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Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee** meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 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, Noakes and Randell.			
Absent (no apologies received)	Cllr Quirk.			
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Resolution	Action	Power
P22/242	Apologies for absence. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
P22/243	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
P22/244	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.
P22/245	Report from outside organisations – for information only.			

	- National Highways. New noise barriers alongside the A421 at Marston Moreteyne, Lower Shelton and Wootton. Existing barriers that have come to the end of their serviceable life are being replaced. Works will be carried out between Monday 31st October 2022 and August 2023 between the hours of 8pm and 6am, weeknights only. - Bedford Borough Council. Notice of temporary road closure – Keeley Lane. Length affected – Lower Kiln Field. Reason – new water supply. The temporary road closure is anticipated to be in operation 24 hrs from 7th November 2022 to 9th November 2022. For fuller information including map, please click here.	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	N/A.
P22/246	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk) – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
P22/247	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 26 th October 2022.	Resolved to receive and adopt. Proposed: Cllr Bygraves. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Part VI, p41 (1).
P22/248	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 required. The further testing issue has now been resolved and the clerk is currently awaiting the relevant paperwork, confirming bar one minor	No further comments received.	N/A.	N/A.

	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.			
P22/249	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 Randell. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance for Smaller Authorities in England 2022.
P22/250	a) Planning Applications – for resolution. 22/02237/S73A – Land at Steele Walk and Burgoyne Avenue. Retrospective planning permission. Secondary highways access, for Fire Tender provision, to Steele Walk connecting through to Burgoyne Avenue (development already carried out). b) Planning Approvals (by Bedford Borough Council) – for information only.	Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Bygraves. Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

	22/00827/ADV – Unit 4c Swallow Way. Installation of two internally illuminated fascia signs. This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. 22/00828/ADV – Unit 5 Swallow Way. Installation of two internally illuminated fascia signs. 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.	No further comments received.	Clerk to keep on file.	
P22/251	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.
P22/252	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 7.06pm.