



**Minutes of the AGM held on
11th May 2010
at Loughton Baptist Church**

Present

Barry Anderson, Elaine Anderson, Irene Barnard, Anita Hancock, Mike Jones, Maggie Kirkman, Simon Kirkman, Rozi Rowcroft James, Ray Williams, Rob Wills, Janet Cooper (from 7.48pm)

Apologies

None received

Thanks to Dave Gregory for allowing us to use the Loughton Baptist church for the meeting and the use of the kitchen.

The Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and the other Committee members were introduced to the meeting

Review of previous minutes

Agreed by the committee at the following committee meeting after the AGM.

SK talked briefly through the minutes.

Matters arising

The meeting was reminded that last year there was a risk of the LRA winding up in the absence of a Chair or Committee. This continues to be a risk to the Association.

Chair's report

Please refer to the newsletter p4. The LRA has been quite active in monitoring planning applications, as notified to the Parish Council (PC). The feeling is that there is a gap between what the Planning Officers, especially with respect to the Conservation Area, believe is suitable and what the LRA believes is suitable. There is no conservation statement in place, even though this is a statutory obligation. This makes it difficult for the planners and the LRA to have a terms of reference for planning. There are three parish councillors on the LRA. The PC has invited planning officers to its next meeting: if anyone has an interest in protecting the open space in Loughton please attend the meeting on 21st June, 8pm at Great Holm meeting place (by the Obelisk). The Planning Officers will explain what their policy is, then the residents can say what they feel is appropriate.

Treasurer's report

Please refer to the newsletter p5. This year, even though the cost of the newsletter went up significantly, we are ok. We have received most of the advertising payments; those outstanding are historic good payers, so we don't envisage a problem, collecting their payment.



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Secretary's report

See newsletter p6

Loughton Issues

- Rubbish bins between Loughton and the station. The Parish Council raised this and suggested this to MK Council (MKC). MKC says this area is cleaned three times per week and therefore a bin is not required.
- No other issues raised.

Election of officers:

Question raised as to why the whole committee has to resign each year? A - this is due to the way that the constitution is set out.

Suggestion that we look at the constitution again to appoint officers for three years.

SK provided an overview of the role of the Chair.

No-one came forward to stand as Chair. The situation will be reviewed at the meeting scheduled for May 27th to review the AGM.

AOB

- How does Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) link in with the LRA? Mike Jones serves on both the NAG and the LRA. The NAG has been in place for two years as a partnership between the PC, MKC and Police. Residents are canvassed to get the areas of interest for the NAG. There is very little duplication between the NAG and the LRA, generally this happens only where more voices are better than fewer. The LRA communicates with residents differently from NAG, via its annual newsletter and the update. The LRA was set up because of planning issues in Loughton and this has remained a key strand of what it does. The LRA is also independent of the PC and MKC. The LRA and PC complement one another on planning.

On behalf of the residents, Elaine thanked the Officers of the LRA for their work and especially with respect to planning matters.

David Thom then gave a talk on the history of All Saints' Church.

Thanks to everyone for attending, and thank you to Dave for the use of the church and to David for the talk.

The meeting closed at 9.30.

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Chair			



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