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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 7pm 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, Doggrell, Lloyd, Price, Wheeler and Willison. In Attendance: Sue Playford (Clerk).			
Absent	None.			
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Resolution	Action	Power
P14/24	Apologies for absence. None.			Local Government Act 1972 Sch12 p40.
P14/25	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. None.			Local Government Act 1972 s117.
P14/26	Report from outside organisations. None.			
P14/27	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk). Great Denham Neighbourhood Area – Bedford Borough Council has designated Great Denham Neighbourhood Area as the whole civil parish. Further information and a copy of the Council’s decision statements, including maps of the Neighbourhood Areas can be viewed on the Council’s website at: www.bedford.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning and at the Customer Service Centre, 2 Horne Lane, Bedford.	No further comments received.		
P14/28	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 29 th January 2014.	Minutes were received and adopted. Proposed: - Cllr Chalmers. Seconded: - Cllr Willison.		Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12 p 41.

		Resolved by all present.		
P14/29	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 land may have recently sold once more. • 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). Several pot holes have now also been reported and the Clerk has been informed Amey intend to visit the village 17.1.14. No further updates received – the resident has recently requested an update from Highways. • 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 and chased again 16.1.14. No further update received. • 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. Works complete. Move to close. • P13/213 – Village Hall car park entrance. See separate agenda item.			
P14/30	a) Planning Applications.			Town & Country Planning

	None. b) Planning Approvals. None. c) Planning Applications withdrawn. None. d) Planning Refusals. None.			Act 1990 & subsequent.
P14/31	To request above applications be considered by the full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough council.	Not applicable.		Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.
P14/32	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.
P14/33	To consider a response to Bedford Borough Council regarding a consultation on the Issues and Options for the Bedford Borough Local Plan 2032.	Cllr Chalmers opened discussion by mentioning the numbers who had attended the Hub, the majority of who had commented on the lack of development proposed for North Bedfordshire. Cllr Price had asked those present from Borough to what degree would peoples' views be taken into consideration, as the Fields Road development had been strongly objected to in the past, to no avail. Cllr Doggrell was dismayed to see Wootton again as a possible future consideration. Cllr Willison had also attended the Hub, and asked if the existing developments had been caused by the new A421, as was the case elsewhere within the county. Cllr Quirk detailed the original Allocations & Designations Plan from 1987 which had detailed Berry Farm (owned by Bedford Borough Council) as potential development. They had been directed by Central Government to put	Clerk to draft a response report for review by Cllr Quirk, and signature by Cllr Lloyd.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

		that area forward, and in spite of strong objections and the creation of WAVE (Wootton Against Village Expansion) the development was now ongoing. It was hoped that North Bedfordshire and the area towards Cambridge be considered ahead of areas already seeing heavy development. After further discussion it was resolved that the following recommendations should be put forward, in report style as opposed to questionnaire format: • No further housing developments within Wootton. • The field next to Lorraine Road cemetery be earmarked as an additional burial ground. • Land adjacent to the Wootton Vale Healthy Living Centre be earmarked for additional parking and potential dental surgery. • Creation of additional cycle paths within existing open fields. • The retention of non-park (wild) green areas to encourage wildlife. • The retention of open farmland within the village, accessible to the public. • Adoption of permissive footpaths as official footpaths. • Additional leisure facilities. Proposed: Cllr Doggrell. Seconded: Cllr Price. Resolved by all present.		
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P14/34	To receive a report from the Clerk with regard to signage and life belt for Keeley End pond.	The report was circulated ahead of the meeting and it was resolved to accept the lowest quotations for both the sign and life belt. Proposed: Cllr Price. Seconded: Cllr Quirk. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Open Spaces Act 1906 s10.
P14/35	To consider a response from Bedford Harriers with regard to residents' concerns over their half-marathon event in December 2013.	Members felt whilst parking was an issue, Bedford Harriers were taking all reasonable steps to ensure safety for all. The event was appreciated by the majority of parishioners who watched, and its importance/standing was recognised also. Members had no wish to disrupt the event, and it was resolved the Clerk respond along those lines, with a request that they continue to discourage inconsiderate parking within the village. Proposed: Cllr Quirk. Seconded: Cllr Price. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to respond.	Local Government Rating Act 1997.
P14/36	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.
P14/37	To resolve to proceed with the completion of remedial works to the village hall car park entrance.	Cllr Quirk detailed the proposed revision, explaining that a new soak away was required as Anglian Water had not given permission to use their foul water drain. It was resolved to proceed. Proposed: Cllr Doggrell. Seconded: Cllr Lloyd. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to inform contractor.	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s57.
P14/38	To resolve that the contract above (P14/37) be extended to include remedial works to the	Cllr Quirk detailed the reasoning behind	Clerk to inform	Local Government (Misc

	guttering on the changing rooms.	this request, whilst deliberating P14/37. It was recognised that rain water from the broken guttering was contributing to the village hall car park entrance issue. It was resolved to proceed. Proposed: Cllr Doggrell. Seconded: Cllr Lloyd. Resolved by all present.	contractor.	Provisions) Act 1976 s19.
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