

LOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH March 2010

PRESENT: Councillors: V. Walley (Chairman), H. Dyer, R. Williams, D. Blackburn, J. Ballentyne and M. Jones

APOLOGIES: Lynn and M. Eaton

01. MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting were circulated, **agreed and signed by the Chairman.**

02. COMMUNITY LAND

V. Walley to contact P. Stainsby over registering interest.

03 GRAVEYARD

Solicitors inform the tenant must be given 12 months notice before April 2010. As LPC has not purchased the land yet, the solicitor is to clarify the size of the land currently rented and ask if the church should serve notice. **VW and LR to visit tenant to discuss**

8/3/10 Solicitors reply: the area of land covered by the tenancy to Mr Roach, apparently covers the whole of the freehold title. The Seller's solicitors have also advised that they do not wish to serve the notice on Mr Roach, which we will only be able to do once we complete. This is because the notice needs to be sent by the relevant owner of the property, and you are only able to do this once the purchase has been completed.

04. ELM HOUSE

Chair of Planning Committee agreed to visit LPC and the Loughton Residents Association to be invited.

05. WELDON RISE

RW has spoken to the developer and a meeting is being arranged with the planning conservation department.

06. PERGOLA

V. Walley to talk to Play Area Officer re repairs - Tony Higgins.

07. PARKING NEAR HOLMWOOD

A survey was carried out by HD regarding parking. Phyllis Starkey will be making a site visit Thursday 18th March to assess.

8. REDWAY Repairs, KENSINGTON DRIVE

Repairs are complete - email of thanks sent to Ian McGregor.

9. LIGHT - FOOTPATH NR KIRKHAM COURT

Request made to the Chief Executive as no response to Loughton PC request for a site visit following a mugging in this area.

28/3/10 MKC Response - Janet, Sorry for delays in respect of someone getting back to you in regard to the problem below. There was an issue in that the path was not adopted highway but I have spoken to our street lighting section and requested that they make arrangements to erect two columns next month at the beginning of our new financial year.

13.RISK ASSESSMENT Sports and Social Club, Loughton

There are no agreements or lease in place and the club is showing to be making a loss. **The Sports and Social Club have been invited to report at the next Parish Council meeting. VW and RW to meet with MKC Estates Dept**

14. HOLM BASE SIGN

Holmwood are arranging the design. - V. Walley to ring Tony Higgins.

15. LAND ADJACENT TO STRATFORD PARK Leisure Centre

It was agreed that V. Walley would apply to get the area Village Green status to protect the land if Stratford Park was sold.

17. Pitcher Lane Drain

Discussed by NAG as site remains unrepaired. Steve Crowther said it would cost 30-40k and Mark Bennett said a bid will be raised for 2011. **VW to contact Phyllis Starkey as bid was promised for 2010.**

18. Clock

The clock in the Memorial Hall was agreed at a cost of £227

19. Bignell Croft

The footpath that goes through to Bradwell Road has railings which require signs to say Cyclists dismount as the current signs are being ignored. MKC contacted.

23/3/10 - MKC response: a white text on blue background "CYCLISTS DISMOUNT" signs to be erected both end of the footpath. Unfortunately, we will not be able to order the signs until we receive the budget code for our 2010/2011 budget.

20. Litter Bin

LRA reported the lack of litter bins in the area at the end of the station footpath leading into Loughton and the increasing amount of litter dropped. MKC to be asked to provide a litter bin.

24/3/10 - MKC response: LPC may want to approach Subway direct but also advised that the area is scheduled to be cleaned 3 times a week and therefore should not require a bin. They will follow up and make sure this is happening. Please advise if further problems.

21. Bail Hostel

The Operations Manager Viv Walker to be invited to report at the APM - **Invitation sent**

22. MKC - Footway & Verge Parking Traffic Order

As both areas in Great Holm were declined, can the area at the end of Hampton be made no parking on the verge, due to the very dangerous corner there?

24/3/10 - MKC response - they are investigating and will advise

23. ACCOUNTS

The following expenses were agreed and cheques signed:

Update

A.H. Contracts £429.39 dog bins

Lucas Landscapes £20.00 planters

Loughton Memorial Hall £18.00 hire of hall

Anglian Water £37.16 allotment water