



**Loughton & Great Holm Parish Council
Full Council**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th January 2018 at Holmwood School, Kensington Drive, Great Holm, Milton Keynes MK8 9AB at 7:30pm.

Present: Councillors Todd (chair), Sargent, Ballantyne, Gray, Nolan, Jones, Dransfield, Howe, Boland. Councillor Dyer (from 7.37pm)

Also present: Bev Field (parish clerk)

In attendance: 4 members of the public

FC148/18 Apologies:

None received.

FC149/18 Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th December 2017 were approved and signed as an accurate record.

FC150/18 Matters arising from the previous minutes that are not on the agenda

None

FC151/18 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interests were made.

FC152/18 Public participation

Questions were raised regarding the following:

- a) The streetlighting on the footbridge between the railway station and Loughton Park has been replaced with hip-level LED lighting. The resident has been aware of crime on that area in the past and now feels more nervous. His neighbour reports needing a torch now and using taxis from the station because of the poor lighting. There is a gap in the lighting that was reported 8 weeks ago, but no response has been received. Councillors commented that they have experienced near-collisions with pedestrians and cyclists. The lighting on Danstead Way is different and fear of crime was noted.

Agreed:

- To put this as an agenda item for the next full council
- To make enquiries with Milton Keynes Council about the rationale for the change in lighting, and difference with Danstead Way.

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- b) Residents in the restricted parking zone in Loughton are asking for closer monitoring of residents parking permits, to prevent inappropriate use of them or selling them on to third parties. A public consultation is likely to be undertaken on the hours of the restrictions and enforcement.

Councillor Todd replied that he attends the consultation group and will report to the Parish Council on developments.

- c) Concern was expressed about changes to the management of offenders at the Approved Premises. A neighbour reported that there have been recent changes resulting in the restrictions on the use of the garden being relaxed. The residents are now smoking, talking and shouting in the garden until 11.00pm. The resident has written to the manager and his MP.

Councillor Dransfield advised the resident to write to him as the ward councillor, as well as to the Parish Council and Ian Stewart MP.

Councillor Todd advised the meeting that he met the management of the Approved Premises who said they wish to use the garden to minimise the risk of inappropriate behaviour on the street. They said they are aware of the proximity of the smoking shelter to the neighbour's property and offered to move it to the other end of the garden. In addition, the Approved Premises will consult the neighbours about putting in a higher fence. They were suggesting a restriction to 2 people in the garden at any time until 11.00pm.

A committee meeting with the Approved Premises will be arranged by Councillors Nolan and ~~Dyer~~. *Dyer BT*

Councillor Dransfield left the meeting at 7.58pm

FC153/18 To receive a verbal report from Thames Valley Police

None present

FC154/18 Presentation.

The meeting noted that Melanie Watts declined to attend.

Sara Myers presented her proposal for a Corten steel sculpture celebrating the diversity of life, the oneness of nature, city life and industry in Milton Keynes. A 3-stage process will be required to include 2 months for design and planning, 6 weeks for fabrication, and 1 week for installation.

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Resolved:

- To award the commission at the next full council.
- Sarah Myers will submit 2 designs, one within the agreed budget and a second design that is designed in an "L" shape with costings.
- Not to pursue a submission from Melanie Watts.

FC155/18 To receive a verbal report form the planning and licensing committee.

An update was given on 5 planning applications for which there are no objections. Applications for 6 Weldon Rise 17/02322/FUL and 17/02756/FUL will be considered by the Development Control Panel on 25/01/18 and Councillor Dransfield is speaking as the ward councillor. Councillor Sargent will represent the Parish Council.

Noted

FC156/18 To consider planning and licensing applications validated since the publication of the agenda:

- a) 1 Church Lane 18/00045/FUL

Resolved:

No objection to the application, with a request that the planning officer takes into consideration the position and visibility of the site in the conservation area.

- b) 27 Bradwell Rd 18/00026/DISCON

Resolved:

No comment

FC157/18 To receive verbal reports from members attending external meetings:

- a) None to report
- b) None to report
- c) Councillor Todd attended the Graveyard Committee on 07/01/18 and had previously circulated the minutes. The previous committee meeting was on 7/2/15 and Councillor Dyer expressed concern about the frequency of the meetings and the changes to the eligibility criteria.

Resolved:

To review the minutes of the Jubilee graveyard committee at the next full council.
The agenda item to be submitted by Councillor Dyer.

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FC158/18 To note the finance report

Noted

FC159/18 To decide the extent of the freehold title to acquire at Great Holm Community Centre

Resolved:

To defer the decision until more detailed information is available.

FC160/18 Financial planning for Loughton Sports and Social Club and Great Holm Community Centre

Item withdrawn

FC161/18 To receive a report on the progress of the re-roofing of the Loughton Sports and Social Club

Resolved:

To request that M&J builders leave some spare roof tiles for future maintenance.

Noted

Councillor Sargent left the meeting at 9.55pm

FC162/18 To agree the format of the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2018

Resolved:

- To hold a husting for the May 2018 election for the Loughton and Shenley ward.
- To investigate Macintyre as a venue option in Great Holm.

FC163/18 To consider expenditure on landscaping works

Resolved:

- To decline the quote for removing the wetpour and rubber surfaces for the Lincslade Grove/Ebbs Grove site because the cost is excessive.
- To agree to pay to cut back the vegetation, stain the pergolas and install 2 new benches at the side of Loughton sports field. as per the quote - BT

FC164/18 to consider expenditure for the completion of the end of year accounts

Resolved:

To commission Rialtas (RBS) to complete the end of year accounts for 2017/18

BT



FC165/18 To receive a letter of thanks for a grant to Loughton School
Noted with thanks

FC166/18 To consider an invitation to a Milton Keynes tennis stakeholders meeting

Resolved:

That Councillor Nolan will attend the meeting to explore further options for the Parish Council to consider.

FC 167/18 To consider a request from the headteacher of Loughton School to support parking restrictions on the road junctions around the school

Resolved:

To support the proposal

FC168/18 To receive the progress report of the parish clerk
Noted

FC 169/18 Cheques for payment
The cheques for payment were authorised.

FC170/18 Items for the next agenda (details to be agreed)

- Review of the minutes of the Jubilee graveyard committee.
- To commission the art work for MK50 and agree the budget.
- To discuss the streetlighting on the footbridge between the railway station and Loughton park.

Date and time of Next Meeting: Monday 19th February 2018 7:30pm at the Memorial Hall, Loughton, Milton Keynes MK5 6JE

The chair closed the meeting at 10:42pm

Signed

Chair Date 19.2.18