

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 9th November 2011 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

Present. Cllrs Quirk, Lloyd, Prescod and Wheeler. Cllrs Bland and Wallace were also in attendance and Cllrs Bennett and Hall arrived at 7.10pm.
The Clerk (Sue Playford).

P11/149 Apologies for absence.
Cllr Rowse.

P11/150 Declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.
None.

P11/151 Report from outside organisations.
None.

P11/152 List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk).
Milton Keynes Houses in Multiple Occupation - supplementary Planning Document.
The consultation documents can be viewed at: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/himo-consultation and the consultation period runs from Monday 24th October 2011 until 5pm Friday 13th January 2012.

There were no further observations.

*Proposed Temporary Road closures - High Street and Mill Street, Bedford. Length affected - **High Street** - from Dame Alice Street/ St Peters Street to St Pauls Square (North). Length affected - **Mill Street** - from Duke Street to High Street.*
The legal order will be made to cover a four day period and the closures for this event are anticipated to be in operation from 7pm Thursday 8th December 2011 to 8pm Sunday 11th December 2011, 24 hours a day.
Any observations are required as soon as possible.

There were no further observations.

Airspace Change Proposal 2012 - Cranfield Airport. Cranfield Airport wishes to introduce new instrument flight procedures to Runway 03 to improve the air traffic management at the airport. Sponsors are encouraged to submit their views.

Cllr Quirk informed those present that the parish council had been consulted as a matter of obligation and due process, and it was not related to traffic movement or blind landings. BBCllr Prescod provided a written statement from The Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP - which confirmed that Cranfield would be a co-ordinated airport for the Olympics. After discussion it was agreed that Wootton was not under the flight path and would therefore not be affected by the proposals - it was resolved the clerk would confirm this in writing.

Action - clerk to confirm as above.

Open Forum.

A resident attended the meeting to discuss a previous agenda item (P11/119 - 7th September 2011) regarding the positioning and potential moving of a dog bin at the top of her drive. Council had resolved at that time not to proceed further. Her concern was that she had to edge her car into the road to see past the dog bin when leaving her property. It was of little concern when the bin was first positioned, but Keeley Lane was now on the school run, with many cars driving at speed in this area. Her concerns were noted by all present. The resident was advised that as the matter had previously been discussed at council it could not be raised again for a period of 6 months, and the clerk was instructed to diarise for further discussion.

Action - clerk to diarise for further discussion.

P11/153 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 26th October 2011.

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

P11/154 Matters arising from the minutes to include issues log review.

P11/47 - Overgrown alleyway Lorraine Road/Hoo Close. A copy of resident's deeds have been seen and passed to BBC. Awaiting further updates.

P11/51 - Changes to s106 Fields Road - open meeting held 27.7.11. Resolved on 12th October that the clerk post one document to all councillors, inviting comments ahead of a meeting to be arranged with WVHLC. Meeting due on 2.11.11 and a provisional meeting has been arranged with BBC for the 16.11.11.

P11/87 (4) – CA Traffic Ltd. Costings with Cllr Rowse who is preparing a traffic report.

P11/93 – Recreation ground bins. BBC have provided a cover for the burnt bin. Glasdon's have provided a replacement lock. PDQ will attempt to change it.

P11/106 – Stagecoach's proposal to stop buses between Wootton and Cranfield. WPC have registered their complaints. A meeting is due in November after which more information may be known.

P11/121 – Trees in Lorraine Road cemetery. Caretaker will undertake works when the leaves have dropped. Dead pear tree has been removed and Pamela Stephenson has obtained a free replacement. Pamela will also source holly bushes for the sparse area. Awaiting a quotation from Rik Golder to plant this alongside 4 trees to replace the dead/dying trees in the extension.

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.

P11/123 – Replacement lighting columns – Hall End Road. See separate agenda item.

P11/125 – Christmas tree 2011 – clerk has contacted Jakins Christmas trees who have confirmed it is in hand.

n/a – Damaged railings at the Church Hall/cemetery. Clerk has instructed Koru Ironworks to proceed – awaiting a further response.

n/a – dead/fallen trees at the rec. See separate agenda item.

n/a – poor state of land at the Fields Road/Bedford Road noticeboard. Awaiting a response from Julian Dennis.

P11/155 a Planning Applications.
11/01559/MAF - Land at Fields Road - construction of a new 3-arm roundabout and associated infrastructure, including footpaths, cycleways, bridleway and amendments to existing drainage ditches and culvert (revised scheme)

Cllr Lloyd passed observation that the proposed roundabout is to be moved to the side (land being built on) and this slows traffic leaving the village. It has, however, created a chicane into the village, which is likely to appeal to speeding drivers. His thoughts were that the road should be angled to slow traffic down.

After much discussion which included possibly adding raised kerbing, a proposal was put forward by Cllr Wheeler that the application be accepted, with a proviso that a proper and effective speed calming measure be added. This was seconded by Cllr Prescod. All present voted in favour of the application with the exception of Cllr Lloyd.

Action - clerk to inform BBC planning department.

P11/156 To consider representation of the council at the planning meeting of Bedford Borough council discussing the above applications.
Not applicable.

P11/157 To request above applications be considered by the full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough council.
Not applicable.

P11/158 To resolve that under the terms of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) and Local Government Act 1972 s100 any members of the public or press present please leave, in order that the following item(s) may be discussed.
The one member of the public left at this stage.

P11/159 To discuss a quotation received from Steve Dear Tree Services with regard to remedial works required at the recreation ground.
After discussion it was agreed to accept the quotation.

P11/160 To discuss the quotations received from Allan Peacock, Amey and Forde & McHugh with regard to the replacement of 5 street lights along Hall End Road.
After discussion it was agreed to accept the quotation from Allan Peacock.

Meeting closed at 7.22pm

Chairman.....

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