

Loughton Residents' Association

Minutes of Emergency General Meeting 25th November 2010
Held at All Saints' Church, Loughton

Present: Barry Anderson, Elaine Anderson, Matteo Betella, Rachel Bunting, Mike Jones, Anita Hancock, Simon Kirkman, Don Maclean, Sheila Maclean, Rozi Rowcroft James, Andy Sargent, Rob Wills

Apologies: Janet Cooper

Welcome & Introduction: SK welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting: Minutes were agreed unanimously. Anita was thanked for taking the minutes.

Matters arising:

Planning for officers for 2011:

Put on the website job description for each role, time to fill the role, period of office and the outline of what the LRA does. Each officer will do a job description for their role, discuss amongst ourselves and then formally ratify at the next meeting:

- Chair - SK
- Deputy Chair - SK
- Treasurer - BA
- Secretary - RRJ
- Web site administrator - MJ
- Newsletter co-ordinator - RRJ

SK will be standing down as Chair, but will be willing to serve as Deputy Chair, to support the new Chair.

Officers' positions are open to election each year.

Review of Constitution:

RRJ to give MJ the proposed constitution to put on the website to seek comments from people.

Planning activities:

New application for land adjacent on the open paddock land on the left hand side of Weldon Rise ((WR), as one walks up it. When McAlpine built 1-5 WR they agreed to keep it as paddock land, but subsequently sold this land to private owners. SK & MB attended the most recent PC meeting. There were a number of objections. SK put one in on the behalf of the LRA, and the PC have also put in an objection, on the basis that the land was always supposed to be left free. The other sensitive item is that the pond has a colony of Great Crested Newts, and the proposal is to move the newts to Parks Trust Land. The Council Ecology person was not in favour of this. There would need to be planning permission to dig new receptor ponds, which would have to mature for a year. Target date for determination of the planning officer is December 15th.

Because of pressure on the conservation area, SK wanted to know what was happening with PC and MKC on the conservation area review. So far nothing has happened. MKC has said it has yet to finish the review of the areas it is currently working on. What's needed is a full character statement for Loughton. [Anita Hancock left the meeting at 20.08] A lot of discussion happened in the summer about how planning officers are providing advice to applicants, which then results in applications being approved. It was suggested that someone from the LRA could be involved from the start of the planning process, so that residents' views are considered, however nothing has happened since the summer.

Land between Weldon Rise and School Lane now has permission for 3 houses granted.

AS has reviewed the planning apps on the MKC website but is not sure this is complete. MJ suggested looking at the "Weekly List"; the PC should get all the applications. MJ e-mail AS with new applications, for him to review:

- Changes in the Conservation Area
- Changes affecting the front of properties
- Changes with a massive impact on footprint

Planning for 2011 Newsletter

Full page - £49

Half page - £32

Quarter - £19

Ideally we'd like all contributions by the end of January
Commitment to articles by late January
Final date of receipt will be early Feb
Need to agree a rate for web advertising at next meeting.

AOB

RRJ to send e-mail list from last meeting to MJ

Contact e-mails people - send them an e-mail to say that the minutes are available and ask for contributions.

SK advised us of an invitation from Outreach MK for a Christmas party for all voluntary and community organisations in MK on Dec 15th 1pm to 3.30pm rsvp
laura.jeffrey@mkcvo.co.uk

The meeting closed at 21.20