



Loughton & Great Holm Parish Council Full Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th February 2018 at the Memorial Hall, Bradwell Rd, Loughton MK5 6JE at 7:30pm.

Present: Councillors Todd (chair), Sargent, Ballantyne, Gray, Nolan, Jones, Boland, Dyer. Councillor Howe (from 9.00pm)

Also present: Bev Field (parish clerk)

In attendance: 3 members of the public

Chairman's Announcements

The chairman requested support for Brain Tumour Research Day. Councillors wore hats in support of the event and a photograph was taken to share on social media.

FC171/18 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor Dransfield.
Councillor Howe apologised for his late attendance.

FC172/18 Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th January 2018 were approved and signed as an accurate record subject to the following amendments:

- FC152c/18 replace "Dryer" with "Dyer."
- FC163/18 add "as per the quote".

FC173/18 To receive the draft minutes of the planning committee

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5/2/18 were received

FC174/18 Matters arising from the previous minutes that are not on the agenda

- FC152c an appointment for the Approved Premises Committee to meet was deferred to 5/3/18 and there has been some communication between the neighbour and the MP about the issues.

FC175/18 Declarations of Interest

For item FC188/18 Councillor Gray declared a personal interest

For item FC188/18 Councillor Dyer declared a personal interest

FC176/18 To receive a verbal report for Thames Valley Police

None present



FC177/18 Public participation

- a) The park between Kirkland Court and Redland Way, Loughton lacks a sign to designate it, the park appears run down and the equipment has low play value for children. There is no night-lighting and the pruning was too severe last year. Lastly, there have been needles and empty alcohol bottles discarded there.

The residents were advised that there is a policy to not have night-lighting to reduce disturbance to wildlife and minimise inappropriate use of the facilities at night.

Councillor Todd offered to raise the landscaping with Milton Keynes Council.

Councillor Nolan offered to raise concern with Milton Keynes Council about needles and bottles on the park.

- b) Discussion relating to FC187/18 noted that 2/3 of the road is away from the bridge, so the lights could be converted to full height and not affect the train drivers. 1 light has been removed and the area tarmacked which has left a dark area to walk through.

FC178/18 to receive verbal reports from members attending external meetings

a) Neighbourhood Action Group

Councillor Ballantyne reported that a new vice-chair has been elected. At a recent meeting the group received reports from the Parks Trust and from Ride High Equestrian Centre. The group will be planting daffodils around Loughton but have declined the offer of 50 trees from the Woodland Trust, because a suitable site was not identified. Meetings will be reduced from monthly to bi-monthly (plus socials), and the group are looking to identify practical projects in the community to focus on.

b) Ward Councillors to report on Milton Keynes Council meetings

Councillor Nolan reported that Milton Keynes Council has completed the budget consultation and agreed a council tax increase of 5.8%. The Fire and Rescue Service relocation plans are continuing, and the precept for this service as well as Thames Valley Police will increase. The positive news is that road investment will see a reduction in pothole repairs and a focus on resurfacing whole sections of road. Weekly bin collections, libraries and children's centres will continue unchanged by the budget. There have been substantial increases in the costs for temporary accommodation and the number of homeless people needing accommodation in Milton Keynes. Councillor Nolan has report graffiti which was reported and removed twice.

Councillor Nolan encouraged the Parish Council to report any broken, damaged or defaced items to Milton Keynes Council for repair.



c) Members reporting on any other meetings they may have attended:

Councillor Gray attended a meeting at Milton Keynes Council regarding a local heritage register for buildings erected between 1966-92. One building in Loughton and 4-5 buildings in Great Holm were nominated and accepted for the register.

Councillor Sargent attended the Development Control Panel at Milton Keynes Council on 25/1/18 to speak about the planning application for 6 Weldon Rise, Loughton. This has subsequently become the subject of an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

Councillor Todd attended a meeting of residents with the Residents Association of Loughton to discuss the controlled parking zone. He has circulated the notes from the meeting to councillors, which have been sent to Milton Keynes Council.

FC179/18 To note the finance report

Noted

FC180/18 To consider any representations to be made to Milton Keynes Council on the following planning applications:

- a) 18/00307/FUL 8 Lincelade Grove, Loughton MK5 8DL

Resolved:

To object to the application on the grounds that it infringes on the front building line of the street. Secondly that it impinges on the amenity of the neighbouring properties and is contrary to Local Plan policy D1 Impact of Development proposals on Locality and D2 Design of Buildings. To request that a site visit is undertaken.

