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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Full Council** held on Wednesday 8th July 2015 at 7.55pm in The Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

Open Forum	There were several members of the public present who wished to comment on and observe agenda item FC15/134. Another member of the public enquired about Dog Control Orders to fine residents who allowed their dogs to foul without picking up. A number of dog owners were exercising their dogs on "the new orchard" (within the Berryfields development) and not picking up. He was informed there was a Borough-wide Dog Control Order in effect, implemented by Bedford Borough Council and was also advised to speak to Persimmon, who maintained the area in question. No members of the press were present and so the meeting continued without further adjournment.			Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) and Local Government Act 1972 s100.
Present	Cllrs Lloyd, P. Bennett, Brady, Bygraves, Doggrell, Hall, Price, Quirk, Wallace and Wheeler.			
Absent	None.			
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Resolution	Action	Power
FC15/121	Apologies for absence. Cllrs C. Bennett, Chalmers and Groves.	N/A.	N/A.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch12 p40.
FC15/122	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests.	None.		Local Government Act 1972, s117.
FC15/123	To receive a résumé from a resident wishing to be co-opted as a member of Wootton Parish Council.	Resolved by vote to co-opt Tula Weeks as a member of Wootton Parish Council.	Clerk to take forward.	Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 SI2006/3305 r 5(5).
FC15/124	Report from outside organisations – for information only. To include a report from BBCIrr Wheeler. (Appendix 1).	BBCIrr Wheeler's report was circulated ahead of the meeting. No further comments were received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.
	To receive crime figures for the period 31 st May 2015 – 1 st July 2015. No PCSO's were in attendance. (Please refer to Appendix 1a).	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	
FC15/125	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk) – for information only.	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.

	(Please refer to Appendix 2).			
FC15/126	Chairman's report – for information only.	Cllr Lloyd verbally reported that the bus shelter cleaner had handed his notice in with immediate effect. The new litter picker would take over this duty. He reminded all present the Fun Day was the following Saturday and the parish council was running a free prize draw which residents could enter by completing a simple questionnaire.	N/A.	N/A.
FC15/127	Schedule of receipts and payments – statement(s) 149 (Co-operative Bank Plc) and statement (s) 11 (Unity Trust Bank Ltd) as previously approved by The Finance & General Purposes committee – for information only. (Appendix 3).	In the absence of the Clerk this information was unavailable – to be included at next Full Council.	Clerk to take forward.	Accounts and Audit Regulations (2011) (as amended) & Audit Commission Act 1998 (as amended) & Governance & Accountability for Local Councils (2010) (as amended).
FC15/128	To receive and verify the attached bank reconciliation(s) (to be signed by two members who are not authorised signatories).	In the absence of the Clerk this information was unavailable – to be included at next Full Council.	Clerk to take forward.	Accounts and Audit Regulations (2011) (as amended) & Audit Commission Act 1998 (as amended) & Governance & Accountability for Local Councils (2010) (as amended).
FC15/129	To receive and verify the Income & Expenditure report for all cost centres for 2015-16, to date.	Resolved to receive and verify. Proposed: Cllr Bygraves. Seconded: Cllr Doggrell. Resolved by all present.	N/A.	Local Government Act 1972, s150 (6).
FC15/130	Minutes of the previous meeting. <i>Minutes are published on the Wootton Parish Council website:http://woottonpc.bedsparishes.gov.uk/.</i> Members of Full Council are asked to receive and adopt the minutes of the Full	Minutes were received and	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12 p41.

