

Minutes of the Meeting of Loughton & Great Holm Parish Council held remotely on Monday 15 February 2021 at 7.30pm

Location: held virtually by zoom technology.

Parish Members present: Councillors Todd (in the Chair), Altieri-Douglas, Bailey, Dyer,

Feeney, Howe, Hoyle, Nayee, Nolan, Sargent.

Staff: Philip Compton (Parish Clerk)
Members of the public present: 0

Cllrs were reminded all the rules about code of conduct at meetings applied to virtual meetings, and that as had been requested in September 2020 all meetings would be recorded.

FC162/20 Apologies: None had been received.

FC163/20 Declarations of interest: No interests were declared.

FC164/20 Public participation: No members of the public were present.

FC165/20 Thames Valley Police: The crime statistics report from Thames Valley Police was noted.

FC166/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2021: minutes of the last meeting had been provided prior to the meeting in the paperwork and were approved as an accurate record. The Chair agreed to sign them after the meeting, and provide them to the Clerk, after changing the year from 2020 to 2021.

FC167/21 Committee meetings:

Action: draft minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting 01 February 2021 had been uploaded to the website and included in the paperwork for the meeting, and were noted. Cllr Sargent as Chair of that Committee provided a verbal update: an objection to an application on 107 London Rd had been submitted, and the section 106 funding application had been submitted to counteract biodiversity loss at Elfield Park by investing in the proposed allotment project, and result of this would be provided in mid-April.

FC168/21 Payments: The monthly payment schedule had been compiled prior to the meeting and was included in the paperwork. All payments were approved. The current bank balance of £101k was noted.

FC169/21 Grant Application to the Parish Council: It was on the agenda to consider request for grant funding of £2,000 to covid19familiesbuckinghamshire with reference to the grants policy on the Parish's website.

Action: Councillors noted this was not local to the Parish, nor indeed to Milton Keynes, and the company was not a registered charity. It was resolved not to grant the request for funding.

FC170/21 dog litter report: It was on the agenda to consider options as provided in the Clerk's report including; hiring a dog warden, extra litter bins provision, larger litter bins than currently used, increased signage.

Action: it was resolved to trial out the dog warden, up to the value of Cllr Nolan's ward contribution of £250. It was resolved to ask the Parks Trust if they would allow the Parish Council to place dog litter stickers on their noticeboard. It was resolved Cllrs Sargent and Nolan would work together to provide better locations for the dog litter bins, for Full Council approval after costing.

Cllr Feeney lost connectivity and left the meeting at 8:30pm.

FC171/21 pre-recorded answers to 10 Questions from constituents: Councillors noted meetings of the forum had not been held due to the pandemic, that there had been poor response to a local community safety consultation which was to help set policing priorities. Cllrs noted the note the Police were not keen on an online meeting.

Action: Cllrs agreed to the proposal for recording an online closed meeting with Councillor representatives with up to 10 questions on behalf of the local community to share via the Parish website and social media, to serve as information-sharing with residents.

FC172/21 timing of Full Council meetings: On the agenda was a motion to consider the start time of Full Council meetings be moved from 7:30pm to 6:30pm, effective from March 2021.

Action: This did not meet with approval, it was noted an earlier start time would clash with Cllr Nolan's work commitments, and the motion was withdrawn.

FC173/21 Street trading license - Boroughwide Street Trading Consent - Renewal from Howe and Co (Fish & Chips) for 9 Vans to trade Boroughwide for the following times: Monday to Saturday 11:30 - 22:30: Councillors to consider the application and respond accordingly.

Action: A vote was held:

Those in favour of objecting: 2

It was clear there was no majority in favour of voting and so the Council agreed not to object.

FC174/21 Draft South East Milton Keynes - Strategic Urban Extension Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document: Draft South East Milton Keynes - Strategic Urban Extension Development Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for consultation and is invitation for comments.

Action: This was noted.

FC175/20 Reports from members:

a) Cllr Altieri-Douglas had attended an online event on 15 February hosted by Eastwest rail, which focussed on: Updates on the recent investment announcement by Government and what this means for your communities, opportunities to discuss the

- new delivery plan in the context of upgrades on the railway between Bletchley and Bedford, and discussion on what was coming up in the months ahead, including plans for forthcoming public consultation and proposals for the Marston Vale Line
- **b)** Cllr Sargent updated on Church activities: After many years in post, Roger Blackburn had stood down as Church Warden, and the incoming warden was John Rowcroft James.

FC176/20 Items for the next agenda. Councillors were reminded for items to be requested on the agenda to contact the Clerk in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

Date and time of Next Meeting: Monday 15 March 2021 at 7.30pm

The Meeting was declared closed at 09:30pm.