



Minutes of the Meeting of Loughton & Great Holm Parish Council held at the Community Centre in Great Holm on Monday 21 March 2022 at 7.30pm

Councillors present: Councillors Nayee (in the Chair), Bailey, Dyer, Nolan and Sargent.

Staff : Philip Farquharson (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public present: 3

FC182/22 Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Altieri-Douglas, Feeney, Howe, Hoyle and Todd.

FC183/22 Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest.

FC184/22 Public participation:

All three members of the public were present to raise their concern over the planning application at agenda item FC193/22a on 119 London Road. Comments re-iterated those concerns as raised at the last meeting of the Planning Working Party on 07 March 2022 (minutes of that meeting refer). In summary the following concerns were raised:

- That it appeared to be an overdevelopment of the site
- That neighbours' comments did not appear to have been considered
- That the proposed new windows would be overlooking neighbouring properties and this would infringe upon their privacy
- That the extent of the proposed development was too close to neighbouring properties
- And that neighbours wished MKC planning officers to note that the site was raised above all neighbours' properties, which were lower.

Councillors noted the email that had been sent which raised concern over the old telephone exchange in Loughton where there was some rubbish, noting however it was on private property.

FC185/22 Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting held on 21 February 2022 were approved as an accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting and were signed by the Chair.

FC186/22 interim internal audit report:

Action: The report was noted, and it was noted there were no recommendations from the auditor. The Clerk was thanked for extremely efficient financial management reflected by a clean internal interim audit.

FC187/22 Payments:

Action: Monthly payments for March were approved, and the current bank balance of £93k was noted.

FC188/22 Insurance reduction:

Action: Cllrs noted the reduction of £704 on account of an error/typo by the insurers (the value of assets had been accidentally multiplied by ten, resulting in a higher annual fee).

FC189/22 NJC payscales for 2020-21:

Action: The increase of 1.75%, backdated to April 2021, was noted.

FC190/22 MKPA annual play: it was on the agenda to consider booking in play sessions for the summer 19 sessions £7,600 at £400 a session for 2.5hrs, total cost £7,600. It was noted this was a little over budget, but only by £137.

Action: It was resolved to agree to this, and to pay for the NAG extra session in the usual manner.

FC191/22 Planning meetings moving forwards:

Action: It was noted that there was insufficient personnel to Clerk these meetings for the immediate future and so planning applications would go to Full Council meetings, until the recruitment of a new Clerk.

FC192/22 Committee meetings: All draft minutes had been uploaded to the website and were provided in the papers prior to the meeting. The minutes and actions and resolutions of the belowmentioned meetings were noted:

a) Planning Working Party meeting on 07 March 2022

FC193/22 Planning applications: To consider any representations to be made to Milton Keynes Council on the following planning applications (pages 73-77):

- a) Application no: 22/00268/FUL Proposal: Replacement of an existing single storey dwelling with a new two storey dwelling, as well as an additional two storey dwelling to the rear of the site and creation of access At: 119 London Road Loughton Milton Keynes MK5 8AG

Action: it was resolved to object to this application and the Clerk would submit an objection letter to Planning on the MKC portal.

- b) Application no: 22/00490/FUL Proposal: The erection of a single storey extension to the front, side and rear At: 77 Bradwell Road Loughton Milton Keynes MK5 8BS

Action: it was resolved not to object to this application.

- c) Application no: 22/00140/FUL Proposal: Erection of a single storey side and rear extension. The installation of 2x roof dormers to both sides of the house roof and raised porch to the front. Installation of new windows and 1x bi-fold door to original dwelling. Erection of new boundary wall with gate. At: 107 London Road Loughton Milton Keynes MK5 8AG

Action: it was resolved not to object to this application.

FC194/22 Recruitment update: The Chair confirmed recruitment had begun, interviews would be held swiftly and a recommendation would be put forward to the next Full Council meeting.

FC195/22 Locum Clerk option: To consider hiring a locum Clerk and practicalities (number of hours/week, which parts of the job of Clerk to include).

Action: It was resolved to agree to the hiring of a locum Clerk if; either recruitment was unsuccessful or if there was a period of time between departure of the current Clerk and beginning of the new Clerk. Details of the job spec were agreed as per the draft application which was included in the paperwork for the meeting.

FC196/22 Biodiversity Champion: it was on the agenda to consider having a Councillor as a Biodiversity Champion.

Action: The item was deferred.

FC197/22 Use of herbicide spray by the Parks Trust: It was on the agenda for Councillors to consider petitioning the Parks Trust to ban the use of herbicide sprays in Loughton and Great Holm.

Action: it was noted this had been done a year earlier.

FC198/22 Thames Valley Police:

Action: The crime statistics report from Thames Valley Police was received, and the Chair agreed to write to the police.

FC199/22 Reports from members:

Action: No reports were given.

FC200/22 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, in particular standing order 9b.

FC201/22 date and time of next meeting: It was resolved that unless insufficient business warranted the meeting to be cancelled, the next meeting would be held at 7:30pm on Monday 25 April 2022 at the Memorial Hall in Loughton,

The meeting was declared closed at 9:00pm.