	Council meeting held on 10th June 2015. Members of Full Council are asked to receive and adopt the minutes of the (advisory) Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting held on 27th May 2015. Members of Full Council are asked to receive and adopt the minutes of the (advisory with the exception of payment authorisation) Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 27th May 2015.	adopted. Proposed: - Cllr Hall. Seconded: Cllr Wheeler. Resolved by all present. Minutes were received and adopted. Proposed: - Cllr Wallace Seconded: Cllr Doggrell. Resolved by all present. Minutes were received and adopted. Proposed: - Cllr Price. Seconded: Cllr Wheeler. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file. Clerk to keep on file.	
FC15/131	To receive a report from the (Executive) Planning & Environment Committee – for information only. (Appendix 4).	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.
FC15/132	Matters arising from the minutes to include Issues log review – for information only. - n/a – Traffic Management issues. Double mini roundabout proposed for Church/Fields/Bedford Road so left on file until works are completed. - FC12/107 + FC14/173 + FC15/16 – Bus Route 53 and general. Issues on Church Road have been reported to all relevant stakeholders (Road Safety - Bedford Borough Council, Traffic Management – Bedfordshire Police and the upper school) and remain ongoing. Cllr Lloyd continues to chase for updates. Ongoing. - FC12/108 – s106 changes to Fields Road development. ME bid has been submitted but no further response received. Andy Lord attended FC on 8th January 2014 and has now asked if WPC intend to take control of the proposed new community centre and pitches. Reserved matters application for the hall, sports pitches, play facilities and MUGA are currently with the Planning committee for consideration. Clerk has chased Andy Lord for an update on both the ME bid and the control of the community centre/pitches. Ongoing. - FC14/62 + FC14/175 + FC15/19 – Replacement noticeboards project. The first noticeboard (Bedford Road near Manor Road flats) has been installed. The second for Hall End will be replaced after the	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.

	appointment of a new handy person. Ongoing. • FC14/117 – Bedford Borough Council's Local Plan 2032. Resolved 6th August 2014 to request NO proposed sites be taken forward. Ongoing. • FC14/178 – A R Worboys Ltd appointed to undertake remedial works to the paddock hedgerow. This has been attempted, however the horses were in situ despite assurances to the contrary. All parties have now agreed to leave the works until early spring 2015. Paddock user has agreed to contact the clerk to request when they would like the works undertaken. Ongoing. • FC14/179 – Transfer of Lorraine Road green. Resolved on 10th December 2014 that the Borough Council be asked to make an annual financial contribution to enable the parish council to continue grass cutting (in addition to the annual sum received from Highways in respect of highway verges). BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler has been asked to take this forward with the Borough Council. Ongoing. • FC14/192 + FC15/114 + FC15/132 – Submission of sites for consideration as Local Green Spaces. Resolved 8th June 2015 to appoint a working committee to obtain the relevant information required by the Borough Council. Ongoing. • FC15/17 + FC15/115 – Trial of alternative Dog Control Order signage. Clerk has now received a petition calling for the Dog Control Order at the recreation ground to be overturned. Please refer to agenda item FC15/132. • FC15/39 – Designation of the whole civil parish of Wootton as a Neighbourhood Area. Resolved on 11th February 2015 this be taken forward with Bedford Borough Council. Ongoing. • FC15/53 + FC15/94 – Local Council Award Scheme. The clerk is to arrange several training courses for several members and is awaiting further information from other members. Ongoing. • FC15/54 – Newsletter distribution. Resolved on 11th March 2015 to trial a 3 edition delivery with DOR-2-DOR (MK and Bedford). First delivery due early June 2015. There have been issues with non-delivery along Bedford Road and also Hall End – Cllr Lloyd is working to resolve these.			
FC15/133	To receive an update from all relevant councillors regarding ongoing projects for 2015-16.	All replacement street lighting – Bedford Borough Council had requested the parish council do no further work on this issue as they were considering taking over their maintenance. No progress had been made in	Clerk to take forward and keep on file.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8 and Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.

		recent weeks regarding the replacement columns for Hall End and Potters Cross. Resolved that the Clerk contact the contractors and request all replacements be made within four weeks from today – otherwise the contract would be terminated. (Should Bedford Borough Council then choose not to take on maintenance, a new replacement contract could be sought). Lorraine Road cemetery driveway extension – the paperwork was with the Clerk to obtain quotations. Once received a request would be made to Bedford Borough Council for a grant in this respect, as the improvements would allow better disabled access. Proposed: Cllr Wallace Seconded: Cllr Hall Resolved by all present.		
FC15/134	To receive a petition calling for the Dog Control Order (No dogs allowed) at the recreation ground to be overturned and to resolve a suitable response/course of action.	Appendix 5.	Clerk to keep on file.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8 and Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.
FC15/135	To receive and accept the external audit findings from BDO LLP with regard to the Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2015.	Resolved to receive and accept without further comment. Proposed: Cllr Bennett Seconded: Cllr Bygraves Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8 and Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.
FC15/136	To receive and accept renewal papers with regard to Came & Co's insurance policy, effective with effect from 1st June 2015.	Resolved to receive and accept without further comment. Proposed: Cllr Quirk	Clerk to keep on file.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8 and Parish Councils (General

