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Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee** meeting held on Wednesday 14th June 2023 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. In attendance: Cllr Wheeler. Cllr Wheeler is also Borough Councillor for Wootton and Kempston Rural. 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
P23/138	Apologies for absence. Cllr Tyerman.	Noted for the minutes.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Part V, s85 (1+2) & Sch 12, Part VI, p40.
P23/139	Disclosure of local and/or disclosable pecuniary interests. None.	N/A.	N/A.	Localism Act 2011, Ch 7, s31.
P23/140	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.
P23/141	Report from outside organisations – for information only.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

	None.			
P23/142	List of correspondence received (copies of correspondence can be requested from the Clerk) – for information only. None.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.
P23/143	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 31 st May 2023.	Resolved to receive and adopt. Proposed: Cllr Noakes. Seconded: Cllr Hensher. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, Part VI, p41 (1).
P23/144	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 Bedford Borough Council has stated (9th March 2022) two	No further comments received.	N/A.	N/A.

	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 has been informed all works are complete and a payment plan is being prepared by Bedford Borough Council ahead of ownership transfer.			
P23/145	To receive and approve the Income & Expenditure report for all Planning & Environment cost centres and Earmarked Reserves report for all cost centres for 2023-24, 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 Bygraves. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to keep on file.	Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance for Smaller Authorities in England 2023.
P23/146	a) Planning Applications – for resolution. 23/01100/FUL – 61 Lorraine Road. Single storey rear extension, loft conversion with rear dormer, new canopy to front door, internal remodelling works, demolition of existing garage and the erection of a detached single garage. b) Planning Approvals (by Bedford Borough Council) – for information only. 22/00522/MAF - Wootton Upper School, Hall End Road. New artificial pitch with fencing, floodlights, acoustic fencing, erection of a pavilion with changing rooms, new car parking and revisions to existing access. Relocation of cricket net and long-jump pit. Condition 13 – Noise (Discharge of Condition). This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. 22/02721/S73A – 94 Bedford Road. One and two storey rear extension following the demolition of existing conservatory and lean-to (revised scheme) (development already carried out). This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. 23/00476/TPO – 5 Potters Cross. Ash – crown thin by removing the epicormic growth throughout the canopy.	Resolved NO OBJECTION. Proposed: Cllr Randell. Seconded: Cllr Hensher. Resolved by all present. No further comments received.	Clerk to take forward.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.

	This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. 23/00545/FUL – 3 Ella Gardens. Loft conversion with rear dormer. This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. 23/00568/FUL – The Chequers Inn PH, 47 Hall End Road. Single storey side/rear oak framed, timber clad extension and glazed link. This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. 23/00569/LBC – The Chequers Inn PH, 47 Hall End Road. Single storey side/rear oak framed, timber clad extension and glazed link. This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. 23/00632/FUL – 3 Stevenson Walk. Single storey rear extension. This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. 23/00633/FUL – Keeley Grange, Bedford Road. Replace existing summer house in the rear garden with a new summer house and relocate existing summer house to the wooded area at the front of the house. This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. 23/00647/LBC – The Chequers Inn PH, 47 Hall End Road. Internal alterations to the kitchen and cellar, including relocation of dividing wall to increase the kitchen area, making good floors and ceilings, installation of new commercial kitchen, along with electrics and plumbing; and the relocation of the kitchen door from the public bar. This council previously raised NO OBJECTION. 23/00801/FUL – Sondale House, Wootton Green. Front entrance porch extension with balcony over, raise roof height of existing single storey utility room to side and alterations to windows and doors.			
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	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. 23/00588/FUL – Land Off and Adjacent to 61 Studley Road. Erection of detached house with associated parking and amenity spaces. This council previously raised AN OBJECTION. e) Planning (other – including Bedford Borough Council and the Secretary of State). None.	No further comments received.		
P23/147	To request above application(s) be considered by the Full Planning Committee of Bedford Borough Council.	N/A.	N/A.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.
P23/148	To consider representation of the Council at the Full Planning Committee meeting of Bedford Borough Council discussing the above application(s).	N/A.	N/A.	Town & Country Planning Act 1990 & subsequent.
P23/149	To consider a further response to Bedford Borough Council in relation to its proposed diversion of Public Bridleway 23, Wootton Land in the environs of Bourne End Farm and to resolve a suitable course of action.	After detailed discussion it was resolved to accept Bedford Borough Council's proposal to divert Public Bridleway 23. Proposed: Cllr Randell. Seconded: Cllr Noakes. Resolved by all present.	Clerk to take forward.	Stakeholder Consultation.
P23/150	To consider a renewal street trading consent outside of Bedford Town Centre for Massimo Papa T/A Gino's Soft Whip (ice cream products, soft drinks and desserts) 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 7.12pm.