

### **Planning report. May 2008**

**Members 2007-08: Cllrs Patrick (Chairman), Winchester, Mancell, Knowles & Thompson**

The planning group of the Parish Council have again been active in the Masterplan for Bishop Bowl lakes site and will continue to be vigilant as to what happens there. As the Masterplan has been produced , (see the SDC website) there are certain guidelines that will now have to be adhered to and your Parish Council will be keen to make sure that any development is in keeping with a rural location.

There have been numerous planning applications in the village which we have been happy to support as they were within keeping of their situation. Ones that we were unhappy about and where we made representation were:- the mast at the telephone exchange in Mill Street and Harbury Croft. These all went to Dasset Area committee and after discussions were voted through. We were concerned that Harbury Croft was to be demolished and a larger house built on the site. We hope if this does happen that environmental considerations will be taken into account. We can only act to make comments and we do this vigorously.

When any building takes place we rely on the community to let us know if they think it is not being built according to plans. All plans can be viewed now on the SDC website and also on the Harbury Parish Council website [www.harbury-pc.gov.uk](http://www.harbury-pc.gov.uk) under planning. The enforcement officer is then informed and investigates the anomaly. This has happened on a number of occasions and has in some cases required a retrospective planning application to be made.

The Parish Council has made an application itself for the BMX track at the playing fields and we hope this will happen during this year.

Some of the planning working party have volunteered to attend training courses during the year to be able to keep up to date with the new planning guidelines. This is a very important part of being a councillor.

I would like to thank all the members of the working group for their advice and support especially to Ann Winchester who is retiring this year from the Parish Council.

Jenny Patrick