

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 27th June 2012 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

- Present.** Cllrs Quirk, Chalmers, Price and Wheeler. Cllrs Bygraves and Wallace were also in attendance.
The Clerk (Sue Playford) and RFO (Sue Bolton).
- P12/108 Apologies for absence.**
Cllrs Doggrell and Lloyd.
- P12/109 Declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.**
None.
- P12/110 Report from outside organisations.**
None.
- P12/111 List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk).**
Bedford Local Development Framework - Allocations and Designations Plan - submission of Plan, May 2012.
No further comments were received.

Gypsy & Traveller Accommodation Assessment.
No further comments were received.

Consultation documentation received from Bedford Borough Council Planning department.
Cllr Quirk stated that the amount of paperwork generated warranted the Borough Council's actions, but it was resolved that the clerk respond, stating that hard copies of the plans were still required.

Action - clerk to respond to the Borough as above.

Bedfordshire & River Ivel Internal Drainage Board - Watercourse Maintenance Programme for 2012/13.
Concerns were raised that the new A421 and Fields Road changes were not reflected in the map. After discussion, it was resolved that the clerk respond to Bedfordshire & River Ivel Internal Drainage Board pointing this out.

Action - clerk to respond as above.

Carriageway resurfacing - Wootton Road, Kempston and Bedford Road, Wootton.
The clerk pointed out a further email had been received since the publication of this meeting's agenda, which had stated: *due to the results of trial holes indicating that some areas of the carriageway needed deeper treatment, it was now necessary to extend the duration of this closure by a further day. It was anticipated this would be in operation on Saturday 7th July.*
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.
- P12/112 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 13th June 2012.

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

P12/113 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. See separate agenda item.

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. Bin now moved. Move to close.

n/a – tree inspection. Further meeting due 21.6.12.

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. No responses received at the time of producing this agenda.

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 still enquiring about a possible sponsorship deal and has instructed BBC to proceed.

P12/96 – closure of roads in and around the village.

P12/102 – sale of Keeley Farm. Diarised to include in the next newsletter.

P12/103 – Hall End Road footpath. Clerk has written to Nadine Dorries/Alistair Burt MPs, Bedford Mayor and the Health & Safety executive (copies to BBCllr Prescod and Wootton Upper school) to request that the decision not to undertake repairs be reconsidered.

P12/104 – Popes Way – erection of bollards. Clerk awaiting 3rd quotation before proceeding further.

P12/105 – creation/improvement of footpaths and bridleways in the parish. Cllr Price is investigating further and will report back to the clerk in due course.

P12/107 - insurance review. Cllr Quirk is producing a list of all assets - for inclusion within a 6 month time scale as a further agenda item.

P12/114

a Planning Applications.

12/01036/FUL - 115 Bedford Road - erection of outbuilding in rear garden.

Having reviewed the application those present resolved there was **NO OBJECTION**, subject to the observations of neighbours bordering the property.

b Planning Approvals.

12/00671/FUL - 6 Keeley Farm Court - single storey rear extension.

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

12/00774/FUL - 26 Elmsdale Road - single storey rear extension.

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

P12/115

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

Not applicable.

P12/116

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

Not applicable.

P12/117

To receive an update from the clerk regarding a resident's concerns about a lime tree at Lorraine Road cemetery.

The resident had previously received correspondence stating that a tree inspection had been carried out on the lime tree, with recommendation that suckers be removed within a 6-12 month period. These were the only findings. Cllr Quirk confirmed that the suckers had already been removed, and also reported that he had been made aware by another resident that garden rubbish (non-tree related, and including bind-weed) had been thrown into the cemetery. After further discussion it was resolved that the clerk send a further letter reiterating the previous findings, that no further works to the detriment of the tree would take place, and that standard garden refuse should not be disposed of in such a manner. It was also resolved that a record of future correspondence be kept, by the clerk and all councillors.

Action - clerk to draft a letter and keep records as above.

Meeting closed at 7.23pm

Chairman.....
Date.....