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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 26th June 2013 at 7.05pm
in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

Open Forum.

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

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

P13/120 Apologies for absence.
Cllrs Doggrell and Wheeler.

P13/121 Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests.
None.

P13/122 Report from outside organisations.
None.

P13/123 List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk).
Consultation on Draft Revised Local List of Validation Requirements for Minerals & Waste Applications within Bedford Borough.
No further comments were received.

Consultation on Draft Open Space Supplementary Planning Document.
No further comments were received.

P13/124 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 12th June 2013.
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

P13/125 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. Clerk wrote again 14.6.13.

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 Mephram Road might be lengthened without causing any delay to the consultation. See separate agenda item.

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. A 99 year lease is the most they will agree to as anything in excess of that is considered to be freehold. The Clerk is awaiting a further update regarding the bollards.

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.

P13/126 a Planning Applications.

13/01129/FUL - 36 Elmsdale Road - single storey front extension.

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

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

b Planning Approvals.

13/00141/FUL - 113 Keeley Lane - erection of one new agricultural building and extension to existing agricultural building.

This council had previously recorded **NO OBJECTION**.

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c Planning Applications withdrawn.

None.

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

P13/127 To request above applications be considered by the full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough council.

Not applicable.

P13/128 To consider representation of the council at the planning meeting of Bedford Borough council discussing the above applications.

Not applicable.

- P13/129** **To receive an update from Bedford Borough Council Highways Department, following the consultation with regard to the implementation of double yellow lines at various sites within the village, and to resolve how to proceed with regard to the findings for Squires Road/Bedford Road and Mepham Road.**
After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Price, seconded by Cllr Lloyd and resolved by all present that Option 3 for both sites be implemented (implement the restriction as advertised, monitor the effects for a given period and start a new consultation in the future for additional yellow lines).2

Highways Act 1980 s43.

Action - Clerk to advise BBC Highways Department as above.

- P13/130** **To receive the Income & Expenditure report by Cost Centre, for 2013-14 to date.**
The reports were circulated ahead of the meeting. Cllr Price raised a question about earmarked reserves which the Clerk answered, and no further comments were received.

LGA 1972 s111.

Meeting closed at 7.20pm

Chairman.....

Date.....