



Minutes of the meeting of the Premises Committee of Loughton & Great Holm Parish Council held on Wednesday 26 October 2020 at 6.30pm.

Location: the meeting was held remotely, via zoom technology.

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

Staff present: Philip Compton (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public present: 0

PRC37/20 Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Howe.

PRC38/20 Minutes of the previous meetings: Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2019, 02 September 2020 and inquorate meeting of 10 February 2020, were agreed as accurate records of the proceedings of those meetings, and the Chair signed them.

PRC39/20 Declarations of interest: There were none.

Great Holm Community Centre

PRC40/20 Community Centre: The Clerk provided a verbal update, informing the Committee the Pre-school were paying their rent, and that there was one yoga group practicing on Wednesday evenings in the Community Centre.

Loughton Pavilion and Sports Ground

PRC41/20 Tenant update: The Clerk reported on the Grumpy Cook café, and Councillors noted compliancy work with regard to water safety would happen shortly. The Clerk informed the Committee the work would likely exceed the budgeted expense for the Pavilion for the year, and so Full Council or Finance Committee approval would be sought. Councillors noted with approbation efforts of the tenant in offering packed lunches for free for children who were entitled to free school meals, and the Clerk agreed to write to the Grumpy Cook to convey the Parish's gratitude in offering this.

PRC42/20 Pirate Park fence: The Chair updated the Committee, in that Clerk and Chair had conducted a site visit, at the request of a member of public, and investigated possible mitigation measures that could be considered in reducing the likelihood of a stray football hitting a child in the Pirate Park play area. The Committee noted the land outside the sports pitches was owned by MKC, and within the sports pitches the Clerk had requested the teams take care in shooting on goal in the warm up sessions prior to the game.

Allotments

PRC43/20: Allotments Update: the Clerk provided a verbal update; rent was being collected for the 2020-2021 year, and an election would happen for site rep in the early Spring. The Clerk clarified that there had been an election this year (2020) but there had been a 5 year gap since the previous site rep election prior to 2020. Claims of unfairness in the management system were discussed, and Councillors noted the Clerk's advice, which was that with a second allotment site, with double the number of ploholders, a Committee might be more practical, but that the current system of having one site rep had worked well over the past few years.

Cllr Nolan left the meeting at this point (7:00pm). The meeting was still quorate with three Councillors present.

The allotment discussion continued, and Councillors continued to discuss fairness of the current compost delivery and allocation system. **The Committee noted compost was being imported in bulk and sold to ploholders, and considered this was a breach of the Parish's rules and regs as it classed as trading, and the Committee agreed there should therefore be no further compost delivery in bulk and subsequent sale to ploholders.**

Date and time of Next Meeting: Monday 25 January at the same time of 6.30pm

The Meeting was declared closed at 7:20pm.