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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning & Environment Committee** meeting held on Wednesday 12th December 2018 at 7pm in The Memorial Hall, Bedford Road, Wootton.

Agenda no	Agenda item title			Power
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(1).
Present	Cllrs Quirk (in the chair), Hensher, Lloyd, Martin and Noakes. Cllr Wheeler was in attendance. Cllr Wheeler is also the Borough Councillor for Wootton. In Attendance: Sue Playford (Clerk).			
Absent (no apologies received)	None.			
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Resolution	Action	Power
P18/264	Apologies for absence. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
P18/265	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. No disclosures made.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
P18/266	To consider any dispensation requests received by the Clerk in relation to local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests, not previously recorded. No requests received.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s33.
P18/267	Report from outside organisations – for information only.	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.

	Bedford Borough Council. Proposed temporary road closure – Stewartby Way/Green Lane, Stewartby. To facilitate the extension of the carriageway to link with a new access road. The closure is anticipated to be in operation 24 hours a day from Monday 7th January 2019 to Sunday 17th February 2019 inclusive – specific dates will be advertised locally closer to the time.			
P18/268	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk). None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
P18/269	Minutes of the previous meeting. Members of the Planning & Environment Committee were asked to receive and adopt the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on the 28 th November 2018.	Resolved to receive and adopt. Proposed: Cllr Noakes. Seconded: Cllr Hensher. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Part VI, p41 (1).
P18/270	Matters arising from the minutes – for information only. - P18/167 – Parking problems/yellow lines proposals. The clerk is currently investigating why some works approved by the parish council remain outstanding and met with a Borough Council Traffic Engineer (June 2018) to revisit issues. Awaiting written confirmation of the same from Bedford Borough Council. Resolved 11th June 2018 (P18/167) to ensure restrictions proposed for Hall End (opposite the Chequers Inn PH) were completed in full. - P18/128 – Popes Way. Resolved 13th July 2016 (P16/175) that the Clerk continue to try and register the area in the name of Wootton Parish Council (WPC). To date the Clerk has been unable to provide sufficient information to the Land Registry – adverse possession may be considered. Resolved 30th May 2018 (P18/128) the Clerk continue to try and register, using adverse possession if necessary. - P18/111 – Damaged/missing brick wall at St. Mary's churchyard. Resolved 27th September 2017 (P17/222) to appoint a structural engineer to inspect the wall and advise on what remedial works are necessary. Following that report, resolved 31st January 2018 to immediately extend the existing temporary picket fence and place signage in the area, warning	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.

	of the wall's unstable nature, pending remedial works. A response from Historic England has now been received which recommended rebuilding the wall using reclaimed bricks on a like-for-like basis. Resolved 9th May 2018 (P18/111) to request Historic England consider different works. ▪ P18/154 – Transfer of parish council-owned street lights to Bedford Borough Council. Resolved 27th June 2018 (P18/154) to continue with the transfer and request Bedford Borough Council carry out structural examinations to all columns. Clerk has been told the Borough Council are dealing with this, but they have several other parishes to deal with too and timescales are not yet known. ▪ P18/183 – Works to St. Mary's cemetery extension hedgerow. Resolved 8th August 2018 (P18/183) that the height be reduced to improve visibility along the Church Road/Cause End Road junction. FA Bartlett Tree Experts have submitted a quote which has been forwarded to Bedford Borough Council, who will oversee and finance the proposed works. Clerk continues to chase for an update. ▪ P18/198 – Wootton Village entrance sign Wootton/Bedford Road. Resolved 29th August 2018 (P18/198) to brush/wash the brickwork along with the face stone and pick out the lettering in black. Those works have now been completed and the Clerk is obtaining quotations to install a raised flower bed in front of the sign. ▪ P18/262 – Plot Reservation issue at Lorraine Road cemetery. An issue has occurred resulting in a reserved plot being too small to utilise. Resolved 28th November 2018 (P18/262) to allow the next of kin time to consider two possibilities which could resolve the issue.			
P18/271	To receive and approve the Income & Expenditure report for all Planning & Environment cost centres and Earmarked Reserves report for all cost centres for 2018-19, to date and to resolve a suitable course of action.	Resolved to receive and approve both reports without further comment. Proposed: Cllr Quirk. Seconded: Cllr Hensher. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England 2018.

	18/03021/FUL – 10 Folkes Road. Loft conversion with front dormers. 18/03030/FUL – 16 Ashpole Avenue. One and two storey rear extension. b) Planning Approvals (by Bedford Borough Council) – for information only. None. c) Planning Applications withdrawn (notified by Bedford Borough Council) – for information only. None. d) Planning Refusals (by Bedford Borough Council) – for information only. None. e) Planning (other – including Bedford Borough Council and the Secretary of State) – for information only. 18/01673/FUL – 14 Folkes Road. Single storey rear/side extension and garden wall. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State under Section 78 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990. This council previously raised AN OBJECTION.	Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present. Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Quirk. Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present. Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Quirk. Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present. No further comments received.		
P18/273	To request above application(s) be considered by the Full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough Council.	Not applicable.	N/A.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

P18/274	To consider representation of the Council at the Full Planning Committee meeting of Bedford Borough Council discussing the above application(s).	Not applicable.	N/A.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.
P18/275	To receive a report from Cllr Quirk regarding the Risk Assessments for St. Mary's Churchyard and St. Mary's Churchyard extension and to resolve a suitable course of action.	Cllr Quirk detailed the Risk Assessments to all present. After discussion it was resolved to accept the Risk Assessments without amendment and to take forward all recommended works. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Cllr Quirk in order to take the relevant works forward, which could be authorised using her delegated spend powers. Proposed: Cllr Quirk. Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present.	Cllr Quirk and the Clerk to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm.