

ABBAY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

2013/137

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MINUTES of the MEETING held on Thursday, 19th December 2013 at Two Mile Ash School

Present: Cllrs, E. Matthews (Vice-Chair), K. Wilson, Dr A. Evans + 7 parishioners: Geoff Hood, Debra Weight, Mark Tucker, Charlie Pabler, Marie DaSilva, Paul Hedges, Dave Lewis + Kathryn Nethersole representing Two Mile Ash School (Head of Finance and Operations).

Presentation on behalf of Two Mile Ash School by Kathryn Nethersole concerning a. school expansion and b. parking.

a. **A drawing of the school site** showing the planned building for the new Key Stage One was discussed and questions asked. The building would house KS1 and Year 3 pupils with its own sports hall. Playground hard surface is also extended. The first intake would be in September 2015. Waites builders has won the contract – all employees will be enhanced CRB checked. 50 new staff car parking spaces will be created in the compound and staff will be required to be in school by 08.10hrs to avoid clashing with drop-off traffic. Additional teaching staff will be minimal as teachers are already working at the school, two or three new support/ancillary staff will be hired. Plans submitted today (19 December).

b. **The Road Safety Group** was set up a month ago to look into all the aspects. Two meetings so far. Coaches for school trips will be arriving earlier than for normal school day with parents being informed, to avoid congestion. Creating various ways to enhance communication between pupils and parents about good behaviour when parking. Newsletter is inviting comments from parents. School will make sure that should the Lollipop warden (site manager) be off sick a replacement member of staff will be in place. Second Lollipop warden may be provided. More vigilance with the parking is planned with staff sporting hi-viz jackets. During construction period secure parking for staff is being negotiated with the church. An Open Meeting will be held but the date is not yet fixed.

1. **Apologies** Cllrs, J. Hawthorn (Chair), A. Gaunt,
2. **Approval of November Minutes** – Approved
3. **Matters Arising** – MKC had not filled Parish salt bins nor informed councillors when the refill was to have taken place. MKC bins were now filled. **Proposal:** 'To fill the 3 Parish bins at the Parish's expense' - Passed. Unanimous. **Action** Clerk to procure and KW to assist in filling bins
4. **Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on** – The lights had failed to come on at the switch-on (28 Nov) and assembled residents – about 35 + 30 TMA school-children one teacher and 2 support staff – were disappointed. However the school choir sang three songs to the delight of all. The contractors checked the system the next morning and it was found to be in working order. The lights have been on every night since . No explanation has been established. Thanks were conveyed to the school and pupils.
5. **Bollards (Post & Rail)** – Ongoing. **Action** K. Wilson to walk round marking bollards on maps of the area. Clerk to liaise with MKC and enquire after the proposed pedestrian guard rail

signed

date

6. **Parking – TMA School:** 3 comments to be fed back to Philip Sears Traffic Management –
- The Kiss and Drop should be retained.
 - Double yellow lines from the bus stop by the church to just before the Fish and Chip Shop should be continuous.
 - The turning up Kepwick opposite the School should be restricted right to the 'T' at the top.

- Ashbrook School:** 3 comments to be fed back to Philip Sears Traffic Management –
- The double-yellow lines should be extended right around the 'horseshoe turn' at the green to join up with the new crossing points to make a full 'U' shape.
 - The proposed restrictions outside the vehicular entrance to the school should not go ahead as it provides a useful place for parents to drop-off and pick-up pupils.
 - At Stone Hill junction the Council would prefer to see double-yellow lines on both sides of the turning and opposite.

Action Clerk to write to Philip Sears

7. **Grant Requests** – None

8. **Finance** – a. **Budget** – figures were approved with the addition of £10,000 for projects

b. **The following cheques were authorised -**

chq 787	TMA School - hall hire	£17.00
chq 788	A.H.Contracts - bin emptying	£135.58
chq 789	Clerk's salary increment backdate	£31.86
chq 790	Clerk - salary (at new rate)	£437.96
chq 791	Clerk – admin expenses	£16.27
chq 792	Clerk – purchase of dog bin stickers	£6.45

c. **New signatories** – Bank forms had still not arrived

9. **Planning Applications** -

New – 13/02449/FUL Abbey Hill Golf course has applied to raise a new fence/net to stop balls at the practice field. This net at 15m is very high. **Action** Clerk to verify and seek explanation

Kiln Farm: None

New – Wymbush - 13/02544/FUL - Pyrotek Engineering replacement of external filtration unit. No objections.

10. **Correspondence** - Email post had been circulated to all councillors and responded to as appropriate over the month – copies on file.

11. **Councillors Items - updates**

- (a) **Dog Bin stickers** – Purchased and handed round
- (b) **One Stop Shop** – Repair still not carried out. **Action** clerk to write back to Estates Surveyor
- (c) **Rugby Post Bid** – Two councillors and the clerk had attended a site meeting with a representative from Sports Development MKC on December 5th and agreed the siting of the posts on the field where the summer fayre is held. The sockets had been put in today.
- (d) **Two Mile Ash School Plans** – see **presentation** above
- (e) **Western Expansion Area V4 Crossings**- Meeting scheduled for next week. **Action** K. Wilson to attend.
- (f) **Damaged Planter** (first reported July 11th) – both planters have been properly repaired

- (g) **Twenty mph limit** information had been obtained. Applications would only now qualify for submission in September 2014 for the 2015-16 programme. **Action** Clerk to investigate feasibility of non-enforceable 'blue' 20mph advisory signs.

NEW -

- (h) **New Bollards – Proposal** - 'To install bollards along the pavement between Bargain Booze and Ashbrook School in order to prevent half-on/half-off parking' – passed. Unanimous **Action** Clerk to seek MKC's position and obtain preliminary costings.

12. Residents Items - updates

- (a) **Capian Walk** shrub pruning – Tony Higgins, Neighbourhood Engagement Officer had undertaken to prune any overgrowing shrubs himself as no more funds would be forthcoming for a major tidy-up. This had been done.
- (b) **Walkway by Dentist's** – after lengthy enquiries Tony Higgins, Neighbourhood Engagement Officer, had established that the footpath formed part of the Home and Communities Agency assets all of which had