

LOUGHTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Held on: Thursday 7 May 2009
at Loughton Manor First School, Loughton, at 7.30pm

Present: Charlotte Cashman (Chair), June Button (Treasurer), Miriam Selwyn (Secretary), Anita Hancock, Irene Barnard, David Bowman, Barry Anderson, Elaine Anderson, Ray Williams, Mike Cashman, Janet Cooper

Apologies: Carolyn Rose, Sally Watts

Matters Arising

Prior to discussing the 2008 AGM, and points arising, the Chair briefly updated us on the outcome of previous meetings (regarding 'winding down' the LRA, due to Committee members 'retiring' from their duties). However, thankfully some good people came forward and 'saved the LRA' by replacing the vacant committee posts.

1. Minutes of the previous AGM meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on 01 May 2008 were discussed.

7c: It was noted that the Loughton Memorial Hall (which is a valued community resource) had now been modernised and that everyone is pleased with the works carried out. However, some £2-3000 still needs to be raised. David Bowen (a member of the LRA and Trustee of the Memorial Hall), gave the LRA a brief update.

2. Chair's Report

Charlotte announced that she is 'definitely' standing down this time (after kindly continuing, until a Committee was convened). She has been on the Committee since the LRA's foundation in 1993.

3. Treasurer's Report

June has also been on the Committee since 1993, and is sadly stepping down as soon as the last payment (for advertising within the Newsletter) has been accounted for. She announced that we remain in credit, and that the balance is the same as this time last year (even though money has been spent during the year). We should also have the £100 funds available for good (local) causes, which is an annual charitable donation from the LRA. She reminded us that the Newsletter is self-funding, as advertisers cover costs. She also added that the Report in the LRA Newsletter was for 2008 (as we work/report in arrears).

4. Secretary's Report

Miriam (who was one of those who 'stepped forward' at the previous meeting, in order to keep the LRA running) reiterated that the LRA is looking for new Committee

members and that it was hoped that some of those who attended this AGM would be able to offer support.

5. Loughton Issues

The Loughton Sports and Social Club are seeking new members. Unfortunately the LSSC speaker did not attend the AGM to speak on their behalf (as planned).

6. Any Other Loughton Issues?

The Chair asked those present if there were any other matters to discuss. Matters arose as follows

- Water leak on Pitcher Lane. This appears to be coming from a spring, rather than water pipes. It was noted that a French drain is to be installed to stop the water flowing down the road. Someone suggested that we should all make a complaint – and the Chair reminded us that it should be addressed to MK Council (not the Parish Council).
- Parking on grass verges. A member of the 'audience' stated that they wished to park on their grass verge, which was opposite the school on Bradwell Rd, but that there was a problem as it is currently an offence to do so. The Chair explained why the legislation is in place, and the Secretary suggested that a special case could be made, as it is a very congested stretch of road, especially when the school is open. However the couple who raised this issue didn't leave their contact details to follow this up (it could have been discussed at the next formal meeting, and then action taken, if appropriate).

7. Election of Officers

Chair: Simon Kirkman (seconded by Nick Hamp)

Treasurer: Barry Anderson (seconded by Miriam Selwyn)

Secretary: Miriam Selwyn (seconded by Irene Barnard and Elaine Anderson)

Website manager: Mike Jones (seconded by David Bowen & Janet Cooper)

Newsletter editor/manager: Susan Hughes (seconded by David Bowen & Janet Cooper)

Other members of the Committee, as follows:

Janet Cooper, Irene Barnard, Malihe Sanatian, Anita Hancock, Gillian Hogg (by proxy), Susan Hughes, Elaine Anderson, Rob Wills, Ray Williams and Carolyn (Lyn) Rose (also by proxy).

8. Any Other Business

The Chair reported that following the latest Newsletter, the LRA had some very positive responses (by email), such as that it made individuals feel more part of the community and that some of the articles and even adverts helped (eg finding a scout group).

Finally, Irene Barnard suggested a round of applause for the big turn-out at the AGM. This nicely rounded off the formal business of the evening.