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Minutes of the **Leisure and Amenities Committee** meeting held on
Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 7.40pm at Wootton Community Centre, Harris Way, Wootton, MK43 9FZ.

Open Forum	Cllr O'Dell (not a member of this Committee) spoke under Open Forum to query why Cycle Route 51 was still not a continuous route between Wootton and Kempston. It was noted Cllr Lloyd had put forward a proposal to Bedford Borough Council on how best to join up this route and BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler confirmed he still had that correspondence, which he would forward to the relevant Bedford Borough Council department. There were no members of the public or press were present and so the meeting continued without further adjournment.			Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(1).
Present	Cllrs Bygraves (in the chair), Hensher, Lincoln, Lloyd and Tyerman. In attendance: Cllr Wheeler. Cllr Wheeler is also Borough Councillor for Wootton and Kempston Rural. In attendance: Sue Edgar Playford (Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer).			
Absent (no apologies received)	Cllr Kay.			
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Resolution	Action	Power
LA24/050	Apologies for absence. Cllrs Swain and Wallace.	Noted for the minutes.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Part V, s85 (1+2) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
LA24/051	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
LA24/052	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.

LA24/053	To appoint Cllr Lincoln as a member of the Leisure and Amenities Committee.	Resolved to appoint Cllr Lincoln as a member of the Leisure and Amenities Committee. Proposed: Cllr Lloyd. Seconded: Cllr Bygraves. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Standing Orders.
LA24/054	Report from outside organisations – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
LA24/055	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk) – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
LA24/056	Minutes of the previous meeting. <i>Minutes are published on the Wootton Parish Council website: https://wootton-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/minutes/.</i> Members of the Leisure and Amenities Committee are asked to receive and adopt the minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting held on 29 th May 2024.	Resolved to receive and adopt. Proposed: Cllr Tyerman. Seconded: Cllr Hensher. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Part VI, p41 (1).
LA24/057	Matters arising from the minutes – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
LA24/058	To receive the Income & Expenditure report for all Leisure and Amenities Committee cost centres and Earmarked Reserves report for all cost centres for 2024-25, to consider any budget heading virements – for information only.	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance for Smaller Authorities in England 2024.
LA24/059	To consider next steps in relation to land to be transferred to the parish council as detailed within Wootton's Neighbourhood Development Plan (Policy W10) and to make recommendation to Full Council as necessary.	No further update received.	Clerk to keep on file.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.
LA24/060	To consider and discuss issues raised at the previous meeting of this committee (under Open Forum) in relation to events or activities aimed at teenagers and to make recommendation to Full Council as necessary.	The Clerk informed all present that the resident who attended the previous meeting of this committee, was no longer unable to attend this meeting. Prior to the meeting Cllrs Lloyd and Bygraves had researched activities aimed at teenagers that were available either within the village or locally and the following were identified:	Clerk to keep on file.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.

		Arts & Drama Country Players Dance Clubs Kempston Youth Club Sports Athletics Cricket Cycling Fishing Gymnastics Kayak/Canoe Martial Arts Orienteering Rowing Rugby Sailing Swimming Wootton Rangers FC (Boys and & Girls) Uniformed Organisations Air Cadets Army Cadets Boys Brigade Girls Brigade Guides & Rangers Scouts & Explorers Sea Cadets Young Farmers Those who were intent on graffitiing the village were unlikely to attend (and it was again reiterated those		
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		graffitiing the acoustic fencing along the A421 were from further afield). The parish council was not able to identify a target audience nor did it have the resources to provide any activities in addition to those listed above and after discussion it was resolved to close this agenda item but revisit if necessary and to make the same recommendation to Full Council. Proposed: Cllr Hensher. Seconded: Cllr Bygraves. Resolved by all present.		
LA24/061	To receive a report from Cllr Lloyd detailing plans to remedy maintenance issues to the existing Memorial Walls (for ashes interments only) at Lorraine Road cemetery and to make recommendation to Full Council as necessary.	Cllr Lloyd's report was discussed in further detail, however as these Memorial Walls were both in use and contained reserved plots, a permanent solution to remedy the grass/weeds issue could not be found. After detailed discussion it was agreed to investigate the possible use of volunteers (a 'Friends of the Cemetery' organisation or similar), to carry out more extensive maintenance on a periodical basis. The Clerk agreed to investigate further (BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler agreed to provide a contact) and bring all findings back to a	BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler and the Clerk to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.

		future meeting of this committee. No recommendation to Full Council was necessary at this stage.		
LA24/062	To receive a report from Cllr Lloyd detailing plans for an additional ashes interment area at Lorraine Road cemetery and to make recommendation to Full Council as necessary.	After detailed discussion it was resolved Cllr Lloyd would provide fuller specifications which would be taken to Full Council to better determine how the wall would be used and a suitable plot reservation programme. Proposed: Cllr Bygraves. Seconded: Cllr Lloyd. Resolved by all present.	Cllr Lloyd and the Clerk to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.
LA24/063	To consider the placement of signage at the recreation ground car park signposting pedestrian access in the vicinity of the Changing Rooms/Village Hall and to make recommendation to Full Council as necessary.	After discussion it was resolved that four signs be placed on the village hall to signpost pedestrians towards the footway and away from the driveway and to make the same recommendation to Full Council. Cllr Lloyd agreed to provide the necessary graphics. Proposed: Cllr Bygraves. Seconded: Cllr Tyerman. Resolved by all present.	Cllr Lloyd and the Clerk to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.

Meeting closed at 8.08pm.