

Loughton Residents' Association

Minutes of Meeting 29th July 2010
Held at All Saints' Church, Loughton

Present: Barry Anderson, Elaine Anderson, Matteo Bettella, Rosa Bettella, Ray Williams, Mike Jones, Anita Hancock, Simon Kirkman, Rozi Rowcroft James, Irene Barnard.

Apologies: Lyn Rose, Janet Cooper, Maggie Kirkman, Matalie Sanatian

Minutes of the previous meetings:
29th April - approved without changes
27th May - approved without changes

Matters arising

£300 Residents Involvement Group grant: should now have been credited direct to the LRA bank account

2011 Newsletter: as a voluntary organisation we can use the Council's printing facility, but for 2010 they didn't have capacity. The commercial cost of printing was significantly more than the cost of using the Council's facility. SK approached the council and which said that it was not the timing but they can produce a maximum of 40 pages only, due to a change of printing equipment. The Council could approach a company on our behalf. SK will get the Council to provide a quote based on the 2010 newsletter and to price up a 40 page document so that we can make a decision. He will also see whether colour remains on offer for the same price as b&w via the Council. Adverts: public deadline Dec 31st, absolute is Jan 16th. Articles: published deadline Jan 16th, absolute Jan 31st.

Agreeing our set up for 2010/11

Our meeting in September will be an EGM to vote in the committee.

Date of meeting is 30th Sept @ All Saints' at 7.30pm

MJ to put something on the website. MJ to get a quote for the cost of printing 1300 A6 double sided leaflets and for us to deliver and drop. If it's less than £70 then we go ahead. RRJ will do the design.

Setting the agenda for 2010/11

To be approved at the EGM

- Newsletter
- Working with MK Council and the Parish Council on planning matters
- Keep track with any changes to the existence and structure of the NAG

Dates

Sept 30th 7.30pm All Saints'
Nov 25th 7.30pm All Saints'
Jan 27th 7.30pm All Saints'
Mar 31st 7.30pm All Saints'
May 26th (AGM) venue tbc

Progress on planning matters

- PC meeting and Council response on the planning policy for Loughton: MK Council would like to have someone from the Parish Council to be involved in planning applications from as early a point as possible. Usually a developer would engage with MKC before formal planning permission is sought. LRA would have very early sight over the type of development and would be able to influence at that stage.
- There are two proposals within the Conservation areas, but they are so far down the investment track that it's difficult to get them to change.

There will be a site meeting ahead of the Development Control Committee where the application for the Pitcher Lane / School Lane development, and an application for 2 Weldon Rise.

The planners will be writing a new character statement for the Conservation Area; the LRA needs to have an input into this document. The author will be talking to the Parish Council, who will be putting forward a couple of names, which could be both from the PC or one from PC and one from the LRA. This will be progressed by SK to work with the PC. The next PC meeting is in September.

The recent MK Citizen article referring to the planning "war" was not instigated by the LRA and is not regarded as helpful.

AOB - nothing raised.

The meeting closed at 21.55