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Minutes of the **Leisure & Amenities Committee (including Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group)** meeting held on
Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7pm at Wootton Community Centre, Harris Way, Wootton, MK43 9FZ.

Agenda no	Agenda item title			Power
Open Forum	There was one member of the public present who wished to observe the meeting. There were no other members of the public or press present and so the meeting continued without adjournment.			Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(1).
Present	Cllrs Bygraves (in the chair), Hensher, Lloyd, O'Dell, Randell and Wallace. In attendance: Cllr Wheeler. Cllr Wheeler is also the Borough Councillor for Wootton (arrived 7.15pm). Also in attendance: Sue Edgar Playford (Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer).			
Absent (no apologies received)	Cllr Mapesa.			
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Resolution	Action	Power
LARP23/013	Apologies for absence. Clive Baker (CB non-councillor member) and Tony Ireland (TI – non-councillor member).	Noted for the minutes.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
LARP23/014	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
LARP23/015	To consider any dispensation requests received by the clerk in relation to local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests, not previously recorded. None received.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s33.

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LARP23/016	Report from outside organisations – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
LARP23/017	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk). None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
LARP23/018	Minutes of the previous meeting. Members of the newly formed Leisure & Amenities Committee (including Roads & Footpaths Safety Steering Group) are asked to receive and adopt the minutes of the final Roads & Footpaths Safety Steering Group meeting held on 18 th January 2023.	Resolved to receive and adopt. Proposed: Cllr Lloyd. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Part VI, p41 (1).
LARP23/019	Matters arising from the minutes – for information only. <u>(Leisure & Amenities Committee)</u> - LARP22/011 + LARP 22/021 – Village Planters. Refer to agenda item LARP23/021). - LARP22/012 – Installation of permanent bollard on parish council-owned land adjacent to the access pavement from Tithe Barn Road (between 48 and 50 TBR). The bollard is now in situ. Move to close. - LARP23/010 – Potential Improvements to the Harris Way MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). Quotations to replace the lining markings are currently being obtained and will be taken to Full Council for determination. Move to close. <u>Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group</u> Please refer to the Project Action Plan for fuller information.	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.
LARP23/020	To receive and approve the Income & Expenditure report for all Leisure & Amenities Committee (including Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group) cost centres and Earmarked Reserves report for all cost centres for 2022-23, to date and to resolve a suitable course of action.	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance for Smaller Authorities in England 2022.
LARP23/021	To revisit the (summer) planting regime for all village planters and to make recommendation to Full Council as necessary.	Resolved to accept Cllr Bygraves' recommendation that the planters for summer contain the following and to make the same recommendation to Full	Clerk to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.

		Council, subject to the following caveats: <u>Top Tier</u> Begonia, cascade yellow. <u>Middle Tier</u> Red geranium, green Lysimachia Nummularia (Goldilocks) or Nepeta Variegata trailing or Plectrathus Ciliatus Nico (or a mixture). <u>Lower Tier</u> Petunia deep blue – Tumbelina Belinda. (All ivy to be removed). Caveats being that Cllr Bygraves would inform the clerk on the following: • The number of plants per tier; • Clarification on whether differing colours were to be mixed or planted in individual circles; • Determine the planting for the brick planter also (Wootton village entrance sign* on Bedford Road). The clerk was asked to ensure soil levels were sufficient to ensure good plant visibility and was also asked to request ivy		
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		be removed from the back of the sign*. Once the above caveats had been determined, this recommendation could be taken straight to Full Council. Proposed: Cllr Lloyd. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present.		
LARP23/022	To review, amend and approve the Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group Project Action Plan and to take the same to Full Council for formal approval.	Resolved to note all findings and amendments (in red) within Appendix One. Proposed: Cllr O'Dell. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present.	All to note and take forward as detailed within Appendix One.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.

LARP23/022**ROADS AND PAVEMENTS SAFETY STEERING GROUP PAP¹ 2023-24**

WPC² publishes a SAP³ annually in May, drawn from the budget which is formally set in January, and which includes project expenditure for the upcoming year. The R&PSSG⁴ committee will produce its own PAP, to be reviewed and amended as necessary at each committee meeting, after which it will be formally reviewed and approved by Full Council, alongside the SAP.

