road Date Returned :- 21/02/2022  
Flitwick  
Beds  
MK45 1AU  
Proposal : Single storey side and rear extension  
Observations : FTC - Support
- 2986- 6      22/00129/FUL      Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL  
Applicant Name :- Mr Burgoine      Date Received :- 02/02/2022

Location :- Frogmore Date Returned :- 21/02/2022

45 The Ridgeway

Flitwick

MK45 1DH

Proposal : Two storey rear and side extension, part two storey side extension, single storey first floor front extension and loft conversion with side facing

Dormer window. New wooden recladding around building.

Observations : FTC – Support

- 2986- 7      22/00237/FUL      Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL  
Applicant Name :- Emily Whiting Date Received :- 02/02/2022  
Location :- The Pool House Date Returned :- 21/02/2022  
Church Road  
Flitwick  
MK45 1AE  
Proposal : Erection of triple car port, open sided to the front made from tanalised timber, shingle roof, black timber cladding to the sides, and rear sitting on top of a double width brick lower wall.  
Observations : FTC – Support

**2987 Rural Match Funding - Integrated Programme 2022-23**

Members discussed the several options for the funding and expressed an interest in utilising the funding towards benches within the Town Centre. The Chairman suggested further investigation into viable options to be presented to Council. Members agreed to defer this item to the next meeting and for Members of the Committee to consider potential schemes to put forward for a bid.

**2988 To note planning decisions from Central Bedfordshire**

Members noted the planning decisions from Central Bedfordshire.

**2989 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman commented that Town Council had considered the report on the feasibility of a Neighbourhood Plan and advised that the item has been deferred to the March meeting for a decision.

Members had concerns around the objectives of the plan, whether there was enough appetite from the community and if it would be worth the time and money that would be needed. Members were also concerned as there was evidence that some Neighbourhood Plans have been ignored by local authorities when making decisions on applications.

Members of the Planning Committee agreed to have an additional working group meeting to discuss other ways of being able to influence the planning process.

**2990 Amended Planning Application CB/21/05417 24 Trafalgar Drive**

Members noted this item.

**2991 Planning Application CB/22/00211 42 High Street, Flitwick**

Members noted this item.

**2992 Planning app CB/19/02397 Land at 101 field, Ampthill Rd**

Central Bedfordshire Councils Development Management Committee had voted to approve the application on 16<sup>th</sup> February. This application would be referred to the Secretary of State as it was contrary to green belt policy.

Cllr Shaw wanted to advise Members that he had attended the DMC meeting previously in relation to this application as a private resident not a Councillor.

**2993 Planning Training**

The Chairman stated that Planning Training had been arranged for all Members over the coming weeks.

**2994 Marketing & Communications Plan**

Members noted this item.

**2995 Marketing & Communications Forward Plan**

Members noted this item.

**2996 EXEMPT ITEMS**

The following resolution will be moved that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item issue is discussed.

**17a - Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to move item 17a to the exempt part of the meeting.  
Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960  
Council resolve to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

The Meeting closed at : 21.15

Signed :

On behalf of :- Flitwick Town Council

Chairman

Date:

## **PINK PAPER ITEMS**

### **EXEMPT ITEMS**

#### **17a – Minutes**

The Chairman advised that the minutes had been rewritten by Officers and felt that the context was more accurate as to what was discussed at that meeting. The Chairman had sought advice from the Town Clerk in relation to the item being moved to exempt as no resolution was made meaning technically the item was not in exempt. Advice from the Town Clerk was to add a comment to the addendum stating that 'no resolution was moved'.

Two Members were concerned with this comment and felt that something should be included to state that Members thought they were in exempt.

The Environmental Services Manager was unsure on the correct process and suggested taking the advice from the Town Clerk in this matter.

Cllr Hodges suggested including the following statement;

*At this stage Councillors continued to discuss the business of the committee (15.1 – Correspondence) believing that they had moved to exempt. However, no formal resolution had been moved or voted on, and therefore the business was not exempt.*

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Addendum to the Planning Minutes from 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 with the additional statement listed above included within the document.