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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 12th June 2013 at 8pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

Open Forum.

One member of the public was present who wished to discuss the grass land at Studley Road, at the rear of his property. The Clerk informed him that the grass area was due for a one-off cut, and that she was liaising with the liquidators of the company who own that area, in the hope that ownership can be transferred to the Parish Council, for a nominal fee.

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

P13/110 Apologies for absence.
None.

P13/111 Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests.
None.

P13/112 Report from outside organisations.
None.

P13/113 List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk).
Proposed temporary road closures - Ampthill Road, Kempston/Ampthill Road, Elstow & Polo Field Way, Kempston. Carriageway improvement works.
Length affected - Ampthill Road, Kempston/Ampthill Road, Elstow (B530) - from the A5141 to Brickwork cottages.
Length affected - Polo Field Way, Kempston - from the roundabout adjoining the Interchange Retail Park to the roundabout adjoining Ampthill Road, Kempston/Ampthill Road, Elstow.
Date - Closures are anticipated to be in operation overnight between 2200hrs and 0600hrs from Monday 17th June to the morning of Thursday 20th June 2013, and overnight between 2200hrs and 0600hrs from Monday 22nd July to the morning of Tuesday 23rd July 2013. Specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.

No further comments were received.

Draft Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document additional consultation.

Wootton Parish Council were previously consulted on this in early 2013 (P13/04).

Since that consultation further information has become available which has necessitated changes to the draft.

No further comments were received.

P13/114 Minutes of the previous meeting.

Members of the Planning committee are asked to receive and adopt the minutes of the planning committee meeting held on the 29th May 2013.

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

P13/115 Matters arising from the minutes to include Issues log review - for information only.

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.

P12/140 – Grass cutting within the village. Cllr Quirk is drafting a tender proposal – to remain on file.

P12/142 – Pond near Keeley Lane. Clerk has instructed legal proceedings and is completing the relevant paperwork. A Client Care letter, along with relevant documentation was posted to DFA Law on 15th May 2013.

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. Clerk is to establish with Highways whether the lines in Mepham Road might be lengthened without causing any delay to the consultation.

P13/40 – Poor state of roads and footpaths within the village. A further response has been sent to the Highways department following their recent response. No response received to date.

P13/87 – Transfer of ownership of Lorraine Road Green. The Clerk has asked the questions (term of lease and erection of bollards) of Bedford Borough Council, and is awaiting a response.

P13/102 – Bedfordshire & River Ivel Drainage Board proposals. The Clerk is writing to request the ditch past the Doctor's surgery in Fields Road, down to, and including the drain which crosses Berry Wood is given priority, as these works have been proposed for the last 3 years without action. A request for an up-to-date map to include the new A421, Fields Road roundabout and development and proposed canal route will also be made.

P13/109 – Studley Road grass area. The Clerk has received information advice that the land could potentially be transferred to the Parish Council for a nominal sum, however the receivers have yet to receive all files. The Clerk will be writing to them, informing them of the Parish Councils intention to undertake a one-off grass cut, without prejudice, pending the outcome of other investigations.

P13/116 a Planning Applications.

13/01008/FUL - 41 Mepham Road - single storey front extension and canopy.

It was proposed by Cllr Chalmers, seconded by Cllr Price and resolved by all present that having reviewed the application there was **NO OBJECTION**.

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

b Planning Approvals.

None.

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

c Planning Applications withdrawn.
None.

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

P13/117 To request above applications be considered by the full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough council.
Not applicable.

P13/118 To consider representation of the council at the planning meeting of Bedford Borough council discussing the above applications.
Not applicable.

P13/119 To receive a report from the Clerk and Cllr Quirk with regard to the registration of land known as Popes Way green, and to resolve how best to advise the Land Registry as to how the Parish Council came to be responsible for this land.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Price, seconded by Cllr Lloyd and resolved by all present that the Land Registry be informed the Parish Council took possession of this area when Popes Way was developed, having controlled and maintained it since then. Cllr Quirk agreed to contact a resident of Popes Way to obtain a copy of her title deeds, which would enable an accurate date to be obtained.

LGA 1972 s124.

Action - The Clerk and Cllr Quirk to take forward as above.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman.....

Date.....