Please refer to earlier published minutes of this Steering Group for PAP information relating to 2022 and/or earlier. These are available to view either via the Clerk to the Council or at: <https://wootton-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/committees/roads-pavements/>

The Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group committee's projects for 2023-24 are:

Issue	How identified?	Timescale	Budget	Action/Update	Project Manager
Berryfields Estate (infrastructure).	Cllr Lloyd.	Ongoing.	Persimmon to finance.	<u>Summary of 2022</u> • A dropped kerb has not been added at the end of Harris Way to enable emergency services vehicles to gain access to the play area. • Several areas within the estate require repainting of yellow lining/hashing, including Folkes Road and Harris Way. • The pedestrian crossing on Folkes Road is poorly lit school side. <u>18th January 2023</u>	Cllrs Lloyd and O'Dell. BBC/Persimmon.

¹ Project Action Plan.

² Wootton Parish Council.

³ Strategic Action Plan.

⁴ Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group.

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				Paulina Makowska, BBC⁵ Acting Team Leader – Highway & Developer Infrastructure, Engineering Services, confirmed a number of roads within the Berryfields estate had been offered to BBC for adoption. Timescales were not yet known, however Paulina stated BBC had inspected the construction of all roads within the estate. Concerns were raised that the bus loop was being illegally used by vehicles as a turning circle. It was agreed to request BBC install a bus loop camera. <u>15th March 2023</u> BBC confirmed Persimmon were progressing with a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) proposal, however no formal order or consultation had yet taken place. BBC also confirmed it had no budget to finance an enforcement camera at the bus loop (costings are in the region of £30k). A dropped kerb still had not been installed at the end of Harris Way. Yellow lining/hashing also remained outstanding (including adjacent to the lower school) – BBCllr/ClIr Wheeler had been informed this was due to a high water table and was investigating this issue, given yellow lining had been in place previously, before the area was resurfaced. The pedestrian crossing adjacent to the lower school was still poorly lit and was the only crossing	
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⁵ Bedford Borough Council.

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				in the village without middle-road zig zag markings. BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler was asked to raise this anomaly with Persimmon/BBC. After detailed discussion it was unclear which areas were subject to, or required a TRO and BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler agreed to seek clarification. Given the parish council would be consulted on any TRO proposal, it was hoped there would be opportunity to request double yellow lines along Harris Way (houses side) to alleviate congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times.	
Berryfields Estate (road signage).	Cllr Lloyd.	Ongoing.	BBC/ Persimmon.	<u>Summary of 2022</u> Cllr Lloyd provided BBC with a report which detailed several misleading road signs. A further, more detailed report was not produced as BBC had yet to act on the original report. Examples include signage indicating a dead end when none exists. <u>15th March 2023</u> BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler was asked to establish with BBC which roads were to be adopted, as those not being adopted would not carry BBC's emblem.	Cllrs Lloyd and O'Dell.
Burgoyne Avenue – speeding issues and lorries.	Resident.	Ongoing.	BBC or Developer.	<u>Summary of 2022</u> - Amazon lorries continued to use Burgoyne Avenue (at speed) from Cranfield Road. - A request was made to extend the 20MPH along Burgoyne Avenue from the Amazon roundabout to Fields Road. - Recently installed speed cushions were considered unfit for speed reduction purposes.	BBC or Developer.

