

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Sub Committee** of **Wootton Parish Council** held on Wednesday 26th May 2010 at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

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

In attendance Cllr G Lloyd and M Alexander (Clerk).

P10/75. Apologies
None.

P10/76. Declarations of Interest on any items on this Agenda
None.

P10/77. Open Forum

The Chairman requested nominations for Vice Chairman of this Committee and Cllr Price was duly nominated and accepted this position for the forthcoming municipal year.

Cllr Price asked on the progress of the clearance of the pond at Bedford Road. The Chairman was able to update him and advise the Clerk was in receipt of 2 quotes. Each was priced based on extent of works to be carried out.

Cllr Price proposed that if the pond was within Parish Councils ownership that to ensure the health and safety of the local community that this Council carry out the required maintenance to make the area more attractive. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Wheeler.

It was agreed that a recommendation from this Committee be made to Full Council for a financial contribution of up to £1,000 to pay for relevant maintenance works to be carried out. It was noted that should this be agreed by the Members of the Full Council, that no work would be carried out until the nesting birds had departed the area.

Cllr Price also made enquiries as to when the litter bin would be replaced. The Clerk was pleased to advise the Members that a quote had been received and accepted, and the work to replace the fire damaged bin would be carried out as soon as possible.

P10/78. Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 12th May 2010
Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 12th May 2010 were accepted as a true record.

P10/79. Planning Applications
a) 10/01183/FUL - single storey side rear extensions, Ergermont 41 Potters Cross, Wootton, Beds, MK43 9JG - The Members recorded NO OBJECTION.

- b) 10/01014/FUL - re-submission - erection of stables and construction of ménage, 157 Bedford Road, Wootton, Beds, MK43 9BA - The Members recorded OBJECTION, based on 'over development of the site'.
Notification of Planning Approvals
- c) 10/00726/FUL - formation of new continuous dormers either side of existing roof to create larger bedrooms and bathroom, 1 Squires Road, Wootton, Beds, MK43 9ET.
(This Council had previously recorded No Objection to this application).

Notification of Listed Building Refusal

- d) 10/00690/LBC - replace existing wooden windows to front (x4) and side (x1) of the property, 7 Church Road, Wootton, Beds, MK43 9EU

P10/80. To consider representation of the council at the planning meeting of Bedford Borough Council discussing the above application.
No.

P10/81. To request above application be considered by Full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough Council.
Request that Cllr Cunningham 'call in' to the Planning Committee Planning application number **10/01014/FUL**. The Clerk was also asked the contact the Head of Planning at the Borough Council and convey our objections.

P10/82. Access for All in Wootton Cemetery

Following a second letter received from the BBC Disability Equality and Access Officer regarding the surfacing of the access road at the Cemetery, this Council were advised of a funding opportunity available from the Borough Council relating to 'Access Improvements'. Up to 50% of the cost of improving access can be given (up to a limit of £1,000). Members agreed to take this opportunity forward and the Clerk was asked to contact the Access Officer advising him that this matter would need to be taken to Full Council on Wednesday 9th June 2010 for the Members to agree any further expenditure. Cllr Quirk was pleased to inform the Members of the recent ordering of a notice board for the cemetery in which to display interment fees and cemetery regulations etc. The Clerk was asked to distribute copies of the current regulations for Members to review / update.

Action; Clerk to contact Stuart O'Dell regarding grant application, and also send copies of current Cemetery regulations to Members.

P10/83. Scrubland near War Memorial - Church Rd / Church Row

It had previously been noted by Members that the area around and adjacent to the War Memorial was becoming rather overgrown. As an additional area which ownership was questionable it was agreed that in the first instance this Council should attempt to bring some maintenance to the area. However, Cllr Quirk advised he believed the site to be part of the village conservation area, and therefore suggested that the Clerk contact the Conservation Officer at the Borough Council and ask their advise on proceeding with this issue. It was noted that no work should be carried out until the autumn.

Chairman.....

Date of next meeting 9th June 2010