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Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee** meeting held on Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 7.02pm 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, Hensher, Lloyd, Noakes and Randell. In attendance: Cllr Wheeler. Cllr Wheeler is also the Borough Councillor for Wootton. In attendance: Sue Edgar Playford (Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer).			
Absent (no apologies received)	Cllr Watson.			
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Resolution	Action	Power
P22/015	Apologies for absence. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
P22/016	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
P22/017	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.

P22/018	Report from outside organisations – for information only. - Bedford Borough Council. The following Neighbourhood Development Plan has been made (adopted) within Bedford Borough: - Harrold Neighbourhood Development Plan. The plan was made by Council's Executive on 5th January 2022 and will now form part of the development plan, meaning its policies will be used alongside other adopted local plan policies in the determination of planning applications within Harrold parish. Copies of the made Neighbourhood Development Plan and all information relating to the plan are available to view here.	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.
P22/019	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk) – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
P22/020	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 12 th January 2022.	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).
P22/021	Matters arising from the minutes – for information only. P21/262 – 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. The clerk provided Bedford Borough Council with latest risk assessments and inspection reports on 24th June 2020. Bedford Borough Council has since requested further testing which cannot be undertaken due to the style of columns and it was resolved 28th October 2020 (FC20/228) that Bedford Borough Council take on the columns if further testing is required. The further testing issue has now been resolved and the clerk is currently awaiting the relevant paperwork, confirming bar one minor issue, all is in order.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

	Resolved 31st March 2021 (P21/082) to accept that paperwork and again request Bedford Borough Council take on the ownership/maintenance of the streetlights. The clerk has now been informed Bedford Borough Council will draft a scheme plan, costings and payback period for consideration and continues to chase for an update. Resolved 10th November 2021 (P21/262) to have Bedford Borough Council upgrade all parish council-owned streetlights to non-heritage style, on the understanding Bedford Borough Council would then adopt the same, at no additional expense to the parish council. • P21/249 – Open Design Competition, Berryfields/Fields Road roundabout. Resolved 27th January 2021 (P21/028) to place an article in March's Wootton newsletter inviting designs and/or proposals for the roundabout from residents and/or local schools. Resolved 11th August 2021 (P21/183) to have all submissions professionally designed to ensure a level playing field ahead of a public vote. The clerk and Cllr Lloyd have met with a resident who will produce designs for the public vote. Resolved 27th October 2021 (P21/249) to include five of the designs in December 2021's Wootton newsletter for a public vote. The results of the public vote will feature at the meeting scheduled for 9th February 2022.			
P22/022	To receive and approve the Income & Expenditure report for all Planning & Environment cost centres and Earmarked Reserves report for all cost centres for 2021-22, 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 Randell. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance for Smaller Authorities in England 2021.
P22/023	a) Planning Applications – for resolution. 21/03179/FUL – Land Opposite 26 Littlebrook Lane. Change of use of landscaped amenity land for the installation of a new turning head.	Resolved NO OBJECTION but to make the following observation: • Any works should take into consideration the current height of the adjacent pavement. Proposed: Cllr Noakes. Seconded: Cllr Randell.	Clerk to keep on file.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

	22/00010/FUL – 72 Hall End Road. First floor side extension above garage. 22/00026/FUL – 9B Halegate. Single storey rear extension. b) Planning Approvals (by Bedford Borough Council) – for information only. 21/02960/FUL – 3 Foster Way. Single storey front and rear extension. This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. 21/02986/FUL – 17 Duncombe Drive. Single storey rear extension. This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. c) Planning Applications withdrawn (notified by Bedford Borough Council) – for information only. None. d) Planning Refusals (by Bedford Borough Council) – for information only. 21/02987/FUL – 32 Elmsdale Road. Single storey front extension, two storey side extension and internal alterations to existing dwelling (revised scheme). This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. e) Planning (other – including Bedford Borough Council and the Secretary of State) – for information only. None.	Resolved by all present. Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Noakes. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present. Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Noakes. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present. No further comments received. No further comments received.		
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P22/024	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.
P22/025	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.
P22/026	To consider a new Street Trading Consent application (outside Bedford Town Centre) for Attila Nemeth T/A Really Awesome Coffee Bedford and to resolve a suitable course of action.	Resolved to accept the new street trading consent without further comment. Proposed: Cllr Noakes. Seconded: Cllr Lloyd. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Stakeholder Consultation.
P22/027	To consider a new Street Trading Consent application (outside Bedford Town Centre) for Antonio Pompa T/A EatGelato and to resolve a suitable course of action.	Resolved to accept the new street trading consent without further comment. Proposed: Cllr Noakes. Seconded: Cllr Lloyd. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Stakeholder Consultation.

Meeting closed at 7.13pm.