

THESE MINUTES NOT YET CONFIRMED

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2026 at 7.30pm at
1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, Loughton IG10 2QZ**

Present

Councillors: D Wixley (in the chair)

R Brookes	C Davies	W Dodd
S Fontenelle	A Fricker	S Harriman
L House	S Murphy	S Murray
J Obaseki	M Owen	R Sylvan
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Officers: M Squire (Town Clerk)
C Carroll (Responsible Financial Officer)

Also Present: Candidates for the co-option:-
Mr Malachi Fontenelle
Mr Edward Pond

180 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs MacKinnon, Riley, Valentine and Ubah.

181 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Murray declared a non-pecuniary interest as he knew both candidates. Cllr Davies also declared a non-pecuniary interest as she had met Mr Fontenelle from a previous working association. All members also declared a non-pecuniary interest in knowing both candidates as members of the Loughton Residents Association (LRA).

182 Public Representations

None were received.

183 Casual Vacancy – Co-option – St Johns Ward

Cllr S Fontenelle left the room during this agenda item, (after presentations and questions without participating) before the voting, in view of his family connections to his brother, Malachi Fontenelle. Both candidates were allocated the required three minutes to present their applications to the Council for consideration for the vacancy. Mr Malachi Fontenelle presented first, followed by a three-minute period of Councillors questions.

Mr Edward Pond then delivered his presentation within the allotted three minutes, after which Councillors followed with a three minute period of Councillors questions.

Ballot forms were distributed by Officers, and Councillors proceeded to vote for their preferred candidate.

Once the forms had been collected and verified the Chairman announced that Mr Malachi Fontenelle had been elected as a Town Councillor, by a majority of 8 votes to 4.

The Town Clerk subsequently invited Mr Fontenelle to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, before becoming a member of Loughton Town Council.

Signed
20 May 2026