

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 30th January 2013 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

- Present.** Cllrs Quirk, Chalmers, Doggrell, Lloyd, Price and Wheeler.
The Clerk (Sue Playford). Cllrs Dillistone and Wallace were also in attendance.
- P13/11 Apologies for absence.**
None.
- P13/12 Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests.**
None.
- P13/13 Report from outside organisations.**
Representatives from the Brogborough Wind Energy Project were unable to attend the meeting, but confirmed they would attend the next planning meeting on the 13th February. The Clerk had received newsletters and exhibition panels and these were distributed to all present.
- P13/14 List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk).**
Emergency Temporary Road Closure - Cause End Road. 9th-11th January - information only.
No further comments were received.

Emergency Temporary Road Closure - Cause End Road. 14th-16th January - information only.
No further comments were received.

J Dennis garden and property maintenance. Confirmation of one year extension to the grounds maintenance contract at St Mary's and Lorraine Road cemeteries.
No further comments were received.

Central Bedfordshire Council has published three Local Plan documents for comment as follows:
- The Development Strategy for Central Bedfordshire (Pre-Submission version) - comments required by 25th February 2013.
 - The Community Infrastructure Levy (draft Charging Schedule) - comments required by 25th February 2013.
 - Central Bedfordshire Council Draft Guidance Note 1: Wind Energy Development - comments required by 11th February 2013.
- No further comments were received.**

Bedford Borough Council has published its Housing Strategy for 2012-17.
No further comments were received.

Bedford Borough Council Allocations and Designations Plan. The Government has now laid an Order in Parliament to revoke the East of England Regional Strategy. The Order came into force on 3rd January 2013. All representations are required by 1st February 2013.
No further comments were received.

Open Forum - meeting to be adjourned.

No members of the public or press were present and so the meeting continued without adjournment.

P13/15 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 9th January 2013.

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

P13/16 Matters arising from the minutes to include Issues log review.

P11/47 - Overgrown alleyway Lorraine Road/Hoo Close. Clerk has written to Mr Wiles to request permission to burn scrub on his land – before contacting Borough to request remedial works to the footpath and fencing. No response to date.

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

n/a – tree inspection. Works to start w/c 11th February.

n/a – request to site a dog bin along the footpath behind Lorraine Road. Clerk spoke to the resident on 15.12.12 – still ongoing.

P12/58 – upgrading of lights at Tithe Barn Road. Columns are on order – expected January 2013.

P12/103 – Hall End Road footpath. Works are ongoing.

P12/104 – Popes Way – erection of bollards. Works not yet started – Clerk has chased again.

P12/107 – insurance review. Clerk has received an updated insurance premium but has requested a breakdown as the increase is significant.

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

P12/140 – Grass cutting within the village. Contractors have agreed to a years extension. Review is ongoing.

P12/142 – Pond near Keeley Lane. A proposal is being considered by Persimmon Homes that they repair the fencing, make good the area and transfer ownership to the parish council for a nominal sum, with a commuted sum for future maintenance. See separate agenda item.

P12/155 – area of land at Studley Road and other areas of land not owned by the parish council. Agreed at planning on 28th November that privately owned areas will not be maintained by the parish council. Move to close.

**P13/17 a Planning Applications.
None.**

**b Planning Approvals.
None.**

c Planning Applications withdrawn.

12/02118/FUL - 99 Bedford Road - erection of additional dwelling and garage and replacement garage to serve existing dwelling.

This council had previously recorded an objection.

P13/18 To request above applications be considered by the full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough council.

Not applicable.

P13/19 To consider representation of the council at the planning meeting of Bedford Borough council discussing the above applications.

Not applicable.

P13/20 To formally resolve to enter into negotiations with Persimmon regarding the transfer of Keeley Lane Pond to the parish council.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Price, seconded by Cllr Lloyd and resolved by all present that the parish council would seek to take ownership of Keeley Lane Pond, subject to the following caveats:

- Remedial works to the fencing be completed by Persimmon before transfer of ownership.
- Persimmon pay the parish council's legal costs.
- A commuted sum of no less than £10,000 be requested for future maintenance.

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 s106

Action - Clerk to inform Persimmon as above.

Cllr Price recommended that the parish council appoint a solicitor for future use, and Cllr Quirk agreed to draft an article for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter.

Action - Cllr Quirk to take forward as above.

All members present were also asked to consider names for the pond.

Action - all members to consider names as above.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Chairman.....

Date.....