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				<u>18th January 2023</u> Paulina (BBC) confirmed (23rd December 2022) that BBC would liaise with the developer regarding the extension of the 20MPH zone. Paulina also confirmed the speed cushions would continue to be installed as per the approved planning layout design. Once complete (and once the 20MPH restriction is in place), BBC would ask the developer to review the need for a speed survey. However, the developer since stated any design changes would need to be made by BBC Highways, via a Road Safety Audit Stage 3. The developer also stated conventional traffic calming measures would be impractical as Burgoyne Avenue was a bus route. Cushions rather than humps were deemed acceptable as buses could straddle them without causing issues to passengers. The developer does not wish to hold up the adoption process nor prolong disruption for residents – <i>“...an equal number of which would rather have no speed measures at all”</i>. The developer recommended proceeding with the adoption process as was and as per BBC Highways approved drawings, before awaiting feedback from BBC during the maintenance period. BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler confirmed other bus routes were quite able to drive over conventional speed humps without causing passenger discomfort. It was agreed he would arrange a meeting with the developers, BBC and WPC representatives to discuss both the 20MPH extension and speed management issues.	
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				Residents continued to pass speeding issues and Amazon lorry concerns to BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler. <u>15th March 2023</u> The developer consortium had declined to meet with BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler and parish council representatives to discuss the speeding and speed cushion issues raised above.	
Cranfield Road (request for bollards at the junction with Church Road).	Resident.	2023	BBC.	<u>15th March 2023</u> The clerk received and circulated correspondence ahead of this meeting from a resident raising pedestrian safety concerns about the roundabout/pavement at the junction of Cranfield/Church Road. A vehicle came to rest on the verge towards Church Road after mounting the pavement and travelling backwards across the roundabout. It was understood bollards were previously in situ (in part) and a request was made by the resident for BBC to oversee their re-installation. After detailed discussion members agreed that bollards were in situ not as a safety measure, but to stop vehicles parking on the pavement. Bollards would not stop vehicles mounting the pavement and could in fact, increase the likelihood of injury as they were not crash barriers nor capable of absorbing any impact. It was resolved however, to request BBC replace all damaged/missing bollards on the junction of Church Road/Bedford Road (outside Old School Gardens) and to ask BBC to undertake a safety audit of the	BBC.

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				two bollards close to the vehicular entrance to Old School Gardens. The 'flashing' roundabout sign (reported on previous occasions) was still not resolved and it was resolved to report this again also.	
Cranfield Road pinch point (pavement).	BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler.	Ongoing.	BBC.	<u>Summary of 2022</u> - BBC recommended removing the traffic island to enable the pavement to be widened to the minimum safety width of 1.2 metres. - Cllr Lloyd offered an alternative solution, better suited to the area. <u>18th January 2023</u> BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler confirmed Cllr Lloyd's alternative suggestion was passed to BBC, however it was unclear whether it would be considered due to budget restraints. In light of recent requests for resurfacing works at several areas within the village, it was agreed the clerk would include a new agenda item for the next meeting of this committee, in order to address village issues as a whole. <u>15th March 2023</u> See spreadsheet under pavements and roads – all resurfacing/remedial works – Appendix Two.	BBC.
Fields Road pedestrian crossing.	BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler.	Ongoing.	BBC.	<u>Summary of 2022</u> The installation was delayed due to several factors. <u>18th January 2023</u> BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler had received confirmation from BBC that works would commence on 23rd January	BBC.

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				2023. A temporary bus stop between Haycroft and Wootton Vale House would continue to be provided. <u>15th March 2023</u> Despite the s106 agreement referencing a Toucan crossing, BBC had installed a zebra crossing, which would not officially open until later in March 2023, due to ongoing BBC contractor issues. BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler confirmed his researcher had requested a breakdown of expenditure, given BBC had received s106 funding of £50k and the zebra crossing was likely to be significantly cheaper at £15k to install. BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler's researcher had also requested information on the balance of funding left and how/where it would be spent. Members were in agreement the crossing should be a Toucan crossing, given the route in question was a safe route to school. WPC had not been consulted on BBCs deviation from Toucan to Zebra crossing, nor was a Deed of Variation to the s106 agreement seen. BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler was asked to investigate this also.	
Innovation Park Traffic	Resident.	Ongoing.	BBC/ Goodmans.	<u>15th March 2023</u> A resident had raised issues with the clerk ahead of this meeting, relating to vehicular traffic travelling to/from the Innovation Park. They had indicated they would attend this meeting but did not do so. It was noted ongoing concerns regarding speeding along Burgoyne Avenue and noise pollution had been passed by WPC to the developers/BBC,	BBC/Goodmans.

