

Loughton & Great Holm Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd April 2014 7:30pm at the All England Room, The National Badminton Centre, Bradwell Road, Loughton Lodge, Milton Keynes

Present:

Cllrs Peter Todd (Chair), Andy Sargent (Vice-Chair), Peter Ballantyne, Barry Barrington, Andy Dransfield, Hilary Dyer, Don Hoyle, Zoe Nolan

Also present:

Brian Barton (Parish Clerk)

In attendance:

Cllr Robin Bradburn, Cllr Andrew Geary, Mr Ronen Ghose, Cllr Peter Marland

Also in attendance:

Fifty (50) members of the public

FC 224/14 Hustings event concerning the local council elections to be held on Thursday 22nd May 2014, and for representatives from the Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and UK Independence Party to set out their programme if they were to form the next administration on Milton Keynes Council:

The Chairman Cllr Peter Todd thanked everyone for attending, and introduced the members of the panel for the hustings meeting who were, Cllr Robin Bradburn from the Liberal Democrat Group, Cllr Andrew Geary Leader of the Council and the Conservative Group, Mr Ronen Ghose representing the UK Independence Party, and Cllr Peter Marland from the Labour Group.

Each member spoke for up to ten (10) minutes, to set out their programme if they were to form the next administration on Milton Keynes Council, after the local elections which are to take place on Thursday 22nd May 2014.

After which a wide variety of questions were asked of each member of the panel ranging from parking, school expansion, health facilities, the condition of the redways, pot holes, maintaining the open green spaces, the lack of affordable housing, education and skills training and attracting more employers into Milton Keynes.

FC 225/14 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 question was asked about parking on the pavements and how this can be stopped, Cllr Andy Dransfield said that he will be tabling a motion at a meeting of Milton Keynes Council to seek agreement for a by law to be introduced to ban parking on

pavements, Cllr Hilary Dyer informed the meeting that the Loughton & Great Holm Neighbourhood Action Group has also been working on trying to tackle this problem also, Cllr Peter Ballantyne spoke on the recent activity by Neighbourhood Action Group volunteers who returned areas of the verges damaged by vehicles on Kensington Drive, Great Holm.

A question was asked about the plans by the Parish Council for the Loughton Sports Ground and Social Club building, the Chairman responded by saying that discussions have taken place with the management committee, and are working on a strategic plan, the area also includes the car park which Milton Keynes Council when transferring the building to the Parish Council, also gave a grant for the future upkeep, a further grant was given to maintain the pavilion and sports ground, which further work is needed on it has been suggested by the management committee to provide a cricket pitch, it is hoped in the future to bid for grants to make improvements, the pavilion building and sports ground is to be leased to the club and to be run in partnership with the Parish Council, to encourage more local residents to use the facilities.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.

THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9:30PM

Signed _____ Chair Date _____