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Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the **Planning & Environment Committee** held via Zoom on Wednesday 24th June 2020 at 7pm.

Agenda no	Agenda item title			Power
Open Forum	There were no members of the public or press present via Zoom and so the meeting continued without adjournment.			Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(1).
Present	Cllrs Quirk (in the chair), Bygraves, Hensher, Lloyd, Noakes and Randell. In attendance: Sue Edgar Playford (Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer).			
Absent (no apologies received)	None.			
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Resolution	Action	Power
P20/130	Apologies for absence. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
P20/131	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
P20/132	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.
P20/133	Report from outside organisations – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

P20/134	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk) – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
P20/135	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 10 th June 2020.	Resolved to receive and adopt. Proposed: Cllr Noakes. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present. (To be signed in person by the Chairman when Coronavirus (Covid-19) restrictions have been lifted).	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Part VI, p41 (1).
P20/136	Matters arising from the minutes – for information only. ▪ 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 continue to be chased. The clerk and Cllrs Lloyd and Quirk were due to meet Q1 2020 to determine a tender process but this has been placed on hold due to ongoing Coronavirus (Covid-19) restrictions. ▪ 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	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.

	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. The clerk continues to chase. ▪ 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. ▪ P20/061 – 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 has applied for a planning pre-application. Clerk is now sourcing suitable contractors to quote for the works. This has been placed on hold due to ongoing Coronavirus (Covid-19) restrictions. ▪ P19/202 – Remedial works to a cracked pavement within Lorraine Road cemetery. Resolved 30th October 2019 (P19/202) to appoint Driveway Rejuvenation Ltd to undertake all remedial works. The clerk has been informed remedial works will take place in Spring 2020 as winter weather will have an adverse effect on the finish and longevity. This has been placed on hold due to ongoing Coronavirus (Covid-19) restrictions. The clerk has chased for timescales. ▪ P20/013 – War Memorial works and removal of adjacent conifers. FA Bartlett Tree Experts Ltd have been appointed to remove the conifers and carry out remedial works to the adjoining hedgerow and ash tree (the latter is growing into a highways street lighting column). The conifers have now been			
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	removed and Memorial Makeovers will complete the War Memorial works. This clerk has chased for timescales.			
P20/137	To receive and approve the Income & Expenditure report for all Planning & Environment cost centres and Earmarked Reserves report for all cost centres for 2020-21, to date and to resolve a suitable course of action.	It was noted the reports would follow when 2019/20 year end accounts had been completed and closed down.	N/A.	Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England 2020.
P20/138	a) Planning Applications – for resolution. 20/01148/FUL – 94 Bedford Road. Two storey rear extension. 20/01173/FUL – 15 Halegate. Single storey rear extension. b) Planning Approvals (by Bedford Borough Council) – for information only. 20/00739/FUL – Wootton Upper School and Arts College, Hall End Road – erection of a new entrance canopy to the front elevation of the school. This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. 20/01075/TCA – The Vicarage, Church Road – T1 - T5, Ash on fence line - remove. T6 - Hornbeam, dying - remove. T7 - Dead tree, remove. T8 - Hazel, crown lift to achieve 3.5m clearance. T9 - 2 x Elder, remove. T10 - Elder, crown lift to 2.0m. T11 - Sycamore, remove. T12 – 2 x Elder, remove. T13 - Sycamore , remove. G1 - Hazel and Ash hedge line, cut back to boundary remove any dead or dying. G2 - G3 - Hazel, crown lift to 2.0m and thin out coppice stools by 30%. This council was not previously consulted on this application.	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.	Clerk to take forward.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

	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.			
P20/139	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.
P20/140	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 7.10pm.