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Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee** meeting held on Wednesday 12th October 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, Hensher, Lloyd and Randell. In attendance: Sue Edgar Playford (Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer).			
Absent (no apologies received)	Cllr Quirk.			
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Resolution	Action	Power
P22/215	Apologies for absence. Cllr Noakes.	Noted for the minutes.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
P22/216	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. Cllr Bygraves declared a local interest in agenda item P22/223 (he knew the applicant in relation to planning application 22/02082/FUL) and did not take part in voting.	Noted for the minutes.	Clerk to keep on file.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
P22/217	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.

P22/218	Report from outside organisations – for information only. - Bedford Borough Council. Temporary road closure for Cranfield Road to enable carriageway re-surfacing (outside nos 7-22). The closure is anticipated to be in operation from 27th October to 4th November 2022 between 09.00 and 15.30. Please click here for fuller information including the extend of closure and alternative routes. - Bedford Borough Council. Odell Neighbourhood Development Plan has been adopted in Bedford Borough. The plan was made by an Executive Decision on 12th September 2022 and will now form part of Bedford Borough Council's development plan, meaning the policies will be used alongside other adopted local plan policies when determining planning applications within Odell parish.	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.
P22/219	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk) – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
P22/220	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 28 th September 2022.	Resolved to receive and adopt. Proposed: Cllr Randell. Seconded: Cllr Bygraves. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Part VI, p41 (1).
P22/221	Matters arising from the minutes – for information only. P21/262 + P22/214 – 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	No further comments received.	N/A.	N/A.

	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 *. Upgrade works were completed week commencing 12th September 2022. Resolved 28th September 2022 (P22/214) not to undertake any further maintenance works to the one silver-style column at Hall End. The clerk is awaiting further information from Bedford Borough Council regarding the final transfer. • P22/133 + P22/172 – 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. Further resolved 13th July 2022 (P22/172) in light of further significant information received, to replace the bench with a metal commemorative-style bench. The metal bench is now in situ and fixed to the new concrete base. The old wooden bench has yet to be removed.			
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P22/222	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 Bygraves. Seconded: Cllr Hensher. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance for Smaller Authorities in England 2022.
P22/223	a) Planning Applications – for resolution. 22/02082/FUL – 60 and 62 Hall End Road. First floor rear extension of 62 Hall End Road and two storey rear extension to 60 Hall End Road. 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.	Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Randell. Seconded: Cllr Hensher. Resolved by majority vote as Cllr Bygraves did not take part in voting.	Clerk to keep on file.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.
P22/224	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.
P22/225	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 7.08pm.