		Seconded: Cllr Brady Resolved by all present.		Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.
FC15/137	To receive and adopt the following policies: • Flexible Working Policy; • Revenue Reserves Policy.	Resolved to receive and adopt without further comment. Proposed: Cllr Quirk Seconded: Cllr Brady Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8 and Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.
FC15/138	To receive a report from BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler in respect of funding for a workshop cluster at Marston Vale Innovation Park, South of Fields Road and to resolve a suitable response/course of action.	Resolved that BBCllr Wheeler take the following comments forward: • No heavy industry; • No distribution; • No overnight working; • No industry that would pollute the air or surrounding area (spray painting/ vehicle body shops); • Weight limit on lorries Proposed: Cllr Price Seconded: Cllr P. Bennett Resolved by all present.	BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8 and Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.
FC15/139	To receive a report from BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler regarding ward monies for Wootton and how they might be best allocated and to resolve a suitable response/course of action.	Resolved to send any ideas on how to best allocate ward monies to BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler for inclusion at next Full Council. Proposed: Cllr Bygraves Seconded: Cllr P Bennett Resolved by all present.	BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8 and Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.
FC15/140	To receive and accept a Site Inspection Report from Leisure Care (Dura-Sport) Ltd regarding the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) play surface as detailed below and to resolve a suitable response/course of action.	Resolved to receive and accept the report without further comment. Proposed: Cllr Bygraves Seconded: Cllr Price Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8 and Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.
FC15/141	To resolve to accept a recommendation from the Leisure & Amenities Committee that annual allotment fees be increased with effect from September 2015, to £19 for a full plot and £11 for a half plot.	Resolved to accept the recommendation without further comment. Proposed: Cllr Doggrell	Clerk to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8 and Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)

		Seconded: Cllr Brady Resolved by all present.		(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.
FC15/142	To resolve that under the terms of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) and Local Government Act 1972 s100 any members of the public or press present please leave, in order that the following item(s) may be discussed.	Resolved that members of the public or press be asked to leave the meeting. Proposed: Cllr Hall Seconded: Cllr Doggrell Resolved by all present.	N/A.	Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(2) and Local Government Act 1972, s100.
FC15/143	To resolve to approve new documentation including specifications in relation to the appointment of a replacement litter picker.	Resolved to approve all documentation without further comment. Proposed: Cllr Hall Seconded: Cllr Price. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8 and Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012.

Meeting closed at 9.09pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

FC15/124

Report to Wootton Parish Council 8th July 2015

Alleyway Lorraine Road: Andy Prigmore has agreed to replace the damaged fencing and remove ash tree in the next three months, I have asked if this can be done sooner.

Fields Road: A survey will be done soon on repair requirements on Fields Road and hopefully patch work will be carried out soon. Also Andy Prigmore confirmed double roundabouts at the end of Fields Road will be started this year.

Lorraine Road Green: I have been chasing this one up and there is to be a meeting with Borough in the next week to come to some agreement.

Bus Stops: I am pursuing this with Borough to have raised kerbing and tactile paving on Bus stops, opposite The Surgery, Bedford Road both sides by Hanover Court, Cause End Road both sides by St. Mary's road. Also the bus stop on Bedford Road by Keeley Lane has now been repaired by Borough, there is no charge for this, it is a good will gesture re time taken to get sorted. A new Real Time Bus Shelter will be installed in the next two weeks on the Loop by the new school, this will also have anti vandal sensors.

Wootton Welcome Sign: Andy Prigmore has said we can put this on the roundabout on Fields Road or by the fence next to the pelican crossing, he will arrange the licence for this to be done. Also we can put a white gate if required in that area as well.

Street Signs: Various street signs around Lorraine Road will be replaced as required.

General: I have been sorting out with Sue local concerns from residents and solving most of them.

John Wheeler

Beat Summary committed 31.5.15 - 1.7.15

Offence Class Description	First Committed	Address	Beat Code	Beat Name
ARSON ENDANGERING LIFE	24/06/2015 22:45	BEDFORD ROAD WOOTTON BEDFORD	NORTH- 766	WOOTTON
ARSON ENDANGERING LIFE	24/06/2015 22:45	BEDFORD ROAD WOOTTON BEDFORD	NORTH- 766	WOOTTON
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)	11/06/2015 23:00	LORRAINE ROAD WOOTTON BEDFORD	NORTH- 766	WOOTTON
ASSAULT OCCASIONING ACTUAL BODILY HARM (OAPA SECTION 47)	09/06/2015 19:00	ARTHUR BLACK WAY WOOTTON BEDFORD	NORTH- 766	WOOTTON
COMMON ASSAULT	26/06/2015 11:00	LORRAINE ROAD WOOTTON BEDFORD	NORTH- 766	WOOTTON
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO VEHICLES	09/06/2015 05:30	TITHE BARN ROAD WOOTTON BEDFORD	NORTH- 766	WOOTTON
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO VEHICLES	11/06/2015 22:30	CHURCH ROAD WOOTTON BEDFORD	NORTH- 766	WOOTTON
CRIMINAL DAMAGE - TO VEHICLES	26/06/2015 15:00	MEPHAM ROAD WOOTTON BEDFORD	NORTH- 766	WOOTTON
NON CRIME RECORDABLE	09/06/2015 19:00	ARTHUR BLACK WAY WOOTTON BEDFORD	NORTH- 766	WOOTTON
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS THEFTS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE	17/06/2015 13:41	HALL END ROAD WOOTTON BEDFORD	NORTH- 766	WOOTTON
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS THEFTS NOT CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE	25/06/2015 21:00	CANONS CLOSE WOOTTON BEDFORD	NORTH- 766	WOOTTON

Schedule of correspondence

Date received	Type	From	Brief details
2.6.15	Email	Bedford Borough Council	Planning weekly list - Week 22
3.6.15	Email	Bedford Borough Council	Applications/Notices received by the Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and Local Govt (Misc Provisions) Act and the Gambling Act 2005 - 25th May 2015 - 29th May 2015
3.6.15	Letter	BT	Changes to pricing structure from 1st July 2015
9.6.15	Email	Bedford Borough Council	Planning weekly list - Week 23
10.6.15	Letter and enclosure	Bedford Borough Council	Updates to electoral register - April-June 2015
10.6.15	Magazine	NALC	LCR Summer 2015
11.6.15	Email	Bedford Borough Council	Applications/Notices received by the Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and Local Govt (Misc Provisions) Act and the Gambling Act 2005 - 1st June 2015 - 5th June 2015
11.6.15	Email	Bedford Borough Council	Decision statement confirming the whole civil parish of Wootton has been designated as "Wootton Neighbourhood Area".
13.6.15	Brochure	The Higgins Gallery Bedford	What's On - May to September 2015
15.6.15	Email	Bedfordshire Pension Fund	Ill Health Retirement FAQs
18.6.15	Email	Griffin Collier	Proposal for community-driven project
20.6.15	Email	Bedford Borough Council	Applications/Notices received by the Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and Local Govt (Misc Provisions) Act and the Gambling Act 2005 - 8th June 2015 - 12th June 2015
22.6.15	Email	Bedford Borough Council	Planning weekly list - Week 24
26.6.15	Email	Bedford Borough Council	Applications/Notices received by the Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and Local Govt (Misc Provisions) Act and the Gambling Act 2005 - 15th June 2015 - 19th June 2015
27.6.15	Letter	Bedfordshire Railway & Transport Association (BRTA) Nationwide	Request for WPC to join the association
29.6.15	Newsletter	Campaign to Protect Rural England	Bedfordshire Matters - Summer 2015 Issue 55
29.6.15	Newsletter	Clerks and Councils Direct	July 2015 Issue 100

Appendix 3

Not available.

FC15/131 Planning & Environment Committee report

10th June 2015

Correspondence

None.

Matters arising – for information only

See under 24th June 2015.

Planning Applications

15/00920/FUL – 5 Lambert Close – single storey rear/side extension.

Resolved no objections.

15/01189/FUL – 9 Russell Way – two storey front extension.

Resolved no objections.

Resolutions.

P15/132 – Resolved that BBCLr/CLlr Wheeler call in planning application 15/01189/FUL despite no objections from the parish council.

P15/134 – Resolved to continue with the original plans to replace the existing board in the same location.

P15/135 – Resolved the clerk remove reference to kerbing within the cemetery extension for clarity.

P15/136 – Resolved to accept and note the report but take no further action at this stage beyond:

- Filling in the gap in the hedgerow along Bedford Road;
- Ensuring signage in the area was RoSPA compliant.

