

LOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs J. Wilcox
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Action to be
taken by:

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th September 2011

PRESENT: Councillors: P Todd (Chairman), Andy Dransfield (20:06), H. Dyer, P Ballantyne (19:50), A, Sargent, A Lovett (20:05), D. Blackburn
Martin Camp (TVP) David Ferris (NAG Chair) Sarah Bowen (Resident Complaint) 5 Residents

Apologies: J. Ballantyne & S Kirkman
The Chair received apologies from all late comers.
All Councillors to notify the Clerk if unable to attend.

01. Vice Chair Election

Andy Sargent agreed to temporarily act as vice chair for the next meeting, in the Chair's absence. This was agreed by all. There were no takers for the role permanently.

AS

02. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

03. MINUTES

Minutes of the last meeting were amended, agreed, accepted and signed by the Chairman. Minutes to be sent to M Jones to be added to the website. It was agreed by all that the Agenda for the forthcoming meetings would be added to the website prior to meetings. **Clerk to send to M Jones.**

JW

04. Community Policing - TVP

Crimes in the Parish were discussed and noted. Figures as below.
July: Total 59 - Great Holm 6, Loughton 4, Knowlhill 4, The Bowl 43
13 Drug related, 27 thefts, 1 exposure, 1 rape at the Bowl. The 43 offences at the Bowl were related to the Foo Fighter concert and were expected. Robbery at GH stores – 2 arrested.
August: Total 26 – Great Holm 7, Loughton 11, Knowlhill 6, The Bowl 2
8 Thefts, 4 domestic assaults, 3 criminal damage 1 public order, 1 black mail.
Anti social behaviour – 2 in 2 months in Great Holm

05. Complaints and fault tracking:

Great Holm Table Tennis Table Project: the Chair invited the resident, Sarah Bowen, to present her complaint against the proposed Table Tennis Table in Great Holm Park. She was supported by the attending residents. Comments from all attending were duly noted. It was agreed to defer the decision until next meeting. **Cllrs be prepared to vote on whether to proceed with the project or not.**

ALL

06. Parking - Harvester Loughton

Andy L. proposal to extend resident parking and double yellow lines was noted and agreed by Cllrs and TVP. **AL to liaise with MKC and discuss with residents.**

AL

07. PPF Application (10K total) – Play Areas

The matched funding Grant had been approved at £5k. The Clerk had circulated the information to all.

ALL

08. Two mile ash and Grt Holm Allotment Association name change request

A response to the PC's letter declining the name change was duly read. AD gave a brief history and it was agreed to **request a copy of the constitution and consult Janet North re ownership of land.**

JW

09. Parish Council Assembly Meetings

Dates of next meetings sent to the PC representatives.

10. REPORTS

Joyce agreed to attend future Bail Hostel Meetings with Hilary. **Clerk to write and confirm.**

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11. LOUGHTON GRAVEYARD

Meeting with the Church Wardens had been cancelled. Still progressing with the Archaeology dig. Recovery of any PC expenditure to come from plots sold. Church expected to landscape the area.

PT

12. PARKING HOLMWOOD SCHOOL – CPF grant

Clerk circulated Grant information to all.

ALL

13. RISK ASSESSMENT Sports and Social Club, Loughton

Simon and Peter B. reported positively from the meetings with the S&SC. Andy D. had no progress to report on the freehold costs.

AD

14. Litter Bins/Dog Bins

It was agreed not to install any further bins at the present time due to the costs of emptying. It was discussed and noted that there had been zero prosecution fines for dog mess.

15. ALLOTMENTS

Karen Kenny to be invited to attend a Parish meeting to advise how funds can be raised. Victoria said delayed for 6 months when asked at the AGM.

PT

16. Village Green Status - Grt Holm

Victoria **Whalley chasing MKC.**

PT

17. PLANTERS – Loughton School

It was proposed and agreed to ask the NAG if they could maintain the planters. Peter B. accepted on behalf of the NAG and said that they would look into what they could do and he would report back to Council.

PB

18. GH Table Tennis Table

Clerk placed the order on hold following the resident complaint. **Costs to cancel to be advised.**

JW

19. Loughton Memorial Hall CLOCK

Cllrs agreed to £65 for the cost of a plaque. **Invoice to be sent to the Clerk.**

PT

20. MKC Environmental Services – GH Pergola maintenance

Clerk still awaiting Robbie's confirmation that all work was now agreed complete and signed off with Hilary.

JW/
HD

21. Conservation Area Review process

To chase Simon Peart for a response to the letter sent regarding the Conservation Area review.

22. PC Boards

Chair and Clerk reviewed all Parish boards. It was agreed by all to pay for replacement of the Perspex and repainting of the boards. **Clerk to arrange.**

JW

23. Weldon Rise Planning Application

It was agreed to write to the Chief Executive, MKC, complaining that an original planning condition had not been enforced. Response received.

ALL

24. Watercourse maintenance - Loughton

Discussed and noted.

25. Localisation

LPC have expressed an interest and await the outcome.

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26. PC Info pack and CD from planning
Peter Todd apologised and said he still had this.
27. Review of the Audit process
To be reviewed at the next meeting. **ALL**
28. Parking at Loughton School
To be discussed at the next meeting. **ALL**
29. Grant/Funding requests
Loughton Memorial Hall requested £3820.48 towards new chairs. **Clerk to investigate grant funding options and obtain a copy of quote.** **JW**
30. Planning
It was discussed and agreed that plans would be obtained by the Clerk as requested by Cllrs. Any objections to be raised in the next meeting with Council agreeing any comments to be submitted to MKC planning department by the Clerk. **ALL**
31. REPORTS
Ward Cllrs reported - Andy D on meetings attended with MKC. Don H on Safer Communities. Hilary requested a list of the schedule for pot holes being filled permanently. **JW**
32. NAG
Peter B spoke on behalf of the NAG and asked how the £700 funds that had been transferred to the PC could be made available. It was agreed that the **NAG would put forward their proposals at the next meeting.** Peter B also invited all to a Call MY Bluff Fun Evening that he was arranging. **PB**
29. Payroll
3 Payroll quotes were advised by the Clerk and Council agreed to go ahead with the accountants. **Clerk to liaise.** **JW**
30. ACCOUNTS
The following expenses were agreed and cheques signed:
£517.06 J. Wilcox – July/Aug
£470.74 AH Contracts – July Dog & litter Bins
£551.44 AH Contracts – Aug Dog & litter bins
£897.80 Greenbarnes – replacement GH Parish Board
£662.50 MKC Loughton Playing Fields

Signed by the Chair:
Dated:

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