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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 8th January 2014 at 7.03pm in the Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

Open Forum	There were no members of the public or press present, and so the meeting continued without adjournment.			Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) and Local Government Act 1972 s100.
Present	Cllrs Quirk, Chalmers, Lloyd, Price and Wheeler. In Attendance: Sue Playford (Clerk).			
Absent	None.			
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Resolution	Action	Power
P14/01	Apologies for absence. Cllr Doggrell.			Local Government Act 1972 Sch12 p40.
P14/02	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. None.			Local Government Act 1972 s117.
P14/03	To appoint Cllr Willison as a member of the Planning Committee.	Cllr Willison was appointed a member of the Planning Committee. Proposed: Cllr Price Seconded: Cllr Chalmers. Resolved by all present.		
P14/04	Report from outside organisations. None.			
P14/05	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk). Proposed Temporary Road closure – Stewartby Way, Stewartby – to facilitate a railway bridge examination. From a point approximately 20 metres southeast of the railway bridge to a point approximately 20 metres northwest of the railway bridge. The closure is anticipated to be in	No further comments received.		

	operation on Sunday 26 th January 2014 between 8am and 4pm – specific dates will be advertised nearer the time. Please note that the weight restriction along Manor Road, Kempston Hardwick will be revoked for this duration to aid traffic management.			
P14/06	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 11 th December 2013.	Minutes were received and adopted. Proposed: - Cllr Price Seconded: - Cllr Lloyd. Resolved by all present.		Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12 p 41.
P14/07	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. Clerk met with Amey and Highways on 11th September and they will write to Mr Wiles and consider works to the hedgerow and fencing. It is understood the recent sale of this land has fallen through. • P12/140 – Grass cutting within the village. Maps are now complete and tenders are being invited for both the grass cutting and cemeteries maintenance contracts. • P12/142 – Pond near Keeley Lane. See separate agenda item. • P13/40 – Poor state of roads and footpaths within the village. Borough will consider major works to Bedford Road, and have listed proposals for the footpaths leading to Tithe Barn Road from Church Road, Squires Road and Russell Way. Clerk has since requested they look at Elmsdale Road, and the footpath by the post office on Bedford Road. Amey have responded regarding the Bedford Road footpath to say they believe no remedial works are required at this stage, but that they will continue to monitor. A resident has contacted the Clerk to say he also did a walk about with members from the Highways Department – Cllr Doggrell will be liaising with him to ensure a uniform approach (the resident has been told to expect remedial works before the end of February 2014). • P13/87 – Transfer of ownership of Lorraine Road Green. Completed paperwork has been returned to Bedford Borough Council. Clerk has received an acknowledgement from Linda Stevens. • P13/102 – Bedfordshire & River Ivel Drainage Board proposals. Meeting arranged with IDBS and Cllrs Doggrell and Wheeler and the Clerk for 18th September. John Oldfield agreed Fields Road would be given priority and it was hoped works would be done by the end of the year. Works were completed in December 2013. Move to			

	close. • P13/109 – Studley Road grass area. It was resolved at Planning on 11th December to leave this on file pending the outcome of the proposed development behind Studley Road. • P13/203 – Railings and Screening at the Memorial Walls, Lorraine Road cemetery. Resolved at Planning on 27th November to replace the railings and plant hedging to the front. The resident has been informed and the Clerk is waiting on a start date. • P13/213 – Village Hall car park entrance. See separate agenda item.			
P14/08	a) Planning Applications. 13/02371/FUL – 32 Payne Road – single storey front extension and single storey side and front extension to replace existing conservatory (Please note this is an amended description – when checking online plans). b) Planning Approvals. 13/02197/FUL – 115 Bedford Road – formation of three first floor windows in south (side) elevation, one first floor window in north (side) elevation, one second floor window in rear elevation and three roof lights to front elevation. The council had previously recorded AN objection. 13/02213/FUL – 99 Bedford Road – erection of new dwelling with detached single garage and replacement single garage to serve existing dwelling. The council had previously recorded AN objection. 13/01214/FUL – The Black Horse, 7 Potters Cross – demolition of public house and construction of three dwelling houses with associated parking and external works. The council had previously recorded NO objection. c) Planning Applications withdrawn. None. d) Planning Refusals. None.	Proposed: - Cllr Wheeler. Seconded: - Cllr Chalmers. Resolved by all present – no objections.		Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.
P14/09	To request above applications be considered by the full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough council.	Not applicable.		Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.
P14/10	To consider representation of the Council at the Planning meeting of Bedford Borough council discussing the above applications.	Not applicable.		Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

P14/11	To receive a report from the Clerk with regard to the transfer of the pond near Keeley Lane.	The Clerk confirmed she was in receipt of the Title Absolute which confirmed the pond was registered to Wootton Parish Council. Following an article placed in December 2013's newsletter, she had also received a written request that the pond be known as Keeley End Pond. After discussion it was resolved that the area would be maintained but kept as natural as possible, with the edge of the pond/grass clearly defined. It was also resolved to place a deep water warning sign and life belt in the area, and the Clerk agreed to make enquiries and consult again with members with regard to wording and costings. Proposed: Cllr Chalmers. Seconded: Cllr Lloyd. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to obtain example wording and costings, and acknowledge the request regarding the proposed name.	Open Spaces Act 1906 s10.
P14/12	To resolve that under the terms of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) and Local Government Act 1972 s100 any members of the public or press present please leave, in order that the following item(s) may be discussed.			Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) and Local Government Act 1972 s100.
P14/13	To resolve to proceed with the completion of remedial works to the village hall car park entrance.	Resolved to proceed with the completion of remedial works. Proposed: Cllr Wheeler. Seconded: Cllr Price. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to inform the contractor and determine a start date.	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s57.

Meeting Closed at 7.25pm.

Chairman.....

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