

Loughton & Great Holm Parish Council

Editorial Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2017, 7:30pm at Holmwood School, Kensington Drive, Great Holm, Milton Keynes

Present: Cllrs Peter Todd (Chair), Thomas Gray and Claire Jones

Also present: Brian Barton (Parish Clerk)

EB 32/17 Apologies:

Received from Cllrs Andy Dransfield and Zoe Nolan

NOTED

EB 33/17 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

NOTED

EB 34/17 Questions from the public:

There were no questions from the members of the public.

NOTED

EB 35/17 To discuss the layout of the newsletter:

The Chair circulated a draft copy of the newsletter.

The front page features the opening of the Petworth Park play area on Great Holm, there still blank spaces on some of the pages.

On page eleven (11) the Parish Clerk and Parish Councillors contact details will be added, the article on the drop in will be kept on the same page, and will include the photographs provided by Cllr Thomas Gray.

Cllr Claire Jones's article on the Milton Keynes budget will also be included in the newsletter.

The 2017/2018 calendar of meetings will be included in the newsletter.

Cllr Jones suggested that the article by Cllr Thomas Gray on the history of Loughton and Great Holm is put in the centre pages of the newsletter.

RESOLVED

- 1. That on page eleven (11) the Parish Clerk and Parish Councillors contact details to be added, that the article on the drop in will be kept on the same page, and to include the photographs provided by Cllr Thomas Gray.**
- 2. To include the article by Cllr Claire Jones on the Milton Keynes budget.**
- 3. That the 2017/2018 calendar of meetings to be included in the newsletter.**
- 4. That the article by Cllr Thomas Gray on the history of Loughton and Great Holm is put in the centre pages of the newsletter.**

EB 36/17 To review progress on the writing of the articles and the content generated and any additional content to be included:

Loughton School has not got back to the Chair with their article on the new weather station equipment, but the Chair will instead write the article.

It was suggested that an article could be written about the Greenhill Close Allotments site on Loughton and on the waiting list.

It was further suggested that there could be an article on the Parish Council's Planning Committee, with details on its remit and how they can make representations on planning applications, including examples of recent cases, the article should highlight that Milton Keynes Council has the final say on all planning applications. Cllr Claire Jones offered to write the article.

The Chair asked the Chief Executive Officer for further information on the proposed Badminton Centre plans, for an article to be included in the newsletter, but they are only at a tentative stage at the moment.

It was agreed to also include articles on the Parish Precept, the Great Holm Community Centre Community Asset Transfer to the Parish Council, and the proposed replacement roof to the Loughton Sports Pavilion building.

Lastly it was agreed to include an article asking residents for suggestions as regards the proposed trim trail equipment to be installed at Lodge Lake.

Cllr Jones reported that Ride High had asked for the article on their move in to the Equestrian Centre on Loughton, be not included as they are still in ongoing negotiations with the Milton Keynes Parks Trust.

The Editorial Board discussed whether the newsletter should consist of up to twelve (12) pages, and it was agreed to have the additional four (4) pages, even though the costs would increase, but this could be justified on the basis that the Parish Council does not often produce a newsletter.

The Chair informed the meeting there was only a week left to send the draft to the printers, and distribute the newsletter to all properties in the Parish.

The Chair said that he will do a final draft of the newsletter and email a copy to all members of the Editorial Board for final approval.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Chair to write a piece on the new weather station equipment at Loughton School.**
- 2. That Cllr Claire Jones to write an article on the Parish Council Planning Committee with details on its remit and how they can make representations on planning applications, including examples of recent cases, the article to highlight that Milton Keynes Council has the final say on all planning applications.**
- 3. To include articles on the Parish Precept, the Great Holm Community Centre Community Asset Transfer to the Parish Council and the proposed replacement roof to the Loughton Sports Pavilion building.**

4. To include an article asking residents for suggestions as regards the proposed trim trail equipment to be installed at Lodge Lake.
5. That the newsletter should consist of up to twelve (12) pages.
6. That the Chair to do a final draft of the newsletter and email a copy to all members of the Editorial Board for final approval.

EB 37/17 To review the sales of adverts for the newsletter:

The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that he is chasing up the various companies who have booked an advertising slot in the newsletter, for a copy of their advert.

NOTED

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8:08PM

Signed _____ Chair Date _____