

LOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st March 2011

PRESENT: Councillors: V. Walley (Chairman), H. Dyer, D. Blackburn, P. Todd, M. Jones, D. Holme
J. Ballentyne

APPOLOGIES: Andy Dransfield

FEBRUARY MEETING:

As only 3 Cllrs turned out on the night, February's Parish meeting was abandoned due to quorum not being met. Invited guests, Larry Johnson, New Inspector from TVP and Daniel Mullins MKC Environmental Services presented to the Cllrs in attendance. Larry requested a PC representative be assigned to attend future TVP liaison meetings. **Cllrs to advise who will represent the PC.**

VW

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01. MINUTES

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

02 GRAVEYARD

Clerk contacted David Thom re the lease but David requested a meeting with Cllrs. Solicitors not instructed pending the outcome of the meeting. **Victoria and Peter will arrange a meeting with David.**

VW/PT

03. PARKING NEAR HOLMWOOD

Hilary reported that £10k had been applied for from the lottery. The cost of the project is expected to be £12k. Parish Partnership funding application £6k

HD

05. RISK ASSESSMENT Sports and Social Club, Loughton

Don said he will ask MKC who is responsible for building insurance and repairs.

DH

06. Community Policing

Martin reported that the 2 sexual assault enquiries were still ongoing. January's crime figures were discussed. The 4 incidents at the Bowl were thought to be due to the Car Boot sale. Loughton Lodge recently reported attacks on people walking their dogs was raised by the Chair and Martin advised that these were being investigated.

Martin advised The Gt Holm School one way system was currently being monitored.

MK

07. Litter Bins

Cllrs still monitoring the requirements for bins:

a. At the end of the station bridge footpath Loughton – raise with MKC again and request a sign to be installed informing people of who to contact if rubbish seen.

b. The area near the dog bin at the Chinese Restaurant, Grt Holm - clear

JW

08. ALLOTMENTS

As agreed Ken and Jen had attended a meeting arranged with MKC for the development of the new Allotment site in Bradwell Rd. Unfortunately the man from MK Council did not arrive. As requested he subsequently assessed the site and emailed recommendations for the work required. Based on these requirements Ken estimates that the New allotment will cost around £40k. Funding needs to be sought along with other requirements. **Karen Kenny to be invited to attend a Parish meeting to advise how funds can be raised.**

JW

09. Village Green Status - Grt Holm

Victoria stated that this was in hand.

VW

10. PLANTERS – Loughton School

Nothing back from the Head. **Clerk to chase up. Victoria to look at planters with Tony Higgins.**

JW/VW

10. GH Table Tennis

It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the Table Tennis and Hilary to provide 3 like quotes. Don advised he would arrange transfer of funds to the LPC bank account. Play Ground Funds are part of the Parish Partnership Funding this year.

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11. CLOCK

The clock for the memorial hall had been purchased – Victoria will present to the Treasurer. **Victoria is arranging a plaque.**

12. Environmental Services

Clerk advised of costs received from MKC for the maintenance costs of Gt Holm Pergola and posts. **Cllrs agreed to give the go ahead.**

13. Conservation Area Review process

MKC Planning reply email was read out by the Chair – they declined the request to stop planning applications within the Loughton Conservation Area. **It was agreed to ask MKC advice regarding the LPC engaging someone to carry out the Review, if it will be recognised and if so who do they recommend.**

14. Gatcombe LPC Board

3 quotes presented to Cllrs and they agreed to purchase from Greenbarnes with go ahead agreed for install by MKC. **Clerk to place orders for both.**

15. LPC New Website

Mike reported that the new site is live. More information for the web site is sort from all.

16. Safer MK (NAG) Funds

SLCC legal department advised the Clerk on legalities and £700 was transferred to the PC's bank account. It will be spent on projects for which the PC has the power to spend, with the intention that it will be used for NAG related projects.

17. ACCOUNTS

The following expenses were agreed and cheques signed:

£551.44 AH Contracts - Dog bins Jan 2011
£470.74 AH Contracts – Dog Bins Feb 2011
£258.53 Mrs J. Wilcox – Clerk Jan 2011 salary
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£662.50 MKC Lease Pavilion & Play Field Loughton
£82.00 SLCC Membership renewal
£58.80 Local Council Administration Book (Members Price)
£2500 Loughton Church – PPF - matched funding for ramp works

Additional Monies received:

£1250.00 PPF match funding from MKC for Loughton Church
£700.00 NAG funds

AOB

Cllrs agreed a budget of £5k for 2011 projects
Memorial Hall Clock (Victoria to obtain VAT receipt)
SLCC WWYC course to be booked for the Clerk.

18. AOB

Joyce Ballentyne is away for the next meeting.

Hilary suggested and it was agreed to invite the Parks Trust to attend a meeting to discuss how consultations effecting the Parish are conveyed and why the Parish Council are not informed.