

Minutes of the Meeting held in Village Hall, The Lane,
Wyboston on Monday, 9 January 2012

Present at the Meeting:

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

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk); Ward Cllr T Wootton

Requests for Information

Simon Deards from Bedford Borough Council gave a briefing about the Freight Strategy. He explained that this was available on the Beds Borough Council website via http://www.bedford.gov.uk/transport_and_streets/transport_policy.aspx Origin and destination survey work carried out in the north-east Bedford area had shown that there was a lot of locally generated traffic in North East Bedfordshire with a comparatively low number of through trips i.e. rat-runs. He asked that the Parish Council and local residents develop a pool of knowledge on through traffic and vehicle operators causing problems to enable further investigations to be carried out.

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 declared a personal interest in item 5a and a prejudicial interest in item 7b and left the meeting while this was discussed. Cllrs Bailey, Brown and Woodman declared personal interests in item 7b. Cllr Woodman declared a personal interest in item 5b.

3. **Minutes of Meeting 5 December 2011:**

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

4. **Co-Option of Members:**

No election having been requested within the statutory time **it was resolved** that co-option of a new member to fill the vacancy on the Council would be undertaken.

5. **Planning:**

- a) **Application 11/02557/FUL** – 20 Rookery Road, Wyboston - single storey side extension. **It was resolved** that there was no objection.
- b) **Application 11/02569/FUL** – Wyboston Lakes Business and Leisure Village - Development of continuing care retirement village. **It was resolved** that there was no objection.

6. **Reports:**

a) **The Sustainable Community Plan:**

Cllr Yemm reported that various items had moved forward and that a spreadsheet was now available for the next meeting to record and identify progress with projects. Jon Boswell of Beds Rural Communities Charity and David Brewer of Bedford Borough Council will attend the meeting in February.

- b) **Police Report:**
Cllr Howson reported that PCSO Jones will visit the village hall on 5 March for a surgery and also to attend the meeting. One assault in Wyboston and one theft in Chawston were the recorded crimes in December.
- c) **Ward Councillor Report:**
Cllr Wootton reminded the Council and Parishioners of their right to speak at meetings of the planning committee. He was pressuring for the Meadow Lane Gypsy and Traveller site to be brought forward. Rural speed limits were raised and he suggested that the Council communicate its concerns with the Mayor and Stuart Briggs.
7. **Finance:**
- a) A grant application for £250 had been received from St Mary Magdalene Church as a contribution to the annual grass cutting. This was discussed and **it was resolved** that it be approved. (LGA 1972 s214)
- b) A grant application for £750 had been received from Wyboston Village Hall as a contribution towards the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. This was discussed and **it was resolved** that it be approved. (LGA 1972 s133)
- c) The Effectiveness of the Internal Audit was reviewed and it was accepted, agreed and signed by the Chair and Clerk.
- d) The Risk Management Policy was reviewed at length and it was accepted, agreed and signed by the Chair and Clerk.
- e) The purchase of the new edition of the Clerks Manual at £30 was approved by all those present (LGA 1972 s111)
- f) **Accounts for Payment:**
The payment of the following accounts was approved by all those present:
- i. Wyboston & Chawston Village Hall – Hire of hall invoice 71 - £10 (LGA 1972 s111)
- ii. R Grasmeder – Parish Clerk salary & expenses 1 July 2011-30 September 2011 - £813.76 (LGA 1972 s112)
8. **Correspondence:** None
9. **Diamond Jubilee:** A meeting had been held by the Village Hall Committee on 3 January 2012 and various events had been identified and would be arranged: a lunch time picnic on 3 June including a bouncy playground and local band – an evening barn dance; commemorative items for the under eighteens; a plaque for the village hall and a commemorative book.
10. **Street Lighting:** A revised quotation having been received that was less than the budgeted amount, the order has been placed for the replacement of the three lamps and brackets in Spinney Road.
11. **Items for Information:** The Clerk confirmed that the Precept request form had been sent to Bedford Borough Council on 16 December 2011.
12. **Date of Next Meeting:**
- a) 6 February 2012 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30p.m.
- b) The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m.

Signed by Cllr Woodman

(Chair)

at the meeting held on 6 February 2012