



# LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## DRAFT MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009

### Public Meeting

1. Election of Chairman for meeting: David Linnell was elected Chairman.
2. Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed those present.

He spoke briefly about recent events;

- We were deeply saddened by the death on October 1<sup>st</sup> of Tony Paddon, who was a member of the Executive Committee and who had been LRA's Treasurer for 12 years.
- Town & County Councillor Chris Pond was re-elected to the County Council earlier this year, and we were very grateful for all the support we had received.
- The District Council had finally launched the public consultation on the Loughton Broadway Parking Review, and LRA had delivered a letter to residents urging them to respond. We were also pressing for revisions to parking restrictions in roads off the High Road
- Councillor Ken Angold-Stephens had worked hard over several years to get Station Approach, Loughton, tidied up and – although some problems remained – the area was now much better maintained
- The Town Council had cleaned the war memorial on Kings Green, which now looked a credit to the Town
- Much work had been done on encouraging the district council to make changes to the new green wheelie-bin scheme to meet residents' needs
- There was also a wide range of other matters in which LRA had played a part, too numerous to mention here.

The Chairman then introduced Cllr Stephen Pewsey, to set the scene for our discussion on the nature and future of the High Road and The Broadway.

3. The Future of Loughton's Town Centres

Cllr Pewsey spoke about the nature of the shops in the High Road and The Broadway (which are very different), the possibilities for the future and the problems of obtaining the mix of shops which residents might like to see. There was then a lively session of questions and discussion.

### BREAK FOR REFRESHMENTS

4. Association Business:

- (a) Apologies for absence:

Cllr Rose Brookes

Sharon Cannaby

Cllr Margaret Chalk

Cllr Carol Davies

John Duffield

Kevin Latchford

Cllr Chris Pond

David Stevenson

Cllr Roy Thomson

Cllr David Wixley

- (b) Minutes of Annual General Meeting 20 04 09.

There were no points on accuracy and the minutes were accepted.

- (c) Matters Arising; none

- (d) Questions from Members

- (e) There were discussions on policing in Loughton, Christmas Lights and the present state of the High Road Town Centre Partnership.

- (f) Any Other Business: none.

The meeting closed at 9.32 pm