FC181/18 To consider any representations to be made to Milton Keynes Council for planning and licensing applications validated since the publication of the agenda

Application 18/00338/FUL for 12 Redland Close, Loughton MK5 8EL

Resolved:

To defer the application to the next planning committee meeting. If the meeting is cancelled the Parish Council will not object to the application.

FC182/18 To consider funding the repainting of the advisory white lines to include the disabled parking bays at the Hilltops GP surgery car park, or to fund the alternative option of a Traffic Restriction Order with signage and enforceable lines



Resolved:

To commission the repainting of the parking bays at Hilltops Surgery as advisory white lines in thermoplastic MMA paint, to be including in a batch of work in March 2018 as per the quote.

FC183/18 To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the Jubilee Graveyard Committee Meeting 7/01/18

There was a 3-year interval between committee meetings, which should be convened annually (Jubilee Graveyard Management Deed no.4). Minute 5.1 recorded an "informal increase in the fees" of 5% in 2016 that was agreed retrospectively. This decision should be made by the committee not by an individual (Jubilee Graveyard Committee Deed no. 10b). The accounts were not available but have since been circulated.

Noted: The Jubilee Graveyard Committee members present noted the comments

Councillor Howe joined the meeting at 9.00pm

FC184/18 To decide whether the new policy for an additional provision for sales to residents/worshippers for the burial/internment of a close family member (Jubilee graveyard committee minutes of 7/1/18 item 4.2) is desirable or permissible under the rules of the Graveyard Management Deed 07/10/12

Resolved: that no new category needed to be added to the eligibility criteria, as this option is covered by item 10e in the Jubilee Graveyard Management Deed with a decision to be made by the committee.

FC185/18 To commission the art work for MK50 and agree the budget.

The quote for installing the artwork is £3500.00 rather than the estimated £500 due to the wet location and height of the work. The manufacturer is experienced in installation of art works, experienced with the materials being used and has safety expertise. This meant that obtaining comparative quotes was not possible. The quote could be reduced by relocation or a height reduction. The location was chosen to minimise vandalism, climbing and to provide the visual context for the sculpture.

Resolved:

To increase the budget by £3,500.00 to a total of £10,500.00 and commission the art work in the chosen location at Lodge Lake, using the manufacturer for installation to include a guarantee.

Councillor Sargent left the meeting at 9.50pm



FC186/18 To receive a report on the progress of the asset transfer for Great Holm Community Centre

Noted

FC187/18 To discuss the streetlighting on the footbridge between the railway station and Loughton Park

Resolved:

To request a meeting between the Highways department, representatives of the Parish Council and representatives of the residents present at this meeting to discuss the impact on residents of the new lighting on the footbridge between the railway station and Loughton Park.

FC188/18 To consider awarding a grant of £500 to All Saints Church, Loughton
Councillors Dyer and Gray abstained from voting as they had declared a personal interest in this item.

Resolved:

To award a grant of £500.00 to All Saints Church for advertising, leaflets and prizes for the 800th anniversary fete.

FC189/18 To consider awarding a grant to the Friends of Holmwood PTA for £1000 to contribute to the cost of entertainment at a summer fete, for children's equipment and a disco or trip for school leavers/joiners

A proposal to award a grant of £1000.00 was not seconded.

Resolved:

To award a grant of £500.00 to contribute to the cost of entertainment and equipment for the summer fete and to a disco/trip for school leavers/joiners.

Councillor Jones left the meeting at 10.00pm

FC190/18 To note that the Local Government Pension Scheme contribution has been increased to 25.1%.

Noted

FC191/18 To note that Auditing Solutions will be conducting an internal audit review for 2017/18 at an estimated cost of £400 plus VAT and travel

Noted



FC192/18 To receive the progress report of the parish clerk
Noted

FC193/18 Cheques for payment:
The cheques for payment were authorised

FC194/18 To receive items for the next agenda
None requested

Date and time of Next Meeting: Monday 19th March at Holmwood school, Kensington Drive, Great Holm MK8 9AB at 7.30pm

The chair closed the meeting at 10.07pm

Signed _____ Chair

Date 19/3/18