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				however as the roads were not yet adopted, no enforcement action was possible. In terms of air pollution, whilst it was possible to professionally monitor the area by the Innovation Park, it would be impossible to pin point whether air pollution was due to the Innovation Park itself, increased vehicular movement within the village or vehicular movement along the A421/C94.	
Pavement/all parking issues – including white and yellow lining – village wide.	Residents.	Ongoing.	Not yet identified.	<u>YELLOW LINING</u> 18th January 2023 BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler continued to chase regarding yellow lining at Hall End. <u>WHITE LINING</u> <u>Summary of 2022</u> • White lining works at the double mini roundabouts on Fields Road remain outstanding. • ‘Slow’ signage at all points of the double mini roundabouts remain outstanding. <u>18th January 2023</u> BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler confirmed the re-painting of the double mini roundabouts and addition of ‘slow’ signage at all points was with BBC for implementation. <u>15th March 2023</u> BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler confirmed the re-painting of the double mini roundabouts and addition of ‘slow’ signage at all points remained with BBC for implementation.	Cllr O’Dell.

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				<u>PAVEMENT PARKING</u> <u>Summary of 2022</u> No further update was received in relation to central government's consultation on pavement parking: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/managing-pavement-parking.	
Pavements and Roads – all resurfacing/remedial works.	Resident.	Ongoing.	BBC.	<u>PAVEMENTS</u> <u>Summary of 2022</u> - The following <u>pavement</u> areas were either programmed by BBC or had been requested for programming by BBC for resurfacing/repair works and remained outstanding: - Foster Way (its entirety); - Lorraine Road (its entirety); - Monoux Road (its entirety); - Payne Road (its entirety). <u>18th January 2023</u> BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler was still chasing the following pavements: - Foster Way in its entirety (WPC requested works in March 22); - Lorraine Road in its entirety (WPC requested works in March 22); - Monoux Road in its entirety (a BBC survey was undertaken just before Christmas 2022); - Payne Road in its entirety (Paulina was investigating why this hadn't been programmed).	BBC.

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				BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler confirmed Lorraine Road pavement had been added to BBC's programme of works for 2023-24. However, in light of recent requests for resurfacing works at several areas within the village, it was agreed the clerk would include a new agenda item for the next meeting of this committee, in order to address village issues as a whole (covering pavements AND roads). <u>15th March 2023</u> Members were asked to consider what areas of pavements and roads should be taken forward for consideration by BBC for resurfacing/repairs works, as part of its 2023-24 programme of works – Appendix Two. <u>ROADS</u> <u>Summary of 2022</u> The following <u>road</u> areas were either programmed by BBC or had been requested for programming by BBC for resurfacing/repair works and remained outstanding: • Cause End Road (vicinity of Tesco's). <u>18th January 2023</u> Resurfacing works to Cause End Road would be undertaken when utility works were complete. A resident requested remedial works to the surface of Mephram Road – the area from Bedford Road to the Hollies Walk junction and submitted a repairs	
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				report to BBC. BBC's response stated the area currently fell below its investigation level, but the area would be monitored and repairs carried out as required. Two residents present requested remedial works to the surface of Lorraine Road – the area from the cemetery to the junction with Cause End Road (closest to St. Mary's) and confirmed they were compiling a petition requesting the same – refer to Appendix Two for fuller information. BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler confirmed BBC had responded ahead of this meeting, stating permanent repairs would be carried out on areas that met its inspection and risk assessment criteria. Any petition would not affect that inspection and risk assessment criteria, the scoring of which followed a risk based matrix system. Those areas selected for works were the highest on the list and in most need of repairs. BBC confirmed the relevant sections of Lorraine Road (both pavement and road) would be scored and considered for BBC's programme of works for 2023-24. It was noted temporary works carried out just last week were already failing. BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler confirmed a petition could be presented to BBC's Full Council on 1st February, at which it would be accepted (subject to meeting all criteria). It would then be heard at the following Full Council meeting of BBC, in March – at which the resident would have opportunity to speak.	
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				BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler confirmed he would attend to support the petition and resident. In light of recent requests for resurfacing works at several areas within the village, it was agreed the clerk would include a new agenda item for the next meeting of this committee, in order to address village issues as a whole. BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler confirmed dropped kerbs recently added elsewhere along Lorraine Road had been actioned by BBC following a specific resident request. He suggested the resident write to him detailing his requirements and areas concerned, after which BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler would request this committee consider lobbying BBC as per the previous request. <u>15th March 2023</u> Members were asked to consider what areas of pavements and roads should be taken forward for consideration by BBC for resurfacing/repairs works, as part of its 2023-24 programme of works. See spreadsheet under pavements and roads – all resurfacing/remedial works – Appendix Two. (Members and residents were encouraged to continue to report all potholes and other areas of concern to BBC). Members also resolved that a recommendation be made to Full Council to accept report findings – Appendix Three (a request to BBC for additional areas within Lorraine Road be considered for the	
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				installation of dropped kerbs). This was with one caveat – the area leading to garages at the top of Lorraine Road near the Cause End Road junction be included also. The amended report could be taken straight to Full Council.	
Potters Cross	TI.	Ongoing.	BBC.	<u>18th January 2023</u> TI raised an issue with obstruction/parking within Potters Cross which was ongoing since mid-November. A 7.5T flat bed recovery truck was parking in several areas along Potters Cross, including too close to the junction with Bedford Road, on the grass verges as well as across the entrance to the garages (some of which were in use). TI had spoken to the company who confirmed the driver (who lived locally) was expected to take the truck home in order to undertake call outs. His request that the truck be parked elsewhere was ignored. Call outs were happening at all hours and impacted the quiet lane status, as well as creating health and safety issues when children walked to/from school. After detailed discussion it was resolved WPC would support TI's request for the truck be removed from the area, due to a number of issues including dangerous parking, anti-social behaviour, noise nuisance and verge parking by a 7.5T truck. A letter signed by the clerk would be countersigned by BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler also. <u>15th March 2023</u>	BBC.

