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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Planning & Environment Committee** held on Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 7pm at
Wootton Community Centre, Harris Way, Wootton, MK43 9FZ

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), Bygraves, Lloyd, Martin and Noakes. Cllrs O'Dell and Randell were in attendance. Sue Edgar Playford (Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer) was in attendance.			
Absent (no apologies received)	None.			
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Resolution	Action	Power
P19/166	Apologies for absence. Cllr Hensher.	Noted for the minutes	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
P19/167	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. No disclosures made.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
P19/168	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.
P19/169	Report from outside organisations – for information only.	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.

	- Bedford Borough Council – Odell Neighbourhood Area. Bedford Borough Council has designated Odell Neighbourhood Area which is the whole civil parish. Further information and a copy of the Council's decision statement, including a map of the Neighbourhood Area can be viewed on the Council's website at: www.bedford.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning and at the Customer Service Centre, Horne Lane, Bedford. As a result of the designation, Odell Parish Council will be able to proceed to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan/Order. - Bedford Borough Council. Temporary road closure – Bedford Road, Wootton. The closure is anticipated to be in operation between 08.00 and 18.00 Monday 21st October to Wednesday 13th November 2019, to facilitate carriageway resurfacing and a safety scheme. For further information please contact Bedford Borough Council's Help Desk on 01234 718003.			
P19/170	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk). None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
P19/171	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 11 th September 2019.	Resolved to receive and adopt. Proposed: Cllr Noakes. Seconded: Cllr Quirk. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Part VI, p41 (1).
P19/172	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. Cllr O'Dell and BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler met with a representative from Bedford Borough Council on 30th July 2019 to push this forward.	No further comments received.	N/A.	N/A.

	▪ P19/059 – Damaged/listing 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 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, however Historic England have since replied stating they wish to defer to Bedford Borough Council as local planning/conservation authority for further guidance. Resolved 10th April 2019 (FC19/059) to source accompany/individual qualified to assist with the works. Cllr Quirk and the clerk met with a potential contractor on 31st July 2019 and a survey report has been received. Other potential contractors are being chased up. ▪ P18/154 – Transfer of parish council-owned streetlights 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. The clerk and BBCllr/Cllr Wheeler continue to chase. ▪ P19/139 – 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			
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	allow the next of kin time to consider two possibilities which could resolve the issue. The clerk has written again to the next of kin. ▪ P19/137 – Improved entrance signage at Lorraine Road cemetery. Resolved 30th January 2019 (P19/012) that suggestions for signage (including materials, location and costings) be submitted to the Clerk ahead of further discussions by this committee. Resolved 10th April 2019 (FC19/060) to obtain quotations for a sign similar to that at the cemetery entrance at Barton-le-Clay and the clerk is currently obtaining planning permission. ▪ P19/141 – Remedial works to a cracked pavement within Lorraine Road cemetery. One quotation has been ruled out and the clerk is seeking further information from a second contractor. ▪ P19/138 – Directional sign from Cause End Road for Lorraine Road cemetery. The clerk has submitted a request to Bedford Borough Council for signage and is awaiting costings. ▪ P19/165 – Improvement works to The Pound (area opposite the Cock Inn PH on Bedford Road). Resolved 28th August 2019 (P19/165) to appoint Warner's of Bedford Ltd to regenerate the area. Start times are awaited.			
P19/173	To receive and approve the Income & Expenditure report for all Planning & Environment cost centres and Earmarked Reserves report for all cost centres for 2019-20, to date and to resolve a suitable course of action.	Resolved to receive and approve both reports without further comment. Proposed: Cllr Bygraves. Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England 2019.
P19/174	a) Planning Applications – for resolution. 19/01857/ADV – Land South of Fields Road. Installation of six internally illuminated fascia signs. 19/01889/S73A – 59 Lorraine Road. Single storey extension to existing workshop to form home office and single storey	Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Bygraves. Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present. Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Bygraves.	Clerk to take forward.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

	link extension to main dwelling (development already carried out). 19/01892/FUL – 1 Stables Court. Single storey side extension and part garage conversion. 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. None.	Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present. Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Bygraves. Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present.		
P19/175	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.
P19/176	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.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm.