

## **Loughton & Great Holm Parish Council**

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th April 2015, 7:30pm at the National Badminton Centre, All England Room, Bradwell Road, Loughton Lodge, Milton Keynes**

**Present: Cllr Peter Todd (Chair until 8:30pm), Cllr Barry Barrington (Vice-Chair),** Peter Ballantyne, Sandra Boland, Andy Dransfield, Don Hoyle, Hilary Dyer, Isobel Procter

**Also Present:** Brian Barton (Parish Clerk)

**In attendance:** Dr Rebecca Kurth (Chair of Central Milton Keynes Town Council), Jennifer Marklew (The Green Party Representative), Andrew Pakes (Labour Party Representative), Vince Peddle (United Kingdom Independence Party Representative).

**Also in attendance:** sixty-seven (67) members of the public.

**Cllr Barry Barrington (Vice-Chair) presided in the Chair**

#### **FC 164/15 Presentation on the Central Milton Keynes Business Neighbourhood Plan Referendum to be held on Thursday 7th May 2015:**

Dr Rebecca Kurth Chair of Central Milton Keynes Town Council explained that a referendum will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015, on the same day as the General, Milton Keynes Council and Parish and Town Council elections.

The Central Milton Keynes Business Neighbourhood Plan Referendum is the first in the Country, to be held where all residents will have the opportunity to vote on the plan, and the Government is taking an interest on the outcome of the referendum.

Businesses located in the Central Milton Keynes grid square will each have a vote.

The Central Milton Keynes Business Neighbourhood Plan has been led by the Town Council, and has facilitated various workshops and questionnaires with residents and businesses, to assist in writing up the plan.

The plan proposes to set up a framework on land use, to include a University, residential dwellings, office space, and a civic open air area.

This will guide Milton Keynes Council when considering planning applications in Central Milton Keynes, and set the parameters on planning quality and guidance.

There then followed questions.

The Vice-Chair thanked Dr Kurth for her attendance.

**NOTED**

**Cllr Peter Todd left the meeting at 8:30pm**

**FC 165/15 Hustings event concerning the General and Milton Keynes Council elections to be held on Thursday 7th May 2015, and for representatives from the Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and United Kingdom Independence Party to set out their programme if their party were to become the next Government of the United Kingdom, to set out their programme if they were to form the administration on Milton Keynes Council:**

Cllr Andy Dransfield (The Conservative Party Representative), Jennifer Marklew (The Green Party Representative), Andrew Pakes (Labour Party Representative), Vince Peddle (United Kingdom Independence Party Representative), were introduced by the Vice-Chair to the meeting.

Each party representative spoke for up to five (5) minutes on their party's policies and views on a range of topics regarding the General and Milton Keynes Council elections.

There then followed questions which covered such issues as the European Union, the environment, education and the economy.

Each party representative then responded in turn to each question.

The Vice-Chair then thanked the party representatives for their attendance.

**NOTED**

**FC 166/15 Members of the public and press are invited to attend and an opportunity will be given for parishioners to speak and ask questions during this public session:**

A member of the public said that he never knew about the Central Milton Keynes Business Neighbourhood Plan, and wondered how many other residents would know that a referendum vote would be taking place, and asked what publicity is in place?

The Vice-Chair said that the Parish Council would ensure information is put on the website, which the Parish Clerk has already done so.

A resident said that she takes her children to the play park on Petworth, Great Holm, and meets with other parents who felt it would be nice to have seating nearby to the play area.

Cllr Peter Ballantyne said that Milton Keynes Council advises that seating is not provided due to possible anti-social behaviour in the evening time.

Cllr Zoe Nolan suggested that a presentation on the plan being proposed by Milton Keynes Council to improve the play park, is made at a future meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr Andy Dransfield proposed and Cllr Isobel Procter seconded that seating is included in the plan for improvements to Petworth Park, which has been designed by Milton Keynes Council, on being put to the vote the motion was

**AGREED**

**FC 167/15 To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd April 2014:**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Vice-Chair as a true and correct record.

**AGREED**

**FC 168/15 Apologies:**

Were received from Cllrs Peter Todd and Andy Sargent

**NOTED**

**FC 169/15 Declarations of interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

**NOTED**

**FC 170/15 Minutes of previous meetings:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th March 2015 was approved as true and correct record and signed by the Vice-Chair.

**AGREED**

**FC 171/15 Matters arising from the previous minutes not on the agenda:**

Cllr Andy Dransfield said that the agenda and supporting papers were hand delivered very late by the Parish Clerk, and in future should be delivered much earlier in the week.

Cllr Andy Dransfield proposed and Cllr Isobel Procter seconded that reports are tabled from representatives of the Parish Council on outside bodies at each Annual Parish Meeting, on being put to the vote the motion was

**AGREED**

**FC 172/15 Questions from Members of the Public:**

A member of the public who had attended the last meeting of Council regarding his position on the waiting list for a half plot asked when the matter will be dealt with.

The Parish Clerk said that he will speak with the Site Agent to progress.

**NOTED**

**FC 173/15 To discuss and to be updated by a representative of the Milton Keynes Play Association regarding an incident at one of the Loughton Open Play Sessions:**

Mr Steve Harrison Play Services Manager and Marie Osbourne Chair of the Trustees of the Milton Keynes Play Association were in attendance.

Mr Harrison informed the meeting that at one of the open play sessions on Loughton, the bouncy castle was lifted by a gust of wind, which had three (3) children still on it.

Unfortunately one child had broken his arm; the Parish Clerk had been promptly informed.

All health and safety policies had been adhered too on site; a trustee meeting will review all of their policies, and learn from this incident, there were extremely strong winds on the day which was unexpected.

The Milton Keynes Play Association values the partnership with the Parish Council, and hopes that this will continue.

There then followed questions by Members.

The Vice-Chair thanked Mr Steve Harrison and Ms Marie Osbourne for their attendance.

**NOTED**

**FC 174/15 To agree to the purchase and installation of rubber blocks on the parking bays outside Loughton Manor First School:**

This agenda item was deferred due to the absence of Cllr Andy Sargent who had raised the matter.

**RESERVED**

**To defer this agenda item to the next Parish Council meeting**

**FC 175/15 Ward Matters:**

1) To request that the Parish Council write to Adrian Carden, Road Safety Team Manager - Milton Keynes Council, to ask him to implement with a Traffic Regulation Order a two (2) hour waiting limit between 8:00am – 6:00pm Monday to Friday in the Kensington Drive Car Park, Great Holm. – **Cllr Hilary Dyer**

2) To also request that Tags are added to the double yellow lines on Kensington Drive and Petworth to prevent hazards caused by vehicles parking to load and unload – **Cllr Hilary Dyer**

After some discussion it was felt that Members should have more information as regards to the number of traffic movements, and issues regarding the parking problems in that area.

Cllr Peter Ballantyne will circulate the traffic surveys and report undertaken by the Loughton & Great Holm Neighbourhood Action Group.

**RESOLVED**

- 1. To defer this agenda item to a future meeting of the Parish Council.**
- 2. That Cllr Peter Ballantyne will circulate the traffic surveys and report undertaken by the Loughton & Great Holm Neighbourhood Action Group.**

**FC 176/15 Cheques for Payment:**

To authorise all cheques as presented for payment

**AGREED**

**FC 177/15 Date and time of Next Meeting:**

The Annual Meeting to be held on Monday 18th May 2015, 7:30pm at Holmwood School, Kensington Drive, Great Holm

**THE VICE-CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 10:30PM**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chair Date \_\_\_\_\_