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Minutes of the **Leisure and Amenities Committee** meeting held on
Wednesday 31st July 2024 at 7.40pm at Wootton Community Centre, Harris Way, Wootton, MK43 9FZ.

Open Forum	There were no members of the public or press were present and so the meeting continued without adjournment.			Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(1).
Present	Cllrs Bygraves (in the chair), Hensher, Lincoln, Lloyd and Wallace. In attendance: Cllrs O'Dell and 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
LA24/064	Apologies for absence. Cllrs Swain and Tyerman.	Noted for the minutes.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Part V, s85 (1+2) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
LA24/065	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
LA24/066	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.
LA24/067	Report from outside organisations – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
LA24/068	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

	requested from the clerk) – for information only. None.			
LA24/069	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 26 th June 2024.	Resolved to receive and adopt. Proposed: Cllr Hensher. Seconded: Cllr Lincoln. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Part VI, p41 (1).
LA24/070	Matters arising from the minutes – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
LA24/071	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.
LA24/072	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.	After detailed discussion it was resolved an Initial Constraints Analysis Report received from The Forest of Marston Vale be sent to The Crown Estate for feedback and to establish next steps in the land transfer process and to make the same recommendation to Full Council. Proposed: Cllr Wallace. Seconded: Cllr Lloyd. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.
LA24/073	To revisit a request for events or activities aimed at teenagers and to make recommendation to Full Council as necessary.	After discussion it was resolved not to revisit the previous resolution made by this committee, but to consider financial assistance were the Parish Council to receive a proposal for a suitable event or activity. The same recommendation would be made to Full Council.	Clerk to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.

		Proposed: Cllr Lincoln. Seconded: Cllr Bygraves. Resolved by all present.		
LA24/074	To receive, review and adopt documentation relating to a potential volunteer scheme to remedy maintenance issues with the existing Memorial Walls (for ashes interments only) at Lorraine Road cemetery and to make recommendation to Full Council as necessary.	It was thought the upper school would be able to assist in relation to a volunteer scheme and Cllr Bygraves confirmed he would speak with them in this respect. The Clerk was instructed to bring this agenda item back to September's meeting of this committee for a further update. No recommendation to Full Council was necessary at this stage. Cllr Lloyd then detailed proposals for the one remaining Memorial Wall (not yet in use but with one reserved plot) which would negate the need for intensive weeding/maintenance. As the proposal involved the loose pouring of ashes (not to everyone's wish) it was agreed to investigate urn sizes and bring this proposal back to a future meeting of this committee. No recommendation to Full Council was necessary at this stage.	Clerk and Cllrs Bygraves and Lloyd to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.

		Cllr Lloyd also detailed a proposal for additional Memorial Walls and graphics were shown to all present. After detailed discussion it was resolved to take the build of one wall only forward at this stage and to make the same recommendation to Full Council. Proposed: Cllr Lloyd. Seconded: Cllr Lincoln. Resolved by all present.		
LA24/075	To receive a report from Cllr Wallace in relation to National Cycle Route 51 (Wootton to Kempston leg) following comments made by Cllr O'Dell made under Open Forum at a meeting of this committee on 26th June 2024 and to make recommendation to Full Council as necessary.	Cllr Wallace wished to address comments made by Cllr O'Dell at a previous meeting of this committee (under Open Forum). Cllr Wallace confirmed s106 funding (held by Bedford Borough Council) was available to link NCR51 between Wootton and Kempston. Works were likely to be delayed however due to the discovery of badger setts along the proposed route. Cllr Lloyd noted the route at one point crossed the proposed canal, so BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler agreed to ensure Bedford Borough Council were aware of the same. No recommendation to Full Council was necessary at this stage. Proposed: Cllr Lloyd.	Clerk to keep on file.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.

		Seconded: Cllr Lincoln. Resolved by all present.		
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Meeting closed at 8.12pm.