

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 31st October 2012 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

- Present.** Cllrs Quirk, Chalmers, Doggrell, Lloyd and Wheeler.
The Clerk (Sue Playford), and the RFO (Sue Bolton).
- P12/169 Apologies for absence.**
Cllr Price.
- P12/170 Declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.**
None.
- P12/171 Report from outside organisations.**
None.
- P12/172 List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk).**
Letter from Bedford Borough Council - Commercial Refuse Collections are changing to Thursday.
No further comments received.
- Open Forum - meeting to be adjourned.**
No members of the public or press were present and so the meeting continued without adjournment.
- P12/173 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 10th October 2012.
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- P12/174 Matters arising from the minutes to include issues log review.**
P11/47 - Overgrown alleyway Lorraine Road/Hoo Close. Clerk has written to BBCllr Prescod, BBCllr Hill and the Mayor, pointing out that a Beds CC sign is clearly visible in a photograph, and requesting that remedial works be undertaken.

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.

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. The clerk was advised on the 18th October that the matter was now resolved and that an Elm tree would be felled. Move to close.

n/a – tree inspection. Clerk applied and was given the necessary planning permission with regard to those trees within the conservation area. Invitations to quote for the works can now be sent.

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. Quotation to be taken forward. Works are expected to start in 4-5 weeks time.

n/a – poor surface of old A421 (now C94). Clerk emailed highways 26.4.12. Logged as 169373. No further updates to date.

P12/103 – Hall End Road footpath. Programmed for repair 2012-13 – exact date yet to be confirmed.

P12/104 – Popes Way – erection of bollards. Works awaited – potential issue regarding cabling sited nearby – clerk awaiting a further update from the contractor.

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. Wall and fence at St. Mary's church should be insured by the parish council. Still ongoing.

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. Ongoing – as is the rotten sleeper at the bridge near footpath 37/39 and missing footpath sign.

P12/129 – Tithe Barn Road footpaths – trip hazards on both. Clerk has instructed repairs to proceed. No further updates to date.

P12/140 – Grass cutting within the village. Discussed 8th August – further update awaited. Clerk and Cllr Quirk are meeting with Bedford Borough Council on the 3rd October 2012 to discuss in greater detail. Additional meeting to discuss Amenity land is due to be held on the 24th October.

P12/142 – Pond near Keeley Lane. Clerk has established the land is registered to Ideal Homes and has written, asking that they either undertake remedial works, or investigate the possibility of transferring the land to the parish council for a nominal fee.

P12/155 – area of land at Studley Road. Clerk has enquired of Cowlgrove (the registered owners) if they would consider transferring ownership to the parish council for a nominal fee, to allow for future maintenance of the area. Clerk has requested that BBCllr Prescod liaise with a BBC Solicitor to obtain further advice.

P12/175 a Planning Applications.
None.

b Planning Approvals.
12/01581/FUL - 90 Tithe Barn Road - erection of conservatory to rear.
This council had previously recorded **NO OBJECTION**.

*** 12/01749/NMA - 40 Folkes Road - 11/01502/EIA - amendment to house type (plot 122) to add a conservatory.**
This council had previously recorded **AN OBJECTION** to 11/01502/EIA.

12/01832/TCA - St Mary's churchyard and extension - various tree works.

This council made the request ahead of inviting quotations to undertake the works.

* Cllr Quirk queried why no planning application had been presented to the parish council. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Wheeler, seconded by Cllr Doggrell and agreed by all present that the clerk write to the Borough Council's planning department to ask why this was.

Action - Clerk to write to planning as above.

- P12/176 To consider representation of the council at the planning meeting of Bedford Borough council discussing the above applications.**
Not applicable.
- P12/177 To request above applications be considered by the full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough council.**
Not applicable.
- P12/178 To receive a report from the clerk regarding damage to a litter bin outside the Upper school on Hall End Road.**
Cllr Quirk reported that the bin was once again on it's side. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Wheeler, seconded by Cllr Lloyd and agreed by all present that the bin be replaced with a metal one.
Litter Act 1983 s56.

Action - Clerk to take forward as above.

Meeting closed at 7.07pm

Chairman.....

Date.....