



Community Alert

Loose Parish Council (LPC) – Keeping you updated

Issue No. 38

10 May 2024

Goodbye and Thank You to Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) Loose Ward Councillor Sue Grigg!

We are sad to say goodbye to Sue Grigg who was MBC Loose Ward Councillor for 13 years. Sue was so helpful and supportive to Loose Parish Council (LPC) and residents on numerous issues, always fighting so hard to protect Loose from development. With the Boundary review and Loose joining Linton as one expanded ward Sue decided not to stand, but to look forward to other ventures. Thank you Sue, on behalf of everyone at LPC!

Local Election Results

The local elections took place on Thursday 2 May 2024. Congratulations to the successful candidates. Your new Maidstone Borough Council Loose & Linton Ward Councillors are:

Brian Clark Liberal Democrats
Simon Wales Liberal Democrats

LPC looks forward to working with them both on new matters, but also continuing the good work and open items started by Sue Grigg.

Parish Councillors

For the first time in many many years, all 13 vacancies were recently filled on LPC as the Council welcomed 4 new members from the former North Loose area. As anyone can put themselves forward and two further nominations were submitted to MBC, making 15 candidates, an election had to decide the 13 places.

The results were as follows and your LPC Councillors are:

James Andrew	Velma Bennett
Vianne Gibbons	Sue Hill
Michael Hogg	Susan Hogg
Charlotte Hollister	Sarah Leeson
Neil Lettington	Tony Oliver
Andrew Richards	Mick Westwood
Mark Woodward	

LPC would like to sincerely thank Elaine Lawford and Peter Rigby for their commitment to LPC and to the Committees they have stood on, making such an impact on local community matters.

Community Coffee Mornings

This week residents enjoyed the May Community Coffee morning which is held on the second Wednesday of each month from 9.30am to 12pm at the Loose Pavilion in King George V (KGV) recreation ground. Everyone is welcome - and we particularly love to see new faces who have joined the Parish from the former North Loose Residents Association area.

Our June Coffee Morning (12 June) will be a special one commemorating the D-Day 80th anniversary. We will be celebrating with music, articles and memorabilia relating to the era including a commemorative lantern which will be lit throughout the morning. All are welcome to attend and why not support the anniversary by wearing red, white and/or blue and share your memories of days gone by. Please feel free to bring any memorabilia that you have to add to the display.

Unable to make this date? Then please make a note of our future Coffee Morning dates below:

**LOOSE COMMUNITY
COFFEE MORNINGS**
at King George V Pavilion Walnut Tree Lane
Loose ME15 9RG
9.30am-12noon
All Welcome!
2024 Dates
(Held on the second Wednesday of each month)

10 January	10 July
14 February	14 August
13 March	11 September
10 April	09 October
08 May	13 November
12 June	11 December

- Are you sitting indoors with nothing to do?
- Would you like to meet other Loose residents?
- Free tea and coffee (though donations always welcome!)
- Book and jigsaw swap service – 50p per item
- Companion dogs welcome too

If you require more details, can offer help by making drinks, washing-up, or meeting and greeting, please email:
office@loose-pc.gov.uk
Sponsored by



Loose Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The main focal point at this time of year is the Parish Council's AGM which will be held at the Loose Pavilion in KGV on Monday 13 May 2024 at 7.30pm.

The new Council will be officially formed, the Chair and Vice-Chair voted in and committee membership decided. All committees have a busy year ahead as they continue with their many existing projects, but also take on those within the North Loose area. As volunteers all should be thanked for the time they give to represent Loose, making key decisions on behalf of residents.

Want to give your view point? Have an issue you would like discussed? All residents are welcome to attend Council meetings – or contact our Clerk team to raise a matter on your behalf.

Email: office@loose-pc.gov.uk Website: www.loose-pc.gov.uk



Community Alert

Loose Parish Council (LPC) – Keeping you updated

Issue No. 38

LPC Upcoming Meetings

Members of the public are welcome to attend any council meeting held on Monday evenings at the Loose Pavilion, King George V playing field, Walnut Tree Lane, ME15 9RG.

The week prior to the meeting, agendas are published on the Parish Council website, plus the LPC noticeboards around the Parish.

13 May 7.30pm Loose Parish Council Main AGM

13 May 9.00pm LPC Planning Committee

20 May 6.45pm LPC Planning Committee

20 May 7.30pm Environment Committee

03 Jun 6.45pm LPC Planning Committee

03 Jun 7.30pm Pavilion & Community Hub Committee

10 Jun 7.30pm Human Resources Board

17 Jun 6.45pm LPC Planning Committee

Community Alert

Please encourage your friends and neighbours to sign up for the Community Alert via the Loose Parish Council website (address below). This will keep you updated with news and events from within the Parish.

Parish Discount Card



Your Discount Card should by now have been delivered with your Early Summer edition of "In And Around Loose". Keep the card safe and please do

support those who have kindly pledged discounts. If you have not received your discount card and live in the Parish then please email the office (address below) stating your name and your post code and the office will be able to tell you where you can collect one.

All the Fun of the Fair

The Loose Fete & Fun Dog Show will be returning to the KGV playing field on **Saturday 15 June, from 12-4pm** commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The popular fun dog show is back again - come down on the day and enter a class for your chance to win you and your dog a rosette and prizes! Winners of each category meet in the final class to decide "Best in Show".

Shayler's Funfair will be at the field all weekend so do come and enjoy all their rides and attractions.

10 May 2024

Volunteering and stall holder applications are open, so if you are interested then please contact the office for more details. We only have a few spaces left for stalls – so book in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



Advertising

Have you considered taking out an advert for your business in our popular Loose Fete and Fun Dog Show Programme? Please contact the office for more details.

What's On in the Loose Pavilion?

The Loose Pavilion is hired out by a wide range of community clubs and organisations. Details can be found on the Community noticeboard outside the Pavilion. We are currently updating our website, so that contact information will be easier to find on there too.

In addition to our own monthly Community Coffee Morning, hirers include: Musical Merry-Go-Round for toddlers, Rainbows and Brownies, Loose and Loose Valley WI, Slimming World, the Tuneless Choir, Loose Threads, Pilates and Zumba classes, Loose Area History Society, Loose Ends and we welcome our newest hirer The Sonic Sanctuary (sonic wellness sound therapy).

The Pavilion is also a popular venue available to hire for children's parties, celebrations and meetings. Contact the office to discuss availability and find out about our very reasonable rates.

Email: office@loose-pc.gov.uk Website: www.loose-pc.gov.uk