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				A letter was sent by the Clerk to the truck company in question, with no response to date.	
Sanders Way – dropped kerbs	Request from resident.	Ongoing.	BBC.	<u>18th January 2023</u> All dropped kerbs were complete, however it was noted tactile paving had not been added, despite being referenced in the report. It was agreed to take the report back to BBC, requesting the additional works. <u>15th March 2023</u> BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler confirmed BBC had acknowledged its error and that tactile paving would be added.	BBC.
Speed restrictions/concerns – various areas.	Committee discussion.	Ongoing.	Not yet identified.	<u>SPEED CAMERAS</u> <u>Summary of 2022</u> • Average speed cameras were now in place on Cranfield Road. • WPC continued to push for all other areas to be taken forward as one project. <u>18th January 2023</u> BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler continued to chase BBC for an update regarding all outstanding sites. <u>15th March 2023</u> BBC had finally confirmed it would proceed with the installation of cameras along all outstanding sites. Design works and final costings were being prepared. <u>WOOTTON GREEN SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION</u> <u>Summary of 2022</u>	Cllr Lloyd.

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				• A report endorsed by MMPC⁶, requesting a reduction to 30MPH along the highway, beginning at the junction with Hoo Lane towards Upper Shelton (40MPH to remain in place between Wootton and Hoo Lane) and delivered to BBC, could not be actioned until average speed cameras were in place along Cranfield Road. <u>18th January 2023</u> Given average speed cameras were now installed along Cranfield Road, it was agreed to re-submit the report to BBC, as noted above. <u>15th March 2023</u> The following response was received from BBC: <i>“We have previously looked at this request and the police have not supported the lowering of the speed limit along this road. This is because speeds are high and therefore additional traffic calming measures are required. The road also does not “feel” like a 30mph road to drive as there are open fields on either side.</i> <i>We do not have any funds for traffic calming or speed limit changes at this time and so this request will be added to the list of similar requests from across the Borough that will be considered for funding as an when monies are made available”.</i> In light of the above comments, it was resolved to move this item to close.	
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⁶ Marston Moreteyne Parish Council.

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Summerfield Drive (all estate)	Cllr Lloyd.	Ongoing.	BBC.	<u>Summary of 2022</u> • ‘Grassed footpath within the Summerfield Drive estate have been adopted by BBC but are not being maintained. <u>18th January 2023</u> In light of Cllr Lloyd’s challenge, it was agreed this committee would lobby BBC to cut all ‘grassed footpaths’ within the Summerfield Drive estate. <u>15th March 2023</u> BBC had confirmed the area had been added to its maintenance schedule, however it was not yet known when works would commence.	Cllr Lloyd.
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To be reviewed at each Leisure & Amenities Committee (including Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group) meeting.

