



# WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Full Council held via Zoom on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.58pm.

| <b>Open Forum</b>                     | There were no members of the public or press present and so the meeting continued without adjournment.                                                                                                                                                                              |                        |                        | Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(1).    |
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| <b>Present</b>                        | Cllrs Lloyd (in the chair), Bygraves, Hensher, Noakes, Martin, O'Dell, Quirk (joined 8.05pm), Randell, Wallace and Wheeler. Cllr Wheeler is also the Borough Councillor for Wootton.<br>In attendance: Sue Edgar Playford (Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer). |                        |                        |                                                            |
| <b>Absent (no apologies received)</b> | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                        |                        |                                                            |
| <b>Agenda no</b>                      | <b>Agenda item title</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Resolution</b>      | <b>Action</b>          | <b>Power</b>                                               |
| <b>FC20/272</b>                       | <b>Apologies for absence.</b><br>Cllrs Lennox and Mapesa.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Noted for the minutes. | Clerk to keep on file. | Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40. |
| <b>FC20/273</b>                       | <b>Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests.</b><br>None.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | N/A.                   | N/A.                   | Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.                              |
| <b>FC20/274</b>                       | <b>To consider any dispensation requests received by the Clerk in relation to local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests, not previously recorded.</b><br>No requests received.                                                                                                   | N/A.                   | N/A.                   | Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s33.                              |

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| <b>FC20/275</b> | <b>To revisit and consider a response in relation to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's Planning for the Future consultation and to resolve a suitable course of action.</b>                                                                                                                | A report from Cllr O'Dell was circulated ahead of the meeting and Cllr O'Dell then detailed the response made to the consultation by Bedford Borough Council.<br>After detailed discussion it was resolved to respond in a similar manner, using Bedford Borough Council's submission.<br>Proposed: Cllr O'Dell.<br>Seconded: Cllr Noakes.<br>Resolved by all present.                                                                                                                                                           | Clerk to take forward.                     | Stakeholder Consultation. |
| <b>FC20/276</b> | <b>To receive a report from Cllr O'Dell which recommends Wootton Parish Council rejects the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (draft) New Electoral Arrangements for Bedford Borough Council as detailed within its ongoing consultation and to make recommendation to November's Full Council.</b> | It was noted whilst BBCllr Wheeler's workload should be reduced, the current proposals were not the way forward. A second ward councillor was necessary for Wootton alone.<br>After detailed discussion it was resolved Cllr O'Dell would seek further clarification regarding electorate numbers. That information, alongside Cllr O'Dell's original motion and wording would be used to form a final agenda item for November's Full Council.<br>Proposed: Cllr Noakes.<br>Seconded: Cllr Wallace.<br>Resolved by all present. | Cllr O'Dell and the clerk to take forward. | Stakeholder Consultation. |

**Meeting closed at 8.26pm.**

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