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Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee** meeting held on Wednesday 29th 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 O'Dell (in the chair), Bygraves, Lloyd, Noakes and Quirk. 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
P22/150	Apologies for absence. Cllrs Hensher and Randell.	Noted for the minutes.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
P22/151	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
P22/152	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.
P22/153	Report from outside organisations – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

P22/154	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk) – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
P22/155	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 8 th June 2022.	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).
P22/156	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 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	No further comments received.	N/A.	N/A.

	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. • P22/132 – Condition of noticeboard at Lorraine Road cemetery. Resolved 25th May 2022 (P22/132) to remove the noticeboard. The cemeteries caretaker has confirmed they will remove and suitably dispose the noticeboard at no additional cost to the council. • P22/133 – Condition of Royal British Legion Bench at Lorraine Road cemetery. Resolved 25th May 2022 (P22/133) to replace the bench with a recycled plastic bench (keeping the plaque) and request the cemeteries caretaker to keep all benches free of bird droppings. The cemeteries caretaker has confirmed they will use a battery operated jet wash to keep all benches clean and will invoice the council on an ad-hoc basis.			
P22/157	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.	Resolved to receive and approve both reports without further comment. Proposed: Cllr Quirk. Seconded: Cllr Bygraves. Resolved by all present.	N/A.	Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance for Smaller Authorities in England 2022.
P22/158	a) Planning Applications – for resolution. 22/01293/FUL – 13 Butland Way. Single storey rear extension. 22/01413/FUL – 16 Lunniss Way. Single storey side and rear extension. 22/01444/FUL – 59 Tithe Barn Road. Single storey side and rear extension.	Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Quirk. Seconded: Cllr Bygraves. Resolved by all present. Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Quirk. Seconded: Cllr Bygraves. Resolved by all present. Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Noakes. Seconded: Cllr Quirk. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

	CB/18/01969/OUT – Land between Brogborough, Lidlington and Marston Moreteyne. Outline application – development for up to 5,000 new homes specialist residential accommodation, up to 30ha of employment land, retail, community, open spaces, leisure and sports uses, hotel uses, four lower schools, two middle schools, one upper school, woodland planting, waterbodies and waterway links, ecological areas, accesses, cycle and pedestrian routes, supporting infrastructure, ground remodelling, landscaping and demolition works. Please note this application is outside the parish of Wootton, but the parish council has been notified as an adjoining parish. b) Planning Approvals (by Bedford Borough Council) – for information only. 20/01842/OUT – Condition 10 – Mobility Housing (Discharge of conditions). 18 and land at 16 Bedford Road. This council previously raised AN OBJECTION*.	Resolved TO OBJECT using the following material considerations: • The proposal would increase traffic along both the A421 and C94 (old A421) – both of which were already at capacity. Were the proposal approved, new parallel roads should be included. It was noted vehicles travelling daily to the Covanta facility would further exacerbate the issue, as would development proposals at Kempston Hardwick and Gibraltar Corner. • The proposal was close to Wootton and without the necessary infrastructure (including but not limited to schools, doctors surgery, dental practice), further pressure would be placed on Wootton and surrounding facilities – which are already stretched. It was recognised a doctors surgery and dental practice were businesses, however their early delivery should be secured via a s106 agreement with appropriate triggers. Proposed: Cllr Bygraves. Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present. *Cllr O'Dell confirmed he had raised a query regarding this discharge of conditions – namely that an existing bungalow was being demolished and should be replaced with a new bungalow (to accord with Wootton's Neighbourhood Development Plan). The clerk had passed this query to BBCllr/Cllr		
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	22/00675/FUL – 8 Tysoe Close. Loft conversion with cladded rear dormer and front rooflights. 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. None. e) Planning (other – including Bedford Borough Council and the Secretary of State). None.	Wheeler and agreed to chase for an update and keep this matter on the agenda under matters arising (for information only). No further comments received.		
P22/159	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.
P22/160	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.