

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 25th April 2012 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

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- Present.** Cllrs Wheeler, Chalmers and Price.
The Clerk (Sue Playford).
- In the absence of Cllr Quirk, Cllr Wheeler was duly elected chairman of the purposes of this meeting.
- P12/61 Apologies for absence.**
Cllrs Lloyd, Quirk and Rowse.
- P12/62 Declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.**
None.
- P12/63 Report from outside organisations.**
None.
- P12/64 List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk).**
Proposed temporary road closure - Broadmead Road, Stewartby. From Woburn Road, Wootton to Park Crescent, Stewartby for resurfacing work. The closure is anticipated to be in operation from Monday 21st May 2012 to Thursday 24th May 2012, between 0800hrs and 1800hrs - specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.
No further comments were received.
- Proposed temporary road and footway closure - Broadmead Road, Stewartby (Wootton Broadmead level crossing). From a point approx. 20 metres northwest of the level crossing to a point approx. 20 metres south-east of the level crossing. The closure is anticipated to be in operation from 2200hrs Saturday 9th June 2012 until 0300hrs Monday 11th June 2012 - specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.
No further comments were received.
- Proposed temporary road and footway closure - Green Lane, Stewartby (Level crossing). From a point approx. 20 metres east of the level crossing to a point approx. 20 metres west of the level crossing, for annual S&T inspections and on track machine maintenance. The closure is anticipated to be in operation from 2300hrs Saturday 14th July 2012 until 0430hrs Monday 16th July 2012 - specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.
No further comments were received.
- Open Forum - meeting to be adjourned.**
There were no members of the public present so the meeting continued without adjournment.
- P12/65 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 11th April 2012.
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- P12/66 Matters arising from the minutes to include issues log review.**

P11/47 - Overgrown alleyway Lorraine Road/Hoo Close. Keep on file until October.

P11/51 - Changes to s106 Fields Road - open meeting held 27.7.11. Plans were passed on 3rd January 2012.

P11/87 (4) – CA Traffic Ltd. Keep on file.

P11/121 – Trees in Lorraine Road cemetery. The lime tree has had it's suckers cut away from the fence but the clerk has received a further complaint from a local resident saying that it should be crowned every 2 years. Clerk has informed the resident that a tree survey has been undertaken, the report for which will determine whether further works are needed.

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. Pamela has heard nothing more and will chase again. Clerk advised that matters are now being left until the trees come into leaf.

P11/123 – Replacement lighting columns – Hall End Road. Signed agreements handed back to Allan Peacock Ltd on 21.2.12. Works commenced 7.3.12 – clerk chased 27.3.12 as items are outstanding.

n/a – poor state of land at the Fields Road/Bedford Road noticeboard. Works will take place in early March 2012. Works mostly finished – two plants still to be added.

Open forum – positioning of dog mess bin in Keeley Lane. Due for discussion again in March 2012. Request to move it to be put to the handy man when his appointment has been formalised.

n/a – tree inspection. Bob Morwood is preparing a report, expected in March 2012. Clerk to arrange aerial inspection of trees considered urgent works.

P11/174 – continued closure of Footpath No 1. The clerk has pushed again for the footpath to be reinstated as soon as possible, and whilst a response was received stating this would be resolved in the coming months, the clerk has now requested whether the proposed bridleway also mentioned, should have had plans submitted. Footpath is expected to be reinstated this month – no response to date re plans for the bridleway.

n/a – request to site a dog bin along the footpath behind Lorraine Road. Clerk received a response from BBC to say there was no call for a bin in that area, and that the residents should keep a diary of events to help with a further future request.

P12/56 – changes to Fields Road roundabout 11/01559/MAF. Clerk to establish who will be responsible for the drainage ditches being dug.

P12/58 - upgrading of lights at Tithe Barn Road. Amey requested to provide a project improve document.

P12/67

a Planning Applications.

12/00650/FUL - 75-77 Hall End Road - single storey front extensions and erection of detached garage with one bed annexe.

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

b Planning Approvals.

12/00214/FUL - 30 Summerfield Drive - single storey rear extension.

This council had previously recorded NO OBJECTION.

12/00254/FUL - 22 Wootton Green - erection of glazed porch to side elevation and rear conservatory.

This council had previously recorded NO OBJECTION.

P12/68 To consider representation of the council at the planning meeting of Bedford Borough council discussing the above applications.
Not applicable.

P12/69 To request above applications be considered by the full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough council.
Not applicable.

P12/70 To discuss a complaint received from a resident of Hall End Road with regard to the recent lighting refurbishment.
The clerk had received further complaints regarding light pollution, and was asked if shields could be added to the columns. The previous planning meeting recorded that requests for shields would be considered, in response to a statement made by a member of the public who spoke during open forum. The clerk had also received a request that lights be turned off after 11pm. Cllr Price stated this had been suggested in the past, and the police had objected on the grounds of traffic and crime issues. Cllr Hall asked if a set fee was paid in terms of electric used. After discussion it was agreed that the clerk would liaise with Cllr Quirk upon his return to establish answers to the above, and the best course of action.

Action - clerk to liaise with Cllr Quirk as above.

Parish Councils Act 1957 s3.

Meeting closed at 7.11pm

Chairman.....

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