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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 11th September 2013 at 7pm 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, Doggrell, Lloyd and Wheeler. Cllr Hall was also in attendance. The Clerk (Sue Playford).

P13/173 Apologies for absence.

Cllr Price. All members present were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs Price.

P13/174 Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests.

None.

P13/175 Report from outside organisations.

None.

P13/176 List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the clerk).

Proposed Temporary Road closure - Green Lane, Stewartby - to facilitate major bridge strengthening work. From Brickworks Lane extending south-eastwards for approx. 150 metres. The closure is anticipated to be in operation 24 hours a day from Monday 28th October 2013 until Monday 9th December 2013.

Please note: Due to the nature of the work it will NOT be possible for emergency service vehicles to go through this closure.

No further comments were received.

P13/177 Minutes of the previous meeting.

Members of the Planning Committee were asked to receive and adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 28th August 2013.

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

P13/178 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 is in the process of completing the relevant paperwork (including signatures) before returning to DFA Law.

P13/40 - Poor state of roads and footpaths within the village. Clerk has now requested a village walk about - arranged for 11th September.

P13/87 - Transfer of ownership of Lorraine Road Green. The Clerk was awaiting audited accounts (now received) before completing the necessary Borough Council paperwork.

P13/102 - Bedfordshire & River Ivel Drainage Board proposals. Meeting arranged with IDBS and Cllrs Doggrell and Wheeler and the Clerk for 18.9.13.

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.

P13/179 a Planning Applications.

None.

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.

P13/180 To request above applications be considered by the full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough council.

Not applicable.

P13/181 To consider representation of the council at the planning meeting of Bedford Borough council discussing the above applications.

Not applicable.

P13/182 To define cemetery regulations relating to the placing of tributes by the Memorial Walls at Lorraine Road cemetery, and to consider providing local Funeral Directors with a copy of the same.

Cllr Quirk detailed the reasoning behind the need to define regulations, and brought to the meeting a not-to-scale plan containing bullet point proposals. During discussion it was recognised that minor amendments were needed, and it was proposed by Cllr Doggrell, seconded by Cllr Chalmers and resolved by all present, that Cllr Quirk make the necessary amendments before passing to the Clerk, who would display and distribute them accordingly.

Open Spaces Act 1906 ss 9&10.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Chairman.....

Date.....