

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 13th June 2012 at 7.05pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

- Present.** Cllrs Quirk, Chalmers, Doggrell, Price and Wheeler.
The Clerk (Sue Playford).
- P12/93 Apologies for absence.**
Cllr Lloyd.
- P12/94 Declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.**
Cllr Quirk declared a personal interest in agenda item P12/102.
- P12/95 Report from outside organisations.**
None.
- P12/96 List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk).**
Consultation on Main and Additional Modifications to the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy for Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire and Luton Borough Councils. Councils have made major modifications to the Visions, Objectives and Core Policies and additional modifications to the text of the original plan. The Strategy including main and additional modifications, the Sustainability Appraisal and supporting documents can be viewed at:
<http://www.bedford.gov.uk/environmentandplanning/planningtownandcountry/planningpolicy/mineralswaste.aspx>.
A further consultation will now run from 9am on the 4th June 2012 until 9am on the 16th July 2012. All comments to the clerk please.
No further comments were received.
- Proposed temporary road closure - Bedford Road, Wootton/Wootton Road, Kempston.
The closure is anticipated to be in operation from Monday 2nd July 2012 until Friday 6th July 2012 between 9am and 3.30pm - specific dates will be advertised nearer the time. Where possible access will be maintained to properties and premises but may be restricted from time to time according to local signing.
- The clerk reported that a further letter had been received which amended the extent of these closures. The roads affected were now Bedford Road, Wootton/Wootton Road, Kempston - from Keeley Lane, Wootton to Ridge Road, Kempston, and Wood End Lane, Home Road and Ridge Road Kempston - from Wootton Road, Kempston for approximately 50 metres into each road. Closures were expected to be in operation from Monday 2nd July 2012 to Friday 6th July 2012 between 9am and 3.30pm.
- Cllr Quirk raised concerns about the number of concurrent road closures planned for the village. After discussion it was agreed that the clerk write to voice these concerns and ensure that access will be available to residents affected during that period.**

Action - clerk to write as above.

Open Forum - meeting to be adjourned.

There were no members of the public present so the meeting continued without adjournment.

P12/97 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 30th May 2012.

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

P12/98 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. Letter sent to resident detailing that the suckers will be removed but that the tree is otherwise considered healthy.

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. Shields have now been fitted.

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. Clerk has provided a list of jobs to Andy which includes this item.

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

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 in May – clerk is hoping to meet with Allison and Phil Clifton to discuss the issue regarding plans. Meeting took place 16.5.12 – it is hoped the footpath will be re-opened 23.5.12. Footpath now open – move to close.

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.

P12/58 – upgrading of lights at Tithe Barn Road. Amey requested to provide a project improve document – still awaited. Cllr Quirk has delivered consultation letters to all residents of Tithe Barn Road, with a deadline of 21st June 2012.

n/a – poor surface of old A421 (now C94). Clerk emailed highways 26.4.12. Logged as 169373.

P12/92 - request to site litter bins at the Popes Way/Cause End Road junction and the top of Fields Road. Clerk is enquiring about a possible sponsorship deal before taking further.

P12/99

a Planning Applications.

12/00874/FUL - 20 Canons Close - conversion of garage to habitable room.

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

b Planning Approvals.

12/00436/AOC - 11/01502/EIA - Condition 20 mobility housing - phase 1 - land parcels A,B & C only - Hybrid application consisting of : (i) an outline application for 415 residential units with associated ancillary works and facilities including a retail local centre, a lower school, a community building, sport and recreational facilities, open space, associated infrastructure including means of access (all other matters reserved); and (ii) a full application for an access road, 195 residential units, a central parkland area with footpaths and play facilities and associated infrastructure. This application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

This council had previously recorded **AN OBJECTION**.

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

This council had previously recorded **NO OBJECTION**.

P12/100

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

Not applicable.

P12/101

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

Not applicable.

P12/102

To discuss the sale of Keeley Farm.

*Cllr Quirk declared a personal interest in this agenda item and so requested this item be deferred to the end of the agenda.

As the last item on the agenda, Cllr Quirk then left the room before discussions began, and this agenda item was chaired by the vice-chairman, Cllr Wheeler. Cllr Wheeler explained he had received an email from a resident concerned that the land was once more for sale, and earmarked as "strategic" and "suitable for residential development" by the land agents. A full and detailed response from Bedford Borough Council had been received and circulated to all members ahead of this meeting, and after discussion it was agreed by all present that this response be included in the next newsletter.

Action - clerk to ensure response is included in next newsletter.

P12/103

To discuss the clerks findings with regard to the footpath in Hall End Road.

The clerk was informed that remedial works to the footpath were not programmed for 2012/13 by Bedford Borough Council (BBC), despite the fact the parish council had requested priority. The clerk was aware of two people who had fallen in this area. After discussion Cllr Quirk proposed that the following course of action be taken:
A letter to Bedford Borough Council stating this was unacceptable with copies to Nadine Dorries MP and Alistair Burt MP, along with members of BBC and the Health & Safety executive.

Action - clerk to write as above.

P12/104 To receive a report from Cllr Quirk with regard to a petition requesting bollards be sited either end of Popes Way - a designated pedestrian zone.

Cllr Quirk presented the petition at the last planning meeting. Vehicles were gaining access to Popes Way via a dropped kerb in Lorraine Road, and the grass verge in Cause End Road. The clerk had received two quotations to erect bollards to date - a third was still awaited. Cllr Quirk proposed that the clerk choose the most suitable quotation when the third was received, this was seconded by Cllr Price and agreed by all.

LG Rating Act 1997 s30

Action - clerk to agree as above and advise Sally Wilson that matters are being taken forward.

P12/105 To discuss possible schemes to improve or create new footpaths or bridleways in the parish.

After discussion it was resolved that Cllr Price would investigate those footpaths or rights of way within the parish not yet designated as such, which could be. Cllr Price agreed to report back to the clerk with findings, for inclusion as a future agenda item.

Action - Cllr Price to take forward and report to the clerk as above.

P12/106 To discuss a questionnaire received from the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) with regard to Burial grounds in the parish.

After discussion it was resolved that this matter be left on file for the time being.

Action - clerk to leave on file.

P12/107 To put in place a process to examine all committee related insurance requirements.

Cllr Quirk confirmed he would draw up a list of all relevant assets relating to planning for inclusion and discussion on a future agenda.

Action - Cllr Quirk to prepare a list as above.

***Cllr Quirk then left the meeting at 7.35pm and agenda item P12/102 was discussed.**

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman.....

Date.....