

Minutes of the Meeting held in Village Hall, The Lane,
Wyboston on Monday, 13 June 2011

Present at the Meeting:

Councillors: Cllr G Woodman (Chair), Cllr R Brown, Cllr V Howson,
Cllr N Willoughby, Cllr M Yemm

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk), Cllr Wootton

Requests for Information

There were no requests for information

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

No apologies were received.

2. **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda:** Cllr Howson advised of a personal interest in item 7b

3. **Minutes of Meeting 9 May 2011:**

With the agreement of all those present the above minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Planning:**

- a) **Application No:11/00884/FUL** 19 Spinney Road, Chawston for replacement stables and stores. **It was resolved** that the Council had no objection to this.
- b) It was noted that the following Applications had all been granted by Bedford Borough Council:11/0080/S73WM - 2 Great North Rd Chawston; 11/00102/FUL - External alterations at Black Cat Roundabout; 11/00322/FUL - 5 Rookery Road, Wyboston; 11/00489/FUL - Cherwood Nurseries. Application number 11/000378/FUL - Two storey side and single storey rear extensions 24 Northfield Rd, Wyboston had been refused by Bedford Borough Council and an appeal is pending.
- c) **Application No:11/00947/LDE** Homefield Road, Chawston - use of land as a commercial fishery. **It was resolved** that there was no evidence available to refute the assertions made by the applicant regarding the length of time that the fisheries had been in use. The Clerk was asked to re-iterate that Council's concern with access on to the road.

5. **Reports:**

a) **The Sustainable Community Plan Steering Group:**

Cllr Yemm reported that the SCP had been amended to an agreed document at a meeting 3 weeks previous. It was now in the process of being printed by Bedford Borough Council and should be available for adoption by the Parish Council at the next meeting.

b) **Adoption of the Sustainable Communities Plan:**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

c) **Police Report:**

Cllr Howson reported that in May there had been 3 thefts and 2 assaults in Wyboston; 1 burglary in Colesden and a burglary and theft from a motor vehicle in Chawston. The next meeting of the JAC is on 15 June which she will attend. A police surgery was held at the village hall on 13 May with no attendance by the public. The next surgery is on 17 June.

d) **Ward Councillors report:**

Cllr Wootton reported that he was in the process of ascertaining the cost of a mobile speed device and whether it could be funded from the Ward Members Fund. There had been no movement regarding the question of HGV and oversize vehicles on which he was awaiting a response from Highways. He will contact the Highways Engineer promptly following the meeting to explore the possibility of reducing the road width to single track over the three culverts in Colesden Road thus providing a footpath.

6. **Finance:**

a) **It was resolved** that a course costing £10 for new councillor induction for Cllr Howson was approved, £10 (*LGA 1972 s111*)

b) **Accounts for Payment:**

The payment of the following accounts was approved by all those present:

- i. D J Granger – First grass cutting invoice 010902 - £167.88 (*Highways Act 1980 s96*)
- ii. Bagit Don't Bin it – Provision of jute bags donated to Women's Institute invoice 00002684 - £310 (*MoM 09/05/11, item 12d*)(*LGA 1972 s137*)
- iii. Broker Network Ltd (Came & Co) – insurance renewal - £655.17 (*LGA1972 s111&114*)
- iv. Wyboston & Chawston Village Hall – Hire of hall on behalf of Wyboston & Chawston Women's Institute invoices 30- £12 (*LGA 1972 s133*)
- v. Wyboston & Chawston Village Hall – Hire of hall invoice 29 - £18 (*LGA 1972 s111*)
- vi. BATPC - course fee as a) above - £10 (*LGA 1972 s111*)

7. **Correspondence:**

a) A letter and report from Andy Muskett regarding the condition of Street Lighting and the ending of production of mercury street lighting lamps were discussed and it was felt that further information was required before a decision can be reached. Councillors will canvas public opinion on permanently removing some street lights. Councillors will view the light opposite Box Cottage in Chawston lane as the most likely replacement. The Clerk is to contact Andy Muskett to obtain an approximate termination cost.

b) A letter from Mrs A Cattnach was discussed. The Council asked the Clerk to respond pointing out that the view of the Parish Council is a recommendation only and that the final decision rests with the Planning Department whose decision is driven and justified by the various Planning Acts.

c) A communication from Ms C Moore was discussed and Cllr Wootton advised that he was pursuing the matter. He confirmed that he will actively champion the cause of providing a bridge and footpath over the brook in Roxton Road. Cllr Howson advised that if the bus company (Herberts at Meppershall) is contacted they have been found to be very helpful in stopping at a particular point to pick up children. The Clerk was asked to respond.

8. **Items for Information:**

a) A financial statement and bank reconciliation as at 10 June was tabled by the Clerk and received by the Council.

b) The Clerk reported that the VAT reclaim form had been submitted and that the first precept payment and the grass cutting payment had been received.

c) **Date of Next Meeting:** 4 July at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.
The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 p.m.

Signed by Cllr Woodman

(Chair)

at the meeting held on 4 July 2011