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Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee** meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2022 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. The chairman moved agenda item P22/070 be heard after agenda item P22/062 and this was resolved by all present.			Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(1).
Present	Cllrs Quirk, (in the chair), Hensher, Lloyd, Noakes and Randell. 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
P22/057	Apologies for absence. Cllr Bygraves.	Noted for the minutes.	Clerk to take forward.	Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
P22/058	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
P22/059	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.
P22/060	Report from outside organisations – for information only.	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.

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	- Bedford Borough Council. Changes to Commercial Waste Collection Service. To view this information please contact the Clerk to the Council. - Bedford Borough Council. An update in relation to Bedford Borough Council's consultation on its Planning Process. For fuller information click here.			
P22/061	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk) – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
P22/062	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 23 rd February 2022.	Resolved to receive and adopt. Proposed: Cllr Lloyd. Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Part VI, p41 (1).
P22/063	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. 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	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

	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. • P22/039 – 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 winning design 'C – Beacon with Flowers' was confirmed on 9th February 2022 and a request has now been made to Bedford Borough Council (as local highways authority) for permission to take this project forward.			
P22/064	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 Randell. Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance for Smaller Authorities in England 2021.
P22/065	a) Planning Applications – for resolution. 22/00360/TPO – 20 Cause End Road. T1 Ash – Crown reduce by 1.5-2 metres. 22/00401/FUL – 16a Cause End Road. Porch extension and remodelling of elevations.	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.	Clerk to keep on file.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

	22/00444/TPO – 5 The Willows. Willow – re-pollard back to previous points at approximately 5 metres from ground level. 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. 21/02803/FUL – 7 Johnson Avenue. Relocation of 1.8m high boundary fence. This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. e) Planning (other – including Bedford Borough Council and the Secretary of State). 21/00359/FUL – 62 Folkes Road. Relocation of fence and erection of electric gates. An appeal against Bedford Borough Council's OBJECTION to this proposal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate. Any comments should be made directly to the Planning Inspectorate.	Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Quirk. Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present. No further comments received. No further comments received.		
P22/066	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.
P22/067	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.
P22/068	To consider changes to Lorraine Road cemetery's fees structure and to resolve a suitable course of action.	Resolved the fees remain unchanged until further notice. Proposed: Cllr Noakes. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.

P22/069	To resolve under the terms of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(2) that any members of the public or press present please leave, in order to discuss the following item(s).	There were no members of the public or press present.	N/A.	Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(2).
P22/070	To receive completed tender application(s) in respect of the Cemeteries Grass Cutting and Grounds Maintenance/Jubilee Gardens (including Village Hall frontage) Maintenance contract and to resolve to appoint a contractor for the period 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2027.	Resolved to appoint J Dennis Garden Property and Maintenance without further comment. Proposed: Cllr Quirk. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 1, s1-8.

Meeting closed at 7.10pm.