

# LOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010

PRESENT: Councillors V. Walley (Chairman), R. Williams, A. Dransfield, D. Blackburn, J. Ballantyne, L. Rose, H. Dyer, M. Jones, M. Eaton and D. Hoyle and 2 parishioners.

### 01. MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting were circulated, **agreed and signed by the Chairman**. The minutes of 100 years ago were read.

### 02. GRAVEYARD

Letter received from Solicitor asking for £1,610 to cover Diocese's costs. Also asked PC to sign Solicitor's terms of business - it was noted costs were more than previously quoted at "not likely to exceed £1,250" however **it was agreed to go ahead and the terms were signed**.

### 03. COMMUNITY LAND

V. Walley and L. Rose reported on the meeting they had attended. There were two pieces of land in Loughton near the two schools. PC could buy the land for £75,000 and then get interested parties to build the community facilities. If PC expressed an interest in the land then it would be held for a number of years. **It was agreed to put PC's name down for the land provided there was not a cost involved in doing this.**

### 04. INTERVIEWS - CLERK'S JOB

Chairman promised to go ahead with interview in next couple of weeks. A. Dransfield to explore possibility of PC having use of room in the fire station as an office.

### 05. ELM HOUSE/PLANNING DECISIONS

Concern was expressed with MKC's decision to permit the Elm House development as it was based on an aerial photo with a building and hedger superimposed.

1. **Draft letter to be circulated to Councillors for comments expressing concerns over decisions made without understanding the area.**
2. **Letter to include suggestion MKC have a Conservation Panel.**
3. **A. Dransfield to be asked to organize planning training for Councillors.**

### 06. WELDON RISE DEVELOPMENT

It was reported appeal had been refused and developers were now consulting residents. **Developers to be asked to consult with PC as well.**

### 07. MK COUNCILLORS' GRANTS

A. Dransfield reported the 3 ward Councillors each had £2,000 to spend on the ward. As Shenley Church End Parish was twice as big as Loughton Parish it was proposed 1/3 of money should be spent on Loughton Parish.

**A number of projects were suggested: new notice boards, help with new graveyard, concrete table tennis table and boules at revamped Great Holm park.**

#### 08. PERGOLA

**MKC to be asked again to repair pergola as going to look unsightly next to revamped park.**

#### 09. OBELISK LIGHTS

It was reported new lens were due to be installed the next day.

#### 10. DOG BIN LODGE LAKE - NR BADMINTON VIEW

1. E-mail received from Park Ranger - happy to have site visit but expressing doubt over need for another bin

2. Contractor happy to empty bin.

**It was agreed to go ahead with site visit.**

#### 11. BUS SHELTERS

It was reported both shelters had now been repaired.

#### 12. CRIME FIGURES/ALCHOL FREE ZONE

Inspector was going to contact Chairman. Chairman was also going to talk to him about alcohol free zones as this was a police matter.

#### 13. PARKING HOLMWOOD SCHOOL

Because December meeting had had to be cancelled due to bad weather PC had missed formal consultation. Chairman was still exploring other parking opportunities.

#### 14. REDWAY KENSINGTON DRIVE

It was reported this was due to be done in the next couple of months.

#### 15. PITCHER LANE

It was reported Pitcher Lane had been lethal in the recent bad weather. **It was decided Councillor should mark on maps of the parish areas of concern and where they think grit bins should be placed for next winter - to be e-mailed to Chairman. Steps from Kirkham Court to be included.**

#### 16. RAMP LINCESLADE GROVE

**Chief Executive MKC to be sent photo of ramp and asked to expedite promised repairs.**

#### 17. HASTOE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

PC invited to a Community Strategy Meeting. **V. Walley to attend.**

#### 18. PRECEPT LEAFLET

**It was agreed to do a leaflet for inclusion with Council Tax bills. Previous leaflet is to be updated and circulated by Clerk before being sent in.**

19. SLCC

**It was agreed to renew Clerk's membership even though PC would probably have to pay again for new Clerk.**

20. HUGH PARKE TRUSTEE

PC informed Don Foxley's term as PC's representative on trustees had expired. **It was agreed he should continue to represent PC for another term.**

21. BAIL HOSTEL

H. Dyer asked interested Councillors to look at minutes of the last liaison meeting and let her know if they had any comments.

22. KIRKHAM CLOSE

**MKC to be asked for a site visit re need for a light at bottom of footpath from Kirkham Close to the station.**

23. BUDGET/PRECEPT 10/11

1. A draft budget was considered and **it was agreed to include £4,000 for projects in the new financial year.**

2. **It was resolved to set a precept of £16,470 which would be £7 per band D property for the year 2010/2011. MKC to be informed.**

24. P.P. FUND

**It was agreed to put in an application for a grant of £1,000 towards cost of facilities at the revamped play area on Great Holm.**

25. MILLENNIUM MEADOW

It was reported a Councillor and been told the Millennium Meadow could not be cleaned as belonged to PC. **MKC to be informed meadow was theirs not PC's and ask for it to be cleaned.**

26. CITIZEN NEWSPAPER

**Citizen to be informed newspapers are being dumped in Leys Road.**

27. ACCOUNTS

**The following expenses were agreed and cheques signed**

**A.H. Contracts £494.50 Nov. dog bins**

**£ 451.08 Dec. dog bins**

**Lucas Landscapes £ 20.00 planters Nov.**

**£ 20.00 planters Dec.**

**Mrs J. North £21.58 postage to date**

**Zurich Ins plc £366.96 insurance**

**SLCC £82.00 2010 fees**

**Geoffrey Leaver Solicitor £1,610.00 Diocese fees**

**Milton Keynes Council £662.5 pavilion rent**

**Loughton Memorial Hall £18.00 hire of hall**