

WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 13th February 2013 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

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- Present.** Cllrs Quirk, Chalmers, Doggrell, Lloyd, Price and Wheeler.
The Clerk (Sue Playford). BBCllr Prescod was also in attendance, as was one member of the public.
- P13/21 Apologies for absence.**
None.
- P13/22 Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests.**
Cllr Quirk declared an interest in P13/23.
- P13/23 Report from outside organisations.**
Stuart Markham and Mike Abbot - representatives from the Brogborough Wind Energy Project attended the meeting and gave a short presentation. Consultations were currently under way. It was hoped their full planning application for 8 wind turbines would be submitted by March, to be situated on the outside of the waste site. Power would be exported to the local grid.
BBCllr Prescod enquired about feedback received to date and was told that noise and visual impact were the main concerns. He requested sight of the wildlife survey. He then asked if the Covanta proposal would have any impact, and was told that was an entirely separate issue. Cllr Lloyd asked if the blades were a standard design. Cllr Wheeler mentioned the noise factor and was told a mechanical noise was audible when in close proximity. Cllr Quirk then thanked Stuart and Mike for attending and it was noted the Planning committee would await a possible detailed planning application for consideration, although in this instance the planning authority was Central Bedfordshire Council, and the nearest parish council was Cranfield.
- P13/24 List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk).**
Temporary Road Closure - Woburn Road, Wootton (Northbound Lay-by). To enable directional drilling under a brickwork culvert. Length affected - full length of the northbound lay-by from approximately 225 metres north of Broadmead Road, Stewartby to approximately 370 metres north of Broadmead Road, Stewartby. The closure is anticipated to be in operation from 1600 hrs Friday 8th March 2013 until 1700 hrs Sunday 10th March 2013 - specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.
No further comments were received.

Riverside North - have your say. The planning application for the Riverside North development has been received and validated by Bedford Borough Council and is open for consultation. Further details can be obtained at:
www.bedford.gov.uk/riversidenorth. Consultation closes at 5pm on 27th February 2013.
No further comments were received.
- Open Forum - meeting to be adjourned.**
A member of the public raised serious concerns regarding parking issues outside the Lower School and elsewhere along Bedford Road. It was noted this would also be discussed under P13/30. Existing yellow lines outside the Lower School were almost impossible to see, and he requested additional restrictions on parking in this area, for safety's sake. BBCllr Prescod confirmed the Borough Council were to add yellow lines

before the end of March, along with No Parking signs. The member of the public then left the meeting.

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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 January 2013.

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

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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 – Clerk has chased again.

P11/87 (4) – CA Traffic Ltd. Speedwatch made a presentation regarding use of a SID (Speed Indication Device) – move to close.

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. No further update received.

P12/103 – Hall End Road footpath. Works completed January 2013 – move to close.

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 (extra £571.03). Breakdown in part has been received – Clerk to obtain quotations from other insurers.

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. The parish council has requested remedial works to the fencing before transfer of ownership, a commuted sum of £10,000 for future maintenance and that legal fees be covered by Persimmon. Further response awaited.

P13/27

a Planning Applications.

None.

b Planning Approvals.

None.

c Planning Applications withdrawn.

None.

P13/28 To request above applications be considered by the full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough council.
Not applicable.

P13/29 To consider representation of the council at the planning meeting of Bedford Borough council discussing the above applications.
Not applicable.

P13/30 To highlight concerns raised over parking issues in and around the village, and resolve how best to bring this to the attention of Bedford Borough Council.
Cllr Wheeler began by highlighting concerns over parking - in particular at the Memorial Hall, Lower School and Upper school. The Clerk had received concerns regarding Cause End Road near the Methodist Church, and BBCllr Prescod mentioned Church Road also. Cllr Wheeler highlighted No Parking on Kerb signs along Ridge Road, leading into Wootton from Kempston Rural. These indicated that it was an offence to park on the kerb in Kempston Rural, but not Wootton. The general feeling was a lack of concern by motorists, most of whom were parishioners. Cllr Bennett stated that Highways could add signage and add Wootton to their CCTV van route, if representation was made. Cllr Wheeler mentioned that he and the Clerk were meeting with Andy Prigmore (Highways) on 1st March.
After further discussion it was noted that the parish council had deep concerns about parking in and around the village. Cllr Quirk suggested that all areas of concern be given to the Clerk, who would collate this information and bring it to the next Planning committee meeting on the 27th February.

Highways Act 1980 s43.

Action - All members to forward their written concerns to the Clerk by the 20th February.

Action - Clerk to collate this information and include as an agenda item for the 27th February.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Chairman.....

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