

# Flitwick Town Council

## Planning Committee

Minutes of the 363rd Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 27th January 2022 at The Rufus Centre.

### Open Forum

There were no items.

Committee Members Present :- Councillor Chacko  
Councillor P Earles  
Councillor J Gleave (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Hodges (Virtual)  
Councillor M Platt  
Councillor Roberts  
Councillor R Shaw

Also in Attendance :- Cllr A Snape  
Environmental Services Manager  
Environmental Services Officer

### 2963 To note declaration of interest

Cllr Shaw declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6.3, 73 Amptill Road.

Cllr Hodges declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6.2, 24 Trafalgar Drive.

### 2964 To Accept Apologies for Absence

None.

### 2965 Chairman's Announcements

None.

### 2966 Minutes

Members requested that Cllr Badham be added to Members present. Members also advised of two typos.

### 2967 Matters Arising

Cllr Gleave asked for an update on the Speedwatch scheme. Cllr Shaw advised that several volunteers had withdrawn their interest leaving the number of volunteers low. A date had been set to carry out training on the equipment.

Cllr Gleave asked if the response had been submitted to CBC in relation to the Windmill Road consultation. The Environmental Services Officer advised that a response had been sent and confirmed as received.

Cllr Gleave asked for an update on the Committee priorities actions from the last meeting. The Environmental Services Manager advised that no priorities had been set at the last meeting and it was due to be discussed later on the agenda.

Cllr Chacko asked if the budget for the next financial year had been reconsidered. Cllr Snape advised that this had been set at £5,000.

### 2968 Planning applications for consideration

2968- 1	21/00560/TRE	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	TRE
	Applicant Name :- Mrs Faridah Webb		Date Received :-	10/01/2022
	Location :- 4 Villa Gardens High Street Flitwick MK45 1DS		Date Returned :-	31/01/2022
	Proposal : Works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order: MB/TPO/96/00025/T2, T4, G1 & G2 - Prune Robina Tree by 30% (T2), prune Sycamore Tree by 30% (T4), prune Oak Tree by 30% (G1) and fell Lime Tree by three quarters, down to the stub (G2)			
	Observations : FTC - Support			

2968-2	21/05417/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :-	TBC	Date Received :-	10/01/2022
	Location :-	24 Trafalgar Drive Flitwick Beds MK45 1EF	Date Returned :-	31/01/2022
	Proposal :	Rear single storey flat roof extension, replacing conservatory. First floor extension above garage.		
	Observations :	FTC - Support		

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2968- 3	21/05484/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :-	P & I Milligan	Date Received :-	19/01/2022
	Location :-	77 Ampthill Road Flitwick MK45 1BD	Date Returned :-	31/01/2022
	Proposal :	Change of Use from House in Multiple Occupation (HMO)4 Occupants to HMO 5 Occupants & 1 Office to the ground floor and conversion of loft space to habitable space.		
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2968-4	21/05521/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :- Mrs Jenny Denham		Date Received :-	19/01/2022
	Location :- 6 Byron Close Flitwick Beds MK45 1QE		Date Returned :-	31/01/2022
	Proposal : Part two and first floor side extension, and associated alterations.			
	Observations : FTC - Support			

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2968- 5	21/05697/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :- Karl Bunyan		Date Received :-	19/01/2022
	Location :- 34 Kings Road Flitwick Beds MK45 1EL		Date Returned :-	31/01/2022
	Proposal : Two storey side and rear extension and front porch extension.			
	Observations : FTC - Support			

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2968- 6	22/00050/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
Applicant Name :- Cohen Group		Date Received :-		19/01/2022
Location :- Land to side and rear of 41-47 Consiton Road Flitwick MK45		Date Returned :-		31/01/2022
Proposal : Construction of single storey 1 bed dwelling				
Observations : FTC - Object				
Members objected to this application based on the following reasons;				
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2. No adequate parking				
3. Highway safety issue				
4. No road access for emergency vehicles				
5. Layout and density of building				

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**2969 Planning Appeal - APP/P0240/D/21/3283449**

Members noted the planning appeal outcome for 2 Arundel Close, Flitwick.

**2970 Planning Enforcement Case - CB/EN/22/0009**

Members noted the planning enforcement case that had been created for 53 Osprey Close, Flitwick.

**2971 To note planning decisions from Central Bedfordshire**

Planning decisions from CBC were noted.

**2972 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Gleave advised that the working group had met prior to the Planning meeting and agreed that a report would be presented at the February Town Council meeting.

**2973 Highways**

Cllr Gleave advised that as part of the Central Bedfordshire Council plan the footway works in Townfield Road had started.

**2974 Proposed stopping up of Highway at 8 Robin Close, Flitwick**

Members considered the proposal and had no objection to the application for Robin Close however several concerns had been raised around selling pieces of highway/amenity land.

It was RESOLVED to write to CBC to clarify their policy on stopping up or selling Highway/Amenity land.

**2975 CBC Consultation on the Bus Enhanced Partnership**

Members discussed the proposed response that had been previously circulated. Cllr Shaw suggested referencing the Station Interchange currently being developed within the response.

It was RESOLVED to accept the response to the Bus Enhanced Partnership consultation with the suggested additions referencing the Station Interchange.

**2976 Budget**

Members noted the budget.

**2977 Planning Committee Priorities 2022/23**

Members discussed suggested priorities for the committee and agreed the following;

1. Neighbourhood Plan
2. Protection against over-development
3. Preserving Green Space
4. Campaigning for better infrastructure with development
5. Ensure Highways Standards

**2978 Street Trading License**

Members considered the application and had several queries in relation to the application. Members felt the vendor would not be suitably located and queried why this had been open for comment due to the land being privately owned.

It was RESOLVED for Officers to contact the licensing department and establish if there would be any legal grounds to object to the application based on compatibility of having street food on the grounds of a Leisure Centre, final decision to be delegated to Officers.

**2979 Exempt Items**

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The Meeting closed at : 21.15

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Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date: \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of :- \_\_\_\_\_ Flitwick Town Council