



Minutes of the meeting of the Loughton and Great Holm Parish Council Planning Committee held on Monday 04/03/19 at The Memorial Hall, Bradwell Road, Loughton, Milton Keynes MK5 8AJ.

**Present:** Councillors Sargent (Chair), Jones and Dyer.

**Staff:** Bev Field (Parish Clerk)

**Members of the public:** 1

The meeting opened at 7.35pm

**PC33/19 Apologies:** None

**PC34/19 Declarations of Interest:** None

**PC35/19 Minutes of the previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 07/01/19 were approved and signed as an accurate record.

**PC36/19 Matters arising:** 19/3077/FUL & 19/3078/FUL 2 School Lane. The Conservation Officer has supported the objections. No determination has been made and it is past the due date.

**Agreed:** The Parish Clerk will make enquiries about the status of this application.

**PC37/19 Questions from the public:**

**Resident 1** – the applicant for 38 Gatcombe, Great Holm said this is a second application to move the garage back 1.5 metres from the path. Milton Keynes Council require 1 metre. The structure remains the same, and the roof tiles match 90%. The originals are not available from “Anchor” anymore, but they will weather and tone down. Other houses nearby have black slate. Two other Gatcombe houses have garages in front of their property. The resident was unaware of the rules until a planning officer knocked the door and advised a retrospective application. The house has been improved over the last 3 years, the applicant is trying to make it look nice. Building without permission wasn’t arrogance, it was just inexperience about the system. 20 residents supported the application. The resident did look online, and it said an open-sided structure did not require a planning application. The property used to have rubbish dumped there, now it is a useful space.

**PC38/19 Planning applications:** Representations to be made to Milton Keynes Council were considered for the following planning applications:

- a) **15 Attingham Hill, Great Holm MK8 9BY.** Application 19/00278/FUL for a single-storey front and rear extensions and internal alterations.

**Resolved:** No objection

- b) **38 Gatcombe, Great Holm MK8 9ET.** Application 19/0353/FUL for retrospective planning permission for the erection of a traditional oak car port.

**Proposal 1:** Councillor Sargent proposed to object on the grounds that the structure obstructs the building line, is out of character with the street scene, and is an inappropriate solid structure which does not conform to planning guidance.  
No seconder; proposal not carried.

**Proposal 2:** Councillor Jones proposed to comment on the application that the Parish Council agrees with moving the structure away from the path by 1.5 metres, requests that an evergreen hedge is planted to benefit the wildlife, consideration is given to treating the tiles so that they blend in better and that the structure is in a style to sympathetically match the main building.

Seconded by Councillor Dyer. 1 abstained. Motion carried.



**Resolved:** To comment that the Parish Council agrees with moving the structure away from the path by 1.5 metres, requests that an evergreen hedge is planted to benefit the wildlife, consideration is given to treating the tiles so that they blend in better and that the structure is in a style to sympathetically match the main building.

- c) **17 Church Lane Loughton MK5 8AS.** Application 19/00357/FUL for a single storey side extension and garage roof conversion including new dormers.

**Resolved:** To object to the application on the grounds that it will raise the height of the garage roof and fit dormer windows, which could impact on the neighbouring property in Ebbsgrove.

- d) **112 Lincelade Grove, Loughton MK5 8BL.** Application 19/00442/NMA for a non-material amendment to application 18/01123/FUL to include new window at ground and first floors.

**Resolved:** To comment on the application that the Parish Council does not object on the condition that the north aspect windows on the first floor are obscure glass and non-opening.

**PC39 /19 Planning applications arising:** None

**PC40/19 Pre-consultation request:** A response to the proposed base station upgrade at Lodge roundabout, Danstead Way, Great Holm MK8 9EG to Telefónica UK Ltd was considered.

**Resolved:** To welcome the proposal and request that any new base units are painted green to help them blend sympathetically with the environment. To request that the old shrubs that were removed are replaced and the roundabout is replanting with suitable landscaping.

**PC41/19 Neighbourhood Plan:** The Parish Clerk has contacted Parishes in Milton Keynes who have developed a Neighbourhood Plan, for recommendations of consultants to provide support. 3 were recommended with a fourth receiving positive comments. These have all been contacted, although the information is not yet complete. Defining the area for a Neighbourhood Plan is an early decision and inviting people to contribute to the Steering Group (which is only partially made up of Councillors). The Committee were concerned about the time commitment for both members and the Parish Clerk, and whether the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan would be commensurate with the volume of work

**Agreed:** The Parish Clerk will invite the Chair to a meeting with consultants next week. The information will be reviewed at full Council.

**Date of the next meeting:**

Monday 01/04/19 7:30pm at The Loughton Memorial Hall, Bradwell Road, Loughton, Milton Keynes MK5 8AJ.

The meeting closed at 9.14pm

Signed



Date: 2.9.19