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Minutes of the **Leisure and Amenities Committee** meeting held on
Wednesday 25th September 2024 at 7.26pm at Wootton Community Centre, Harris Way, Wootton, MK43 9FZ.

Open Forum	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).
Present	Cllrs Bygraves (in the chair), Hensher, Kay, Lincoln, Lloyd and Wallace. In attendance: Sue Edgar Playford (Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer).			
Absent (no apologies received)	None.			
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Resolution	Action	Power
LA24/089	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.
LA24/090	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
LA24/091	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.
LA24/092	Report from outside organisations – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
LA24/093	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk) – for information only.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

	None.			
LA24/094	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 28 th August 2024.	Resolved to receive and adopt. Proposed: Cllr Lloyd. Seconded: Cllr Bygraves. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Part VI, p41 (1).
LA24/095	Matters arising from the minutes – for information only. - LA24/085 – RoSPA inspections of all play equipment and Keeley End Pond. Remedial works as agreed at a meeting of this Committee on 28th August 2024 are ongoing. - LA24/087 – Topple Testing undertaken at both closed churchyards and Lorraine Road cemetery. The Clerk is in the process of publicising all findings.	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.
LA24/096	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.
LA24/097	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.	Cllr Wallace detailed a meeting which had taken place earlier in the day between the Parish Council, The Crown Estate and The Forest of Marston Vale. The Crown Estate were looking to appoint in-house ecologists and it was likely this land transfer could be passed to them to take forward. More would be known in early 2025 and Cllr Wallace agreed to provide notes ahead of the next meeting of this committee.	All to note.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.
LA24/098	To consider next steps in relation to the placement of the Parish Council’s beacon and to make recommendation to Full Council as necessary.	Cllr Lloyd provided to suggestions as to the beacon’s placement on land owned by Greenbelt in the vicinity of the	Clerk to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.

		Community Centre. After discussion, it was resolved to recommend to Full Council, the beacon be placed at a point south of the Community Centre (Appendix One), after which a more detailed approach could be made to Greenbelt in order to secure the necessary statutory licence. Proposed: Cllr Wallace. Seconded: Cllr Hensher. Resolved by all present.		
LA24/099	To revisit 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.	Cllr Bygraves had yet to liaise with the upper school in this respect, so it was agreed to bring this agenda item back to the next meeting of this committee.	Cllr Bygraves and the Clerk to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.

Meeting closed at 7.47pm.

