



Loughton and Great Holm Parish Council Planning Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd July 2018 at 7.30pm at The Loughton Memorial Hall, Bradwell Road, Loughton, Milton Keynes MK5 8AJ

Present: Councillors Sargent (chair), Jones and Dyer

Staff present: Bev Field (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public present: 2

PC10/18 Apologies: None

PC11/18 Declarations of Interest: None

PC12/18 Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 04/06/18 were approved as an accurate record

PC13/18 Matters arising:

a) **PC09a/18 22 Westwood Close, Great Holm.** The owners of 21 Westwood Close have objected to the application because the proposal will make parking difficult.

b) **PC09b/18 18 Snaith Crescent, Loughton.** Planning consultation notices were not put up on the street for this application.

Agreed: Councillor Jones will contact the planning team to clarify the process.

c) **PC39b/18 112 Lincelade Grove, Loughton.** The applicants submitted an alteration to the plan in response to objections. However, the new information was not notified to the Parish Council for further comment.

PC14/18 Public participation:

The public were advised by the Chair of the guidelines for speaking and time limits.

Two members of Samatha Trust explained that the charity has bought 1 Gatcombe, Great Holm and proposes to submit a planning application for a "change of use" from residential to be a "Meditation House". The charity has run for 70+ years and has 300 members nationally and is funded through donations. Their intention is to run evening and weekend classes on meditation, free of charge for individuals and small groups (4-6 people plus one teacher). It is a secular approach involving Mindfulness and does not include music or prayer, but some quiet chanting. There is parking for 5-7 cars, plus free parking on the square on Kensington Drive which is often quiet in the evenings and weekends. They have spoken to the neighbours and consider that since the previous occupant ran a business from home, this usage will be quieter and less intrusive on the neighbourhood. They have spoken with Ward Councillor Nolan and asked who else they should consult.

The Chair advised the charity representatives that no comment could be made by the Planning Committee on their proposals at this stage. The Chair advised them to consider booking a pre-planning meeting with Milton Keynes Council as the Planning Authority. Planning guidance is available in the MK Plan, which Councillors are aware of, for example, HN9 regarding change of use from residential to commercial use. They were further advised to consider contacting the Chair of the Parish Council and the other two Ward Councillors and the contact details were provided.

PC15/18 Planning applications - Representations to be made to Milton Keynes Council were agreed for the following planning applications:

- a) 3 School Lane, Loughton MK5 8AT 18/01428/TCA for T1 Walnut tree. To reduce the canopy by approx. 60%.
Resolved: no objection
- b) 7 Goodwood, Gt Holm MK8 9AZ 18/01131/FUL for a first-floor side extension.
Resolved: No objection (1 abstention)
- c) 4 Bradwell Road, Loughton MK5 8AJ 18/01371/PNHSE for prior notification for a proposed single storey rear extension
Resolved: No objection
- d) 10 Leys Road, Loughton MK5 8AZ 18/01470/FUL for removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey side extension and garage.
Resolved: The Parish Council has no objection to this application but wishes to draw attention to the "Arboricultural Surgery Record" of 2015 that states that the trees are close to the adjacent site and that care will be required in pruning the trees back in terms of shoots and roots.

PC16/18 Planning applications arising - None

Date of the next meeting:

Monday 3rd September 2018 at The Loughton Memorial Hall, Bradwell Road, Loughton, Milton Keynes MK5 8AJ at 7.30pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.36pm

Signed

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Date 1.10.18