

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning & Environment Committee** of **Wootton Parish Council** held on Wednesday 24th February 2010 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

Present: Councillors, D Price, J Wheeler, P Quirk, S Cruse.

In attendance the Clerk, and members of the public.

P10/26. Apologies
Cllrs R Wallace and P Prescod.

P10/27. Declarations of Interest on any items on this Agenda
Cllr Cruse in item P10/33 - Land adjacent to 76 Mephram Road. Personal friend.

P10/28. Open Forum
Mr Huance from Thorpe Way took the opportunity of this item to address the Members directly regarding item no P10/33 - Land adjacent to 76 Mephram Road, and concerns that the local residents to that area have regarding the future use of the land. The Chairman confirmed that as an agenda item later in the meeting, residents were invited to stay and observe the discussion.

Cllr Price advised the Members on ongoing issue of a Holly tree in the Cemetery grounds and a resident complaining it is growing into a tree and should be kept as a bush. This issue has been discussed previously, and it was agreed that the residents in question be advised that the Holly tree can be cut back on their side of the fence to help alleviate their concerns.

P10/29. Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 10th February 2010
Minutes of the meetings held Wednesday 10th February 2010 were signed as a true record.

P10/30. Planning Applications
a) 10/00175/FUL - single storey extension to front, 1 Beauchamp Road, Wootton, Beds, MK43 9JP. **Members recorded no objections to this application.**

b) 10/00057/FUL & 10/00058/LBC - erection of a two storey front extension with roof lights to link existing extensions and outbuilding, including conversion of outbuilding to an annex, Vine Cottage, Wood End, Wootton, Beds, MK43 9AJ. **Members recorded no objections to these applications.**

P10/31. To consider representation of the council at the planning meeting of Bedford Borough Council discussing the above application.
Not applicable.

P10/32. **To request above application be considered by Full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough Council.**
Not applicable.

P10/33. Land adjacent to 76 Mepham Road

After much discussion regarding the issue of land at Mepham Road, and potential change of use for the area, it was agreed by all Members that until such a time that the Parish Council are approached by the Borough Council to formally respond to the possible sale and change of use' as a Council we had nothing to discuss. 9 residents of the area were in attendance at the meeting and all were in favour of the land remaining as open space for the village. Cllr Price proposed that it should be left to the resident at 76 Mepham Road to contact the Borough Council and suggest they write to the Parish Council formally with their suggestion. The Chairman advised the Members of a letter received from Borough Councillor Judith Cunningham regarding the issue of the change of use, and residents ongoing concerns. On behalf of the residents in attendance, Mr Huance spoke and confirmed that SHOULD the planning application for change of use come before the Parish Council in the future, that serious consideration be given to the application of 'conditions' or alternatively, 'covenants' which restrict the types of use.

P10/34. Cemetery Contract

Members were pleased to be advised by the Clerk that to date somewhere in the region of 39 separate contractors have requested tender document details for the Cemetery Contract for the three year period of 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2012. It was agreed that full details would be brought to the next meeting of this committee (10th March 2010) for recommendation to Full Council (10th March 2010).

Chairman.....

Date of next meeting 10th March 2010