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Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7pm at
Wootton Community Centre, Harris Way, Wootton, MK43 9FZ.

Open Forum	There were two members of the public present, one of whom wished to observe the meeting and answer any potential issues relating to the proposal at the Wootton Upper School site. There were no other members of the public or press present and so the meeting continued without adjournment. It was noted however, that the barrier to the adjacent lower school was once again closed – leading to issues with parking in the community centre car park. A request to Bedford Borough Council for it to be raised every evening and received no response.			Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(1).
Present	Cllrs Lloyd (in the chair), Bygraves, Hensher, Noakes, O'Dell, Quirk, Randell, Wallace and Wheeler. Cllr Wheeler is also the Borough Councillor for Wootton. Sue Edgar Playford (Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer) was in attendance.			
Absent (no apologies received)	Cllr Martin.			
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Resolution	Action	Power
FC19/224	Apologies for absence. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
FC19/225	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. Cllr Wallace disclosed a local interest as a member of Wootton Academy Trust (WAT). BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler disclosed a local interest as a Governor of Wootton Upper School.	Noted for the minutes.	Clerk to keep on file.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
FC19/226	To consider any dispensation requests received by the Clerk	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s33.

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	in relation to local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests, not previously recorded. No requests received.			
FC19/227	To consider the location and management of a proposed 4g synthetic pitch (as part of a s106 agreement between Bedford Borough Council and Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd dated 1st June 2016) and to resolve a suitable course of action.	Cllr Lloyd detailed all suggested locations as circulated ahead of this agenda, and no other suggestions were put forward. It was noted the funds agreed within the s106 agreement could be used to fund other facilities if wished, including (but not limited to) a cricket pavilion and tennis courts. The following locations were discussed, with Wootton Upper School being identified as the preferred site: • Berryfields; • Berry Wood; • Recreation Ground (Church Road); • Wootton Blue Cross; • Wootton Upper School (WUS). It was noted the proposed site at WUS was privately owned (WUS having academy status) and any set-up could mirror that in place at Redborne Upper School & Community College, Ampthill. What was key was the need to ensure the facility was shared between the school and Wootton residents/wider community. A joint business plan would ensure the same and provide for safeguarding issues to be addressed. The addition of a pavilion (to accommodate toilet and changing facilities plus access to external floodlighting) would ensure isolation from the school. Organisations outside of Wootton could be charged a higher rate than Wootton residents/organisations.	All to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.

		BBCLlr/Cllr Wheeler confirmed he had already used ward monies for a predetermination planning application which would establish in principle whether the site was viable. That would be followed by a pre-application, which again would be funded from ward monies. The clerk was asked to contact WAT to determine whether they would consider a joint venture to deliver the synthetic pitch alongside additional ancillary facilities on the school site, for both school and public use. The clerk agreed to formally write to Michael Gleeson in that respect and to establish the best way forward, if WAT were in favour of the proposal. It was stressed this was without commitment from either party at this stage. An expedited response was favoured, given s106 funding could be released in early 2020. Redborne Upper School & Community College would be approached in order to learn more about the management and operation of their (similar) facilities. It was expected a working group be formed (members of WAT and the parish council) in order to move this proposal forward and Cllrs Bygraves, Lloyd, Wallace and Wheeler agreed to be parish council representatives. Resolved to accept the above and take forward all actions as agreed. Proposed: Cllr Wallace. Seconded: Cllr O'Dell. Resolved by all present.		
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Meeting closed at 8.06pm.

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