

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 28th September 2011 at 7.05pm
in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

- Present.** Cllrs Quirk, Lloyd and Wheeler. Cllr Wallace was also in attendance.
The Clerk (Sue Playford).
- P11/108 Apologies for absence.**
Cllrs Prescod and Rowse.
- P11/109 Declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.**
Cllr Quirk referred to item P11/123 but stated that his gain would be no greater than anyone else living in that area.
- P11/110 Report from outside organisations.**
None.
- P11/111 List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk).**
None
- Open Forum.**
None.
- P11/112 Minutes of the meeting.**
Members of the planning committee are asked to receive and adopt the minutes of the planning committee meeting held on the 10th August 2011.
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting. It was noted that a planning meeting which was due to be held on the 14th September 2011 was not quorate, and could therefore not be held.
- P11/113 Matters arising from the minutes to include issues log review.**
- P11/47 - Overgrown alleyway Lorraine Road/Hoo Close. Clerk emailed Robinson & Hall 28.7.11 to see if Mr Wiles would allow access across the land to clear the overgrowth. No response to date. Clerk wrote to IDBS for further guidance – they have requested Anglian water to get in touch – awaiting response. Clerk also has a contact within the BBC who she is awaiting a response from.
- P11/51 - Changes to s106 Fields Road – open meeting held 27.7.11. For discussion at full council. Further correspondence sent to Jim Caffrey – meeting now arranged for the 29th September 2011.
- P11/87 (4) – CA Traffic Ltd. Costings with Cllr Rowse who is preparing a traffic report.
- P11/93 – Recreation ground bins. James Lynch (BBC) will provide a second hand cover for the burnt bin. Clerk obtaining costings to replace lock on the second bin. Glasdons believe they can replace the lock – further response awaited.

P11/106 – Stagecoach's proposal to stop buses between Wootton and Cranfield. See separate agenda item below.

P11/107 – Letter from Amey re de-restricting a section of Fields Road. See separate agenda item below.

n/a – Overhanging trees in Wootton house. Pam Stephenson has taken a look and Philip Scott-Collins (Conservation officer BBC) will also visit and provide an update. Response awaited.

P11/114

a Planning Applications.

11/01771/LBC - Yew Tree cottage 67 Cause End Road - replacement front boundary wall and replacement render to house.

Having reviewed the application those present resolved there was **NO OBJECTION**.

11/01748/FUL - Yew Tree cottage 67 Cause End Road - replacement front boundary wall.

Having reviewed the application those present resolved there was **NO OBJECTION**.

b Planning Approvals.

- **11/01227/LBC - 21 Church Row - conservatory at rear.**

This council had previously recorded **no objection**.

- **11/01379/LBC - Deep Thatches 95 Keeley Lane - single storey rear extension (development already carried out).**

This council had previously recorded **no objection**.

- **11/01472/FUL - 34 Fields Road - single storey side extension.**

This council had previously recorded **no objection**.

- **11/01507/FUL - 18 Lorraine Road - single storey rear extension following demolition of existing garage.**

This council had previously recorded **no objection**.

c Planning Applications withdrawn.

11/01056/FUL - 32 Grovebury Court - single storey side/rear extension, loft conversion and alterations to boundary wall/fence.

- This council had previously recorded **an objection**.

P11/115

To consider representation of the council at the planning meeting of Bedford Borough council discussing the above applications.

Not applicable.

P11/116

To request above applications be considered by the full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough council.

Not applicable.

P11/117

To discuss Stagecoach's response with regard to the discontinuation of bus services from Wootton to Cranfield.

Cllr Wallace confirmed that numbers had been requested by the BRCC with regard to those affected. The matter continues and there is a meeting in November with Stagecoach which may bring further information.

Action - clerk to update issues log and await November's meeting.

P11/118 To receive an update from Cllr Quirk regarding the de-restriction of the 30mph zone in Fields Road from the village to the A421.

Cllr Quirk mentioned that an article had been prepared for inclusion in the next newsletter, detailing the above. The initial proposal had been for the 30mph limit to run to the roundabout near the A421. It is hoped that the new roundabout when added, will assist with reducing traffic speed.

P11/119 To discuss the two CLG consultations regarding Local Planning Regulations and National Planning Policy Framework.

The clerk confirmed that no responses had been received. It will remain for the BATPC to respond if they choose to do so.

P11/120 To discuss a request from a parishioner regarding the positioning of a dog litter bin.
After discussion it was agreed that this was not the best use of parish funds, particularly in light of the fact that the bin has been in place for a number of years.

Action - clerk to inform parishioner and BBC.

P11/121 To discuss a request received from a parishioner living next to Lorraine Road cemetery regarding a lime tree and dead elm tree.

Cllr Quirk stated that he had spoken with the cemetery contractor, who will trim all sucker growth on the lime tree and remove the dead pear tree (it is not an elm). It was agreed that that area was quite bare, and the clerk was instructed to inform Pamela Stephenson to replace the pear tree with another, and add more trees as she feels is appropriate.

Action - clerk to write to the parishioner and contact Pamela Stephenson.

P11/122 To receive a report from Cllr Quirk with regard to an invoice received from Bedford Borough council relating to street lighting.

Cllr Quirk confirmed that the matter remained outstanding. The BBC have, as yet, been unable to offer an explanation as to what the invoice relates to. A figure of £918 was paid previously by the parish council. Under the terms of this payment, the BBC were contracted to replace any lights which went out. Larger items would be quoted for, and to date nothing has been received.

P11/123 To receive a report from Cllr Quirk with regard to replacement lighting columns.

Cllr Quirk referred those present to his street lighting risk assessment which had previously been circulated. He confirmed that a sum of £10,000 was available in this year's precept. It had initially been earmarked for another Wootton area but Hall End Road was considered a higher priority. After discussion it was resolved that Cllr Quirk prepare a specification and invite 3 sealed tenders, to replace as many lights in Hall End Road as possible, for a total sum not exceeding £10,000. It was confirmed that this sum would also include energisation. Cllr Lloyd asked if the BBC would maintain the new lights and Cllr Quirk replied that they would be offered the opportunity to do so.

Action - Cllr Quirk to take forward.

P11/124 To discuss a report received from Bedford Borough council with regard to a proposed area wide HGV ban.

Initially, a total ban was proposed for Wootton, which was rejected. The 7 ½ ton prohibition will apply to Box End Road only.

P111/125 To discuss sourcing and purchase of a Christmas tree for display next to the Wootton village sign, as in previous years.

Cllr Quirk had spoken to the cemetery contractor who has kindly offered his services again this year. After discussion it was agreed to source the tree from the same venue as last year - Cllr Quirk will provide details to the clerk. It was expected that the tree be erected on Saturday 26th November, everything permitting, with the lights being switched on with a Carol service on Sunday 4th December at 4.30pm. The clerk was instructed to inform the schools, brownies and scouts (notices will also be displayed when the dates are confirmed), and after discussion it was agreed to ask the youngest child at the lower school if they would like to switch the lights on. If not available, someone else will be asked (to be determined). Clerk also to inform the police and see if they can be present on the 4th December to help with any traffic/pedestrian issues in the area during the Carol service.

Action - Cllr Quirk to provide supplier details to the clerk.. Clerk will then take matters forward.

Meeting closed at 7.38pm

Chairman.....