P15/137 – Resolved to take CLlr Lloyd's report and recommendations forward. CLlr Doggrell to arrange a meeting with the lower school to discuss planting.

P15/138 – Resolved to carry over this item to the next meeting.

P15/139 – Resolved to accept all recommendations as detailed in the minutes.

24th June 2015

Correspondence

Bedford Borough Council - Proposed Temporary Road Closure – Green Lane, Stewartby. To facilitate resurfacing works. From a point approximately 105 metres west of the level crossing to Brickworks Lane. Closure anticipated to be in operation between 0800hrs and 1800hrs Monday 29th June 2015 to Friday 3rd July 2015. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to time. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

Bedford Borough Council - Proposed Temporary Road and Footway Closure – Green Lane, Stewartby. For an annual level crossing inspection. From a point approximately 20 metres east of the level crossing to a point approximately 20 metres west of the level crossing. Closure anticipated to be in operation between 2300hrs Saturday 11th July 2015 and 0430hrs Monday 13th July 2015. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to time. Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.

Bedford Borough Council – Notice of Confirmation of Public Path Order – Highways Act 1980. Wootton: Part of Footpath No 34 – Public Path Extinguishment Order 2015.

Matters arising – for information only

- P11/47 + P15/40 - Overgrown alleyway Lorraine Road/Hoo Close. Remedial works have been completed by the Crown Estate and they are due to remove a number of items which were fly tipped on their land (plus old fencing). The Borough Council has undertaken works on the footpath side to the hedgerow but the damaged fencing remains. The Clerk has passed the relevant details to BBCllr Wheeler. Ongoing.
- P13/40 – Poor state of roads and footpaths within the village. Works have been carried out at several sites within the village including Church Road, Squires Road and Russell Way. BT have since dug up part of the footpath in Russell Way and are due to return to make good. Patch work has been carried out in other areas. Resolved 11th March 2015 (P15/64) to request remedial works to footpaths in the following areas: Thorpe/Foster/Neale/Emerton Way, Tithe Barn Road, from the Cause End Road junction (pharmacy side) and the entire length of Bedford Road (both sides) from the village boundary sign on Bedford Road to the village exit on Cranfield Road. The Clerk has passed the relevant details to BBCllr Wheeler. Ongoing.
- P14/50 – Identification of Parish Council/Borough Council street lights. Records differ between the two organisations and the Clerk and Cllr Quirk will be working to resolve this, and a meeting was held with the Borough Council, who confirmed their records were out of date. Bedford Borough Council has made a proposal with costings for them to adopt all street lights. That adoption remains ongoing but it was resolved 10th December 2014 (FC14/196) to replace failing columns at Hall End (two) and Potters Cross (three). Ongoing.
- P14/84 & P14/152 & P15/10 – Parking problems/yellow lines proposals. Clerk has been informed that Highways are reconsidering all proposals in light of objections received – it is thought this will now take place after the May 2015 elections. The Clerk has passed the relevant details to BBCllr Wheeler. Ongoing.

Appendix 4

- P14/248 & P15/11 – Replacement programme of trees within the parish. Resolved 11th November 2015 (P15/39) to accept the retiring tree warden's recommendations but leave the works on file until autumn (better planting conditions).
- P14/250 & P15/124 & P15/138 – Revisit tree inspection report. Please see agenda item P15/151.
- P15/54 & P15/123 – Land within School Lane (behind 'The Pound' and noticeboard) on Bedford Road. Resolved to replace the fencing with a similar wooden picket style. Clerk to secure quotations and bring back to planning for authorisation. Ongoing.
- P15/75 & P15/136 & P15/137 – Regeneration of Keeley End Pond. Brambles have been cut back and sprayed. The RoSPA report has been received and noted – the gap along Bedford Road is to be infilled with planting and the Clerk will establish if signage in the area is RoSPA compliant. Cllrs Doggrell and Lloyd are to liaise with the lower school regarding planning – Cllr Lloyd's recent report on plants for the pond was accepted by members 10th June 2015 (P15/152) and will be taken forward. Ongoing.
- P15/111 – Wood chippings to be added to Lorraine Road cemetery borders. The cemeteries contractors has been instructed to proceed. Ongoing.
- P15/134 – Replacement notice board at Hall End. Resolved 10th June 2015 (P15/134) the board be replaced at the existing location. This will be undertaken either by a contractor or the replacement handy man). Ongoing.
- P15/135 – Review of Cemetery Fees structure. The Clerk was instructed to make an amendment regarding kerbing 10th June 2015 (P15/135) before circulating to all members and distributing as necessary. Ongoing.
- P15/139 – Ongoing and proposed capital projects for 2015-16. Resolved 10th June 2015 (P15/139) that:
 - Replacement columns at Hall End and Potters Cross remain ongoing (current columns are failing);
 - Replacement trees at St. Mary's cemetery extension remain ongoing;
 - Plans be drafted ahead of taking forward a proposed new tarmac pathway, turning circle and memorial wall(s) at Lorraine Road cemetery;
 - Replacement columns at Keeley Lane and Squires Road be placed on hold, following correspondence from Bedford Borough Council detailing their intention to undertake the same replacements;
 - Wootton village (brick built) sign for Fields Road to be taken forward, but only following a site meeting with Andy Prigmore (Highways Department, Bedford Borough Council) on 16th June 2015.

