

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 11th July 2012 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

Present. Cllrs Quirk, Doggrell, Lloyd, Price and Wheeler. Cllrs Bygraves, Cruse and Prescod were also in attendance.
The Clerk (Sue Playford). The RFO (Sue Bolton) arrived at 7.15pm.

P12/118 Apologies for absence.
Cllr Chalmers.

P12/119 Declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.
None.

P12/120 Report from outside organisations.
None.

P12/121 List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk).
Response from Bedford Borough Council regarding multiple road closures.
Response states:
As with all resurfacing road closures we do state that 'Where possible access will be maintained to property and premises but may be restricted from time to time...'. This is because there may be occasions when it is impossible to allow access and common sense should be used.

For example, there may be a slight delay getting to or from a property if a big planing machine is removing the road surface outside a row of properties at the time the machines don't move too fast when they are planing). Or, if a new road surface has just been laid and hasn't had time to go off (if vehicles run on it they may churn up the new surface).

If there is an emergency then every measure is taken to allow the vehicle through quickly, e.g. stopping the planing task and moving the machine out of the way, but obviously it is not practicable to keep stopping and starting, hence the slight delays that may be incurred.
No further comments received.

Open Forum - meeting to be adjourned.

There was one member of the public present (for full council) and so the meeting continued without adjournment.

P12/122 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 27th June 2012.
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

P12/123 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 its 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. Further letter to be sent.

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. Ongoing issue with the light outside 77a which does not illuminate – investigations ongoing.

Open forum – positioning of dog mess bin in Keeley Lane. Bin now moved. Move to close.

n/a – tree inspection. Further inspection has taken place – clerk awaiting a revised report.

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. Cllr Quirk has requested a specification.

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. Charles Wells responded saying they were unable to help – Clerk has approached Greene King.

P12/96 – closure of roads in and around the village. See under clerk's correspondence.

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. Alistair Burt MP has responded stating this is not within his constituency, however Nadine Dorries MP has also responded, saying she will take matters forward.

P12/104 – Popes Way – erection of bollards. All quotations now received - clerk has instructed accordingly.

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.

n/a – Footpath No 35 – issue with kissing gate and disabled access. The clerk has spoken with Allison Nelson – Rights of Way officer at BBC, who is investigating.

- P12/124 a Planning Applications.**
12/00827/TPO - 58 Cause End Road - 1 weeping willow - fell.
Having reviewed the application those present resolved there was **NO OBJECTION**.

Such other planning applications as received after the time of this writing.

- b Planning Approvals.**
12/00541/FUL - 18 Grovebury Court - loft conversion with roof extension and rear dormer. Alterations to front gable.
This council had previously recorded **NO OBJECTION**.

12/00888/FUL - 78 Bedford Road - erection of single detached garage to front.
This council had previously recorded **NO OBJECTION**.

- P12/125 To consider representation of the council at the planning meeting of Bedford Borough council discussing the above applications.**
Not applicable.

- P12/126 To request above applications be considered by the full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough council.**
Not applicable.

- P12/127 To discuss a request from a parishioner regarding saplings growing near a graveyard plot at Lorraine Road cemetery, and grass cutting nearby.**
Cllr Quirk explained that some 6 years ago a lime tree was felled in the area near the graveyard plot and that sucker growth was forming from below ground level. To poison them as had been requested, would kill not only those, but all other vegetation in the surrounding area for a number of years. Continued cutting of the suckers would eventually result in stopping re-growth, and it was noted that the parishioner should be thanked for efforts to date. After further discussion it was resolved that this information be passed back to the parishioner, and that the caretaker be asked to cut back in that area also to prevent strong regrowth. The parishioner had also expressed concerns about damage to ornaments and grass cuttings - it was agreed that little could be done with regard to grass cuttings, which would blow away and that ornaments placed on the plot should be away from grass cutting equipment.

Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9&10.

Action - Clerk to inform parishioner as above.

- P12/128 To resolve that under the terms of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) and Local Government Act 1972 ss100 & 102 any members of the public or press present please leave, in order that the following item(s) may be discussed.**

P12/129 **To receive a report from the clerk with regard to quotations for remedial works to the footpaths leading to the recreation ground from Tithe Barn Road.**
Cllr Quirk stated that the footpaths had not been adopted by the Borough Council when Tithe Barn Road estate was built and that there were now significant trip hazards.
After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Doggrell, seconded by Cllr Price and agreed by all present that the first quotation be accepted.
Highways Act 1980 ss 43&50.

Action - Clerk to take forward as above.

Meeting closed at 7.20 pm

Chairman.....

Date.....