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# Wilden Parish Council

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10<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Dear Sirs,

## Re: Neighbourhood Planning

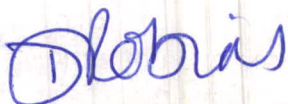
The Wilden Parish Council, at its meeting on 10th July 2013, affirmed its decision to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan (copy of minute point 9 attached). This followed the formation of a Neighbourhood Planning Group at the Annual Parish Meeting on 9th May 2013.

The Parish Council therefore applies to the Borough to designate Wilden as a Neighbourhood Area in accordance with regulation 5 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

- (a) The attached map, showing the Wilden Parish boundary marked with a bold line, identifies the area to which the application relates.
- (b) This area is considered appropriate to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area because it is a civil parish, within the planning authority area of the Bedford Borough Council, that has its own particular needs and priorities.
- (c) The Wilden Parish Council is a relevant body for the purpose of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

We look forward, in due course, to receiving your approval of this application and to working with the Bedford Borough Council for the benefit of our community.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs Diane Robins**  
Parish Clerk



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# WILDEN PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 @ 8.00pm at Wilden Village Hall

**Present:** Councillor Morgan-Jones (Chairman)  
Councillor Geary  
Councillor Hamnett  
Councillor Pell

**Open Session** – Chairman reported that he had received a complaint from local resident, Marion Bristowe about the volume of lorries cutting through the village. Clerk agreed to consider procedure for dealing with further complaints and to liaise directly with Marion.

Clerk

1 **Apologies** – Councillors Ibbott, Harrison and Markham sent their apologies.

2 **Disclosures of Interests** – There were no disclosures of interests.

3 **To Approve Minutes** - It was agreed that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM of the Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013 be approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

Chairman

4 **Finance**

(a) **Reconciliation of Bank Statement** – a copy of the accounts was circulated at the meeting. Income and expenditure reconcile with Bank Statements – current account £11,162.93. A copy of the income/expenditure spreadsheet is attached as part of these minutes.

(b) **Payments and Receipts**

i) D Robins salary and expenses (Apr-Jun) - £614.88

ii) A R Worboys Ltd re: grass cutting in May/June - £642.48

(c) **To approve gift for internal auditor** – Parish Council approved the purchase of a gift to thank Mike Rider for auditing end of year accounts. Councillor Geary to purchase.

Cllr Geary

5 **Planning**

(a) **Applications for consideration** –

i) **13/01331/FUL – Conversion and change of use of existing barn to dwelling including landscaping.** Parish Council had no objections to this application.

(c) **Decisions on planning applications** –

i) **13/00763/FUL – Detached garage with gym/games room and office at Shrubbery Farm, Kimbolton Road: permission refused.**

(d) **Applications considered since the last meeting** - None

6 **Highways**

(a) **Grass cutting** – It was reported that there were lots of clippings left on village green after cutting. This is due to the fact that it was left too long before cutting. Clerk to liaise with contractor to establish best way to prevent this happening in future. Clerk also asked to arrange for a cut mid-July.

Clerk

- (b) Colesden Road – Work has successfully been completed on Colesden Road. Feedback was that the re-building and re-surfacing were done to a very good standard and it was suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to Andrew Prigmore. Clerk
- (c) East End Lane – a member of the public complained to the Parish Council that, due to heavy traffic, the edge of East End Lane was slipping towards the brook. Clerk to advise Andrew Prigmore, BBC. Clerk
- 7 **Public Footpaths and Bridleways – General**  
Councillor Hamnett reported that he had observed on several occasions, pedestrians/dog walkers struggling to negotiate the stile on the footpath adjacent to 16 High Street. He suggested that it would be more practical if it was lowered or replaced with a 'kissing gate'. Clerk to e-mail Francine Rainbow, BBC. Clerk
- 8 **Police – Crime Stats:** There were no crimes reported in the last month.
- 9 **Neighbourhood Plan –**
- The Parish Council agreed unanimously to the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan
  - Collin Reavell will be arranging a meeting with the Neighbourhood Planning Group shortly.
  - Collin also pointed out that item no. 9 of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013 should not indicate that the funding available to communities for production of neighbourhood plans was from the Borough Council. C Reavell
10. **Ward Forum Feedback** – There were no attendees from Wilden Parish Council at the last Ward Forum Meeting. Clerk has already forwarded the draft minutes to the Council. Details of the next meeting tbc. Clerk
- 11 **Sharnbrook Catchment Area** – Clerk summarised recent work done for Colmworth regarding becoming part of Sharnbrook Catchment. Wilden Parish Council agreed unanimously that it should also look into the possibility of becoming part of Sharnbrook catchment in addition to Mark Rutherford. Clerk to arrange for survey to be distributed to Wilden residents. Clerk
- 12 **Broadband** – Nothing further to report. Clerk reminded Parish Council that an alternative was mentioned in the draft minutes from the Ward Forum meeting. Those interested can view options at: [www.stoddenworld.com](http://www.stoddenworld.com). Clerk to inform Mark Slater. Clerk
- 13 **Document Storage** – Clerk reported that she needed to reduce the amount of paperwork she had stored and decide on more suitable storage e.g. off-site storage at a storage facility. Parish Council agreed to authorise extra time to sort through old paperwork. Once this has been completed, storage will be reviewed. Cllr Geary suggested clerk look into a document scanning solution. Clerk
- 14 **Borough Councillor Tom Wootton's Report** – Councillor Wootton sent his apologies.
- 15 **Date of next meeting** – Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 8.00pm. Items to be included in the Agenda to be forwarded to the Clerk.
- Minutes prepared by D Robins, Clerk**