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Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group - LARP23/023a and b					
Pavements - programmed by BBC (2022/23)		Pavements - requested by WPC (not yet programmed by BBC)		Pavements - future requests for BBC programming (2023/24)	
Area	Comments	Area	Comments	Area	Comments
Monoux Road	BBC works are ongoing	Cranfield Road Pinch Point	Clr Lloyd has provided an alternative remedy which BBC has yet to respond to	Foster Way (now include Foster Road, Neale Way, Neale Road and Thorpe Way)	Foster Way was initially requested, but members resolved to extend the area to include the whole estate (LARP23/022)
Payne Road	To follow Monoux Road			Lorraine Road	A resident has requested these works, however BBC has stated the area currently falls below its investigation levels. The area will be monitored and repaired as necessary
Roads - programmed by BBC (2022/23)		Roads - requested by WPC (not yet programmed by BBC)		Roads - future requests for BBC programming (2023/24)	
Area	Comments	Area	Comments	Area	Comments
Cause End Road (vicinity of Tesco's)	BBC has previously stated works will commence when utility works have been completed. BBCLlr/Clr Wheeler has asked for the works now to be expedited as the road continues to deteriorate and is a severe hazard			Hall End Road (adjacent to the upper school)	A resident reported significant potholes along Hall End Road which were causing traffic to cut the corner, driving towards oncoming traffic. BBCLlr/Clr Wheeler confirmed the area has already been marked out and that BBC would resurface the area from Wootton Park Farm to the first dwelling on the left (heading towards The Chequers Inn PH)
				Lorraine Road (top of Cause End Road closest to St. Mary's Church to Lorraine Road cemetery entrance)	A resident has requested these works, however BBC has stated the area currently falls below its investigation levels. The area will be monitored and repaired as necessary
				Mepham Road (Bedford Road to Hollies Walk)	A resident has requested these works, however BBC has stated the area currently falls below its investigation levels. The area will be monitored and repaired as necessary



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WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DROPPED KERBS – FURTHER AREAS ALONG LORRAINE ROAD



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Request For Additional Dropped Kerbs – Areas Along Lorraine Road

In a previous report (21st July 2022), it was noted Lorraine Road was typical of the hundreds of developments in the Borough which have highways which were constructed before the advent of awareness and legislation which improved access rights for disabled people.

Over the years, disability campaigning groups - such as Accessibility Bedford – have successfully persuaded the Borough Council (and previously Bedford County Council) to provide annual funding for the provision of pavement improvements, including new dropped kerbs with tactile paving.

Wootton Parish Council is grateful that Bedford Borough Council has now installed dropped kerbs at the following areas along Lorraine Road (although tactile paving remains outstanding):

- Canons Close junction with Lorraine Road;
- Emerton Way Service Road;
- Sanders Way Service Road.

However, at a recent meeting of Wootton Parish Council's Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group (18th January 2023) a number of residents attended to request additional dropped kerbs (with tactile paving) at the following, remaining sites along Lorraine Road:

- Dimmock Road junction with Lorraine Road – Photo One;
- Lorraine Road Service Road leading to garages – Photo Two;
- Lorraine Road Service Road leading to Nos 30-44 – Photo Three;
- Lorraine Road Service Road leading to Lorraine Road cemetery – Photo Four;
- Studley Road junction with Lorraine Road – Photo Five.

This request was made following the identification of at least two mobility scooter users who reside along that section of Lorraine Road.

This proposal was agreed by Wootton Parish Council at its Leisure & Amenities Committee with Roads & Pavements Safety Steering Group meeting on 15th March 2023 (LARP23/022) and was ratified at Full Council on 12th April 2023 (FC23/???)

Wootton Parish Council requests Bedford Borough Council take forward this request at the earliest opportunity in order to forge greater inclusivity for disabled people and/or mobility scooter users within this area of Wootton.

Gareth T Lloyd

Gareth Lloyd BSc (Hons)
Chairman

Date 12th April 2023

Sue Edgar Playford

Sue Edgar Playford BA (Hons) PSLCC
Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer

Date 12th April 2023

Dimmock Road junction with Lorraine Road – Photo One



Lorraine Road Service Road leading to garages – Photo Two



Lorraine Road Service Road leading to Nos 30-44 – Photo Three



Lorraine Road Service Road leading to Lorraine Road cemetery – Photo Four



Studley Road junction with Lorraine Road – Photo Five

