



Minutes of the meeting of the Premises Committee of Loughton & Great Holm Parish Council held on Monday 12 July 2021 at 7.30pm, held at the Community Centre in Great Holm, 87 Kensington Drive, MK8 9AY

Councillors present: Councillors Nayee (in the Chair), Howe, Altieri-Douglas, Nolan and Todd.

Staff present: Philip Compton (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public present: 1

PRC01/21 Apologies: Apologies for anticipated late arrival were received from Cllr Nolan (arrived at 7:40pm).

PRC02/21 Declarations of interest: None were declared.

PRC03/21 Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2020 were approved as an accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting, and would be signed after the meeting by the Chair. It was noted the agreement as mentioned in comments under the item on 'allotments update' was not a formal resolution as composting was not on the agenda.

As allotments was under discussion, the Chair moved to discuss item PRC05/21 next.

PRC05/21 allotments update:

The site representative was present at the meeting and explained to the Committee the benefits of use of bulk-imported compost that was delivered to the site and distributed. The site representative explained the percentage uptake, in that 94% of the allotment plots had had this bulk compost on them (24.5 out of the 27 plots), over 200 tonnes of compost had been delivered since 2013 to the site, and that this had saved many hundreds of plastic bags and fuel in smaller load deliveries. The Committee noted the comments that had been sent to them via email and approved the continued use of bulk compost on the site.

The Clerk informed on security measures being implemented, including; ad-hoc but strong fencing, blackberry bushes at points where entry had occurred, stickers stating that there were cctv cameras in action, and the Clerk had arranged to meet a police representative from TVP (Thames Valley Police) on Wednesday 14 July at midday, for feedback.

PRC04/21 Election of Chair: Cllr Nayee was unanimously elected to the post of Chair until the first Committee meeting after the May Parish meeting, 2022.

PRC06/21 Cricket pitch in Loughton: It was on the agenda for Councillors to consider the proposal and report on cricket on the pitches generally and historically. Cllr Howe had written a report on merits and disadvantages of having a cricket pitch on the field in Loughton.

Councillors considered the two sports could co-exist, potentially, as they had in the past. There were grant schemes available, and to set up the pitch would take over 24 months. Councillors noted cricket as a sport had a tendency to engender a community spirit, and the use of the Pavilion would be a factor to consider, but that it would occupy the sports pitches during the summer months, thereby precluding less formal sports (frizby-throwing, picnics). The general consensus of the Committee was a desire to implement a cricket pitch.

Action: Councillors noted the current proposal and the Clerk would respond along the lines of: The Council was grateful for interest shown, and would be looking into this as a project and would get back at a future time.

PRC07/21 Football teams tenancy agreements:

Action: the agreements for the year ahead were approved (2021-2022), subject to an amendment to extract exclusive rights to the car park, and to request minimum use of the car park.

PRC08/21 Football teams rent consideration:

Action: The Committee noted that over the past season many months of football had been cancelled on account of covid restrictions, and agreed to reduce the forthcoming season's rent by 20%.

PRC09/21 Grant application:

Action: the application by Tattenhoe Youth Football Club for a contribution for goalposts was referred to Full Council

PRC10/21 Items for the next agenda: Members noted they must notify the Clerk of any items for the agenda in accordance with the Parish Council's standing orders.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 11 October 2021 at 6:30pm at the Community Centre in Great Holm.