



Minutes of the Meeting of Loughton & Great Holm Parish Council held at the Community Centre in Great Holm on Monday 15 November 2021 at 7.30pm

Councillors present: Councillors Nayee (in the Chair), Altieri-Douglas, Bailey, Dyer, Howe, Hoyle (from 8:40pm), and Nolan.

Staff : Philip Farquharson (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public present: 0

FC128/21 Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Feeney, Sargent and Todd, and apologies for late arrival had been received from Cllr Hoyle, and these were approved.

FC129/21 Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest.

FC130/21 Public participation: There were no members of the public present.

FC131/21 Thames Valley Police: The crime statistics report was noted, and the Clerk was asked to request further information on the following matters; thefts from motor vehicles, dangerous driving incidents, and the stalking and harassment incident.

FC132/21 Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting held on 18 October 2021 were approved as an accurate record and would be signed by the Chair after the meeting.

FC133/21 Committee and Working Party meetings: Minutes and resolutions of the Finance and Staffing Committee held on 08 November 2021 were noted.

FC134/21 Planning applications: To consider any representations to be made to Milton Keynes Council on the planning applications (pages 10-15):

- a) Application no: 21/03169/FUL Proposal: Demolition of existing detached dwelling & creation of two-storey detached dwellinghouse At: 129 London Road Loughton Milton Keynes MK5 8AG

Action: It was resolved not to object to this application but to request that the proposed boundary screen facing the neighbouring property at Hillcrest Close be obscurely glazed to a minimum level 3 within the Pilkington range of textured glass, and that the screen and boarding be maintained in this condition and not altered to clear glazing, without specific planning permission by the local planning authority, the reason being to preserve the amenity and privacy of the adjoining residential occupiers in accordance with Policy D5 of Plan:MK (2019).

- b) Application no: 21/03282/FUL Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension, front porch extension, installation of new roof and loft conversion with 2 no. front and

rear dormers, 3 rooflights to rear roofslope; demolition of existing garage and erection of a new detached garage. At: 1A The Meadway Loughton Milton Keynes MK5 8AN

Action: It was resolved not to object to this planning application.

FC135/21 Payments: Monthly payments for November were authorized and the Council noted current bank balance of £126k.

FC136/21 Devolved Landscaping Expression of Interest:

Action: Councillors resolved to express an interest in delivering landscaping services, to receive a package of further information, noting it was not binding upon the Parish Council to go any further than express an interest in devolved landscaping.

FC137/21 litter bin at underpass into Shenley Church End near the Talbot Public House:

Discussion: Cllr Nolan led this item. Councillors discussed whether it would be prudent to install another litter bin in the area. Feedback had been sought from relevant officers in property and facilities at Milton Keynes Council and their feedback was provided at the meeting. In summary feedback was to the effect that; an additional bin would not improve the reported issues with littering, increasing the frequency of litter patrols would be expensive, targeted education around the impact of littering at local schools might assist, a litter bin somewhere in the area could be a possibility but not under the Watling Street underpass as it would be a target for vandalism.

Action: Accordingly it was resolved the Clerk would write to Denbigh School and request targeted education around littering.

FC139/21 Tree funding and the Queens Platinum Jubilee:

Action: Councillors resolved to apply for ten trees, five in each side of the Parish, and the Clerk would contact both Holmwood School and Loughton School and offer a tree, noting the deadline was extremely tight for this application.

FC140/21 Defibrillators:

Action: It was resolved to install defibrillators on the outside of the two premises the Parish Council owns (the Community Centre and the Pavilion in Loughton) for £1/day per machine hire cost plus installation cost.

FC141/21 Freestanding batting practice cage:

Discussion: Cllr Nolan led this item. Councillors considered purchasing a batting cage for cricket, however there was concern that it was expensive and would be a target for vandalism and the motion was withdrawn. It was agreed to have as an agenda item at the next meeting permanent football posts, properly costed, as an option to enable wider use of the grounds, other than dog walkers and footballing tenants.

FC142/21 Cricket pitch square:

Discussion: Cllr Howe led the Council through his report, which detailed the implications of installation of three or four wickets between the football pitches in Loughton. Cllrs noted the high cost of installation and maintenance, and agreed to remain vigilant over the winter months as to possible grants in particular with regard to installation of the wickets, noting however that the teams rather than the landlord may be the eligible parties. It was agreed to withdraw the

motion and consider it later in the Spring, after further research into possible grant funding had been conducted.

FC138/21 Business plan and budget for 2022-2023:

Action: It was on the agenda to agree a business plan for the forthcoming financial year, agree the budget and set the precept requirement, as recommended by the Finance and Staffing Committee. **The Council resolved to approve the business plan and draft budget.** With 2245.64 Band D properties in the Parish, and a precept requirement of £93,546, this was an increase per band D property of £1.85 per annum, from £39.81 per Band D property the previous year, with the acknowledgement that there was a £10,000 commitment to Loughton parking measures carried over from the previous financial year.

FC143/21 Reports from members: It was on the agenda to receive verbal reports from members attending external meetings:

- a) Members to report back on any meetings that they may have attended

Reports: Cllr Nolan reported back that she had attended the NAG bulb planting operation, where over 1,000 bulbs had been planted around the obelisk in Great Holm, and that there had been a very good turnout. Cllr Dyer reported that the NAG were doing Christmas windows again this year. Cllr Hoyle reported back on Shenley Leisure Centre Trust activities. The Chair updated the Council with approbation that the allotment waiting list was going down fast, as five plots had fallen vacant this year.

- b) There was no report on Milton Keynes Council meetings

FC144/21 Items for the next agenda: All members were reminded to 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 20 December 2021 at 7.30pm, at the Loughton Memorial Hall.

The meeting was declared **closed** at 8:55pm.