Planning Applications

15/01328/FUL – Hall End House, 66 Hall End Road – conversion of ground floor of garage to additional living space for existing first floor annex and external alterations. Resolved no objections.

15/01344/FUL – 4 Cranfield Road – alterations to form dormer windows to front and rear elevations. Resolved no objections.

Resolutions

P15/149 – Resolved that bus stops opposite the Health Centre on Fields Road, either side of Bedford Road near Hanover Court and either side of Cause End Road near St. Mary's Road be considered for enhancement and that BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler take this forward with the Borough Council.

P15/150 – Resolved that Foster Road/Neale Road and St. Mary's Road areas be highlighted as principal areas of concern but that alternative remedies to yellow lines were required and that BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler take this forward with the Borough Council.

P15/151 – Resolved that Bartlett Tree Experts be instructed to provide a fixed price quotation to undertake all category 1 and 2 works, along with timescales for the quotation and works to be completed.

P15/152 – Resolved to ask the cemeteries caretaker to spray the weeds and revisit if necessary.

Sue Playford
Clerk to the Council
1st July 2015

FC15/134

Initially, two members of the public spoke regarding the Dog Control Order, excluding dogs from the recreation ground. The clerk had previously acknowledged receipt of a signed (44 name) petition calling for the order to be overturned.

They expressed concerns that the recreation ground provided areas for young children (enclosed play area), areas for older children (skate park and MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), football pitches (only used on Sundays) but no provision for dogs to run free. They felt dogs needed an area to run free and also indicated their security company (who use dogs) had been granted permission by the parish council to patrol the area and deter nuisance youths. Cllr Lloyd queried if this was Bedford Borough Council and was told it was the parish council. Cllr Lloyd stated no resolution had been made to that effect, to which the member of the public replied it was a councillor present who had given them (verbal) permission.

Five members of the public then presented a signed (95 name) counter-petition, calling for the DCO to remain. This was received and acknowledged at the meeting. All present were then made aware that pitches were in fact used Saturday and Sunday (for matches) and during the week (training). It was also noted that dog fouling remained an issue – with it either not being picked up, or bagged and thrown into hedgerows.

Cllr Lloyd explained the process regarding the initial consultation, which had featured in local press (Bedfordshire on Sunday), the Wootton news (online and hard copy), noticeboards, website and Facebook page. Full details, including the length of consultation and who to contact were included. Once the consultation had been completed, a further press notification was included and this also featured in all areas as detailed above.

Cllr Lloyd called upon members to decide whether a new consultation was required or to continue with existing arrangements.

It was noted the original consultation took place over the period Monday 2nd December 2013 and Friday 24th January 2014.

Cllr Doggrell was in favour of dogs being kept away from the recreation ground, stating it was an area for recreational pursuits. Cllr Quirk was in agreement, adding dogs could chase people and balls. He was aware of a recent report which detailed a dog attack in a park on a child and did not want such an incident to happen on parish council land.

Cllr Brady detailed there were plenty of other areas within the village and beyond where dogs could be exercised. As the recreation ground was used for play, he agreed dogs continue to be excluded.

After further discussion it was resolved NOT to overturn the DCO.

Proposed: Cllr Price.

Seconded: Cllr Brady.

Resolved by all present.