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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 24th April 2013 at 7.05pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

Present. Cllrs Quirk, Chalmers, Doggrell, Lloyd, Price and Wheeler.
The Clerk (Sue Playford).

P13/76 Apologies for absence.
None.

P13/77 Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests.
None.

P13/78 Report from outside organisations.
None.

P13/79 List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk).
None.

Open Forum - meeting to be adjourned.

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

P13/80 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 April 2013.
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

P13/81 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. Mr Wiles is not authorised to burn scrub so had to turn down the parish council's request. He expressed concerns about debris being left behind that could be harmful to cattle, but will keep checking the field and will report back again to the Clerk.

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. Works are complete – invoice with Clerk. Outstanding issue regarding the energising of these lights – Allan Peacocks and the Clerk are investigating.

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. Clerk met with Came & Co 11.3.13 – schedules are being prepared for comparison.

P12/140 – Grass cutting within the village. See separate agenda item.

P12/142 – Pond near Keeley Lane. Clerk has been informed that WPC's existing public liability cover will be sufficient for this area of land. Clerk to instruct legal proceedings.

P13/30 – Parking issues in and around the village. Funding to erect "No Parking on Verges" signs will be considered as part of the precept for 2014-15. The Clerk is awaiting proposals from the Borough Council with regard to double yellow lines at various locations within the village.

P13/40 – Poor state of roads and footpaths within the village. See separate agenda item.

P13/82 a Planning Applications.
13/00572/FUL - 62 Hall End Road - single storey rear extension.
Having reviewed the application those present resolved there was **NO OBJECTION.**
Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

b Planning Approvals.
13/00261/TPO - 22 Payne Road - ash tree - fell.
This council had previously recorded **NO OBJECTION.**

13/00262/TPO - 22 Payne Road - ash - reduce crown by 70%.
This council had previously recorded **NO OBJECTION.**
Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

c Planning Applications withdrawn.
None.
Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

P13/83 To request above applications be considered by the full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough council.
Not applicable.

P13/84 To consider representation of the council at the planning meeting of Bedford Borough council discussing the above applications.
Not applicable.

P13/85 To consider a further response to Bedford Borough Highways department, with regard to the parish council's request for a planned programme of works to all footpaths and roads in the village.
It was proposed by Cllr Wheeler, seconded by Cllr Chalmers and resolved by all present to send a further response to Bedford Borough Highways department.
Highways Act 1980 s43.

Action - Clerk to send response as above.

P13/86 To receive a report from Cllr Quirk with regard to grass cutting arrangements.
Cllr Quirk reiterated what had previously been agreed in terms of grass cutting. He

confirmed he was working on a revised tender which would detail the areas for which the parish council had responsibility, either through ownership or moral obligation (for example, the war memorial). This would also be used to highlight discrepancies within Bedford Borough Council 's maps and records.

Highways Act 1980 s96.

Action - to remain on file until draft tender received.

P13/87 To resolve to proceed with the transfer of ownership of Lorraine Road green (currently registered to Bedford Borough Council) and to receive an update from the Clerk.

It had been hoped initially that a freehold transfer could be undertaken, however the Borough Council's Transfer of Community Assets Policy stated that transfers were leasehold (99 years) only. A question was raised as to whether the parish council would be allowed to erect bollards to prevent unauthorised vehicular access. It was proposed by Cllr Price, seconded by Cllr Chalmers and resolved by all present that the Clerk continue to take the matter forward, asking the question above re bollards and also establishing if a 999 year lease might be a better option.

LGA 1972 s124.

Action - Clerk to continue as above.

Meeting closed at 7.20pm

Chairman.....

Date.....