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Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee** meeting held on Wednesday 30th 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), Hensher, Lloyd, Noakes and Randell.			
Absent (no apologies received)	Cllr Quirk.			
Agenda no	Agenda item title	Resolution	Action	Power
P22/253	Apologies for absence. Cllr Bygraves.	Noted for the minutes.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, s85 (1) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
P22/254	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
P22/255	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.
P22/256	Report from outside organisations – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

P22/257	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk) – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
P22/258	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 9 th November 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).
P22/259	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 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	No further comments received.	N/A.	N/A.

	Bedford Borough Council has stated (9 th 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 12 th September 2022. Resolved 28 th 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.			
P22/260	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 Randell. Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance for Smaller Authorities in England 2022.
P22/261	a) Planning Applications – for resolution. 22/02386/LBC – The Chequers Inn PH, Hall End Road. Replacement of central bar counter, shelves, backing mirror and servery to the lounge bar, removal of the side bar counter, shelves and cabinets in the public bar and replacement of raised timber flooring. 22/02442/FUL – Unit 5, Swallow Way. Siting of three temporary portacabin type units for driver welfare facilities. 22/02493/FUL – 9 Old School Gardens, Single storey side extension. 22/02499/ADV – Grass Verge Keeley Lane. Brick built planter style town boundary sign.	Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Lloyd. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present. Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Lloyd. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present. Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Lloyd. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present. Cllr O'Dell detailed an email received ahead of this meeting from the Case Officer assigned to this application which stated Highways were minded to object to the application as <i>"The proposed sign</i>	Clerk to keep on file.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

	22/02068/DC3 – Wootton Community Nursery, Innovation Way. Two dropped kerbs and associated works. 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.	<i>and brick structure would obstruct visibility and be a hazard to road users and pedestrians. As a result the development is therefore contrary to Policy 31 of the Bedford Borough Local Plan 2030.”</i> Cllr O’Dell confirmed he had sought agreement in principle previously from Highways and it was hoped this email was a mis-communication. Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Lloyd. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present. Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Lloyd. Seconded: Cllr Randell. Resolved by all present.		
P22/262	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.

P22/263	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.
P22/264	To consider the renewal of a street trading consent outside of Bedford Town Centre for James Ford T/A Mr Ice Cream Man and to resolve a suitable course of action.	Resolved to accept the renewal street trading consent without further comment. Proposed: Cllr Noakes. Seconded: Cllr Hensher. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Stakeholder Consultation.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm.