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Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee** meeting held on Wednesday 8th June 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.			Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s1(1).
Present	Cllrs Quirk (in the chair until the election of Cllr O'Dell as Chairman), Bygraves, Hensher, Lloyd, Noakes and Randell. In attendance: Cllr O'Dell (until appointed a member of the Planning & Environment Committee). Also 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
P22/136	To appoint Cllr O'Dell as a member of the Planning & Environment Committee.	Resolved Cllr O'Dell be appointed a member of the Planning & Environment Committee. Proposed: Cllr Quirk. Seconded: Cllr Bygraves. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Standing Orders.
P22/137	To elect a Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee. Cllr O'Dell has expressed an interest in this appointment.	A nomination was received on the evening in favour of Cllr O'Dell. Resolved	Clerk to take forward.	Local Government Act 1972, Part 1, s15 (1).

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		Cllr O'Dell be appointed Chairman for the ensuing municipal year. Proposed: Cllr Quirk. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present. Cllr O'Dell proposed a vote of thanks for the years of service undertaken by Cllr Quirk as Chairman of this committee.		
P22/138	To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee. Cllr Noakes has expressed an interest in this appointment.	A nomination was received on the evening in favour of Cllr Noakes. Resolved Cllr Noakes be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing municipal year. Proposed: Cllr Quirk. Seconded: Cllr Bygraves. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Local Government Act 1972, Part 1, s15 (6).
P22/139	Apologies for absence. Cllr Watson.	Noted for the minutes.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
P22/140	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
P22/141	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.
P22/142	Report from outside organisations – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
P22/143	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk) – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
P22/144	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 25th May 2022.	Resolved to receive and adopt. Proposed: Cllr Noakes. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Part VI, p41 (1).
P22/145	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)	No further comments received.	N/A.	N/A.

	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 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. Upgrade works should be completed by the end of May 2022, however Bedford Borough Council has stated (9th March 2022) two columns (one at Hall End and one at Potters Cross) are situated on private land (unadopted road) and cannot be upgraded/adopted. This is currently being investigated.			
P22/146	To receive and approve the Income & Expenditure report for all Planning & Environment cost centres and Earmarked Reserves report for all cost centres for 2022-23, to date and to resolve a suitable course of action.	Neither report was available due to ongoing works to close the year end accounts for 2021-22.	N/A.	Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance for Smaller Authorities in England 2022.
P22/147	a) Planning Applications – for resolution. 22/01217/FUL – 5 Ellis Close. Single storey rear extension.	Resolved NO OBJECTION .	Clerk to keep on file.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

	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). None.	Proposed: Cllr Bygraves. Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present.		
P22/148	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.
P22/149	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 7.11pm.