

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 27th April at 7.00pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

- Present.** Committee Cllrs Lloyd & Wheeler and Cllr Wallace.
The Clerk (Sue Playford) and Responsible Financial Officer (Sue Bolton).
- P11/44 Apologies for absence.**
Cllrs Bland, Quirk and Rowse.
In the absence of Chairman Quirk the meeting was chaired by Cllr Wheeler.
- P11/45 Declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.**
Cllr Wheeler noted that he was a long standing friend of Mrs Robinson and her husband - discussed under agenda item P11/54.
- P11/46 Report from outside organisations.**
None.
- P11/47 List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk).**
Lorraine Road - alleyway leading to Hoo close - request from parishioner that the undergrowth be cleared, mesh fence be repaired and dog mess bin and lighting be provided.
Clerk has emailed Simon Fisher at Bedford Borough (Rights of Way Officer) - as yet no response. Cllr Wheeler confirmed there is a budget for a bin and dog mess bin. The light and undergrowth will need feedback from Simon Fisher - clerk to chase. Clerk also to write to Farmer Wiles to request the ditch be cleared from his side.
- Action - clerk to chase Simon Fisher for response and write to the farmer.**
- Vehicle Activated sign outside Keeley Farm Court - letter received from Amey advising warranty on the sign expires at the end of December 2012. Letter advises that ongoing maintenance after that date will be at the parish council's expense.*
It was discussed and agreed not to pursue the maintenance issue with Amey.
- P11/48 Parishioner's Open Forum.**
None.
- P11/49 Chairman's announcements and report.**
None presented but the clerk will check with Chairman Quirk to see if anything should be attached.
- Action - clerk to ask Chairman Quirk if there is a report.**
***Please see additional note below**
- P11/50 Minutes of the meeting.**
To confirm that the minutes of the planning committee meeting held on the 30th March 2011 were adopted by the required number of planning committee members at the full council meeting held on the 13th April 2011.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30th March 2011 have been taken forward by virtue of acceptance on the 13th April 2011.

P11/51 Matters arising from the minutes to include issues log review.

P11/28 now P11/40 - A421 signage (to be moved to closed sheet).

It was agreed this be moved.

P11/30 - funding for War Memorial (with clerk for action).

The clerk has the paperwork still to complete.

P11/41 - Planning application 11/00536/FUL (Bus loop Fields Road) - no response from Borough Council planning department.

Cllr Wheeler confirmed this application had not been called in and the parish council's objections were not noted. The application was passed at a meeting held on the 18th April 2011 despite the clerk requesting notification of this meeting in order that representation be made. It was agreed that the clerk send a letter to Paul Rowland registering a formal complaint that the council's objections were not passed to Bedford Borough planning department.

**Action - clerk to send letter.
Please see additional note below

FC11/29 - Changes by the developers re s106 - new development north of Fields Road - no response from Jim Caffrey.

Cllr Wallace requested this move from full council to planning. Clerk to email Jim Caffrey for further update.

Action - clerk to move issues log and send email to Jim Caffrey.

P11/52 a Planning Applications

- *None.*

b Planning Approvals

- **11/00141/FUL 53 Tithe Barn Road - approved 22.3.11.**

This council had previously recorded no objection.

- **11/00242/FUL 80 Cause End Road - approved 5.4.11**

This council had previously recorded no objection.

P11/53 To discuss addition of Scout Hut and Guide sign to existing Church hall signage on St. Mary's Road.

This will be referred to the next planning meeting.

Action - clerk to include on agenda for next planning meeting.

P11/54 To discuss issue regarding the ditch at the top of Fields Road - house number 4 next to the garage.

Several people over the last two years have fallen into the ditch - the most serious happened during the weekend 16th/17th April. Clerk and Cllr Quirk visited the house owner on 19th April - further updates to be provided.

A metal boarding has been placed over the ditch. The clerk has written to Andy Prigmore (Highways Asset Manager Bedford Borough) and copied the Mayor of Bedford and Kevin Tracey (Engineer Bedford Borough). No response to date. Clerk to chase.

Action - clerk to chase for response.

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Any other business.

On occasion when the clerk has emailed Borough planning department to raise a planning objection, a response has not been received. In addition to the Fields Road bus loop, an objection was raised with Alastair Wren at Bedford Borough regarding plans for 23 Summerfield Drive, Wootton - 11/00532/FUL. Clerk sent an email on the 1st April and received no response. It was agreed the clerk should chase again.

Action - clerk to chase again for response.

Meeting closed at 7.32pm

Chairman.....

* No report was needed.

**Upon further investigation it must be noted that the planning application referred to above has not yet been presented to Bedford Borough planning department. The application passed at the meeting on the 18th April 2011 was 11/00401/EXT Land at Fields Road, Wootton : Application for extension of time for planning permission 08/00321/MAF - construction of new roundabout and associated infrastructure including footpaths, cycleways,bridleway and amendments to existing drainage ditches and culverts.

It should also be noted that a Bedford Borough planning department meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 2nd May at 6.30pm. Items for discussion include 11/00236/MAF Land south of Fields Road - the parish council has previously raised objections to this but did not wish to make representation.

A further Bedford Borough planning department meeting is due to be held on the 23rd May. The clerk will email Jim Caffrey to request an update regarding application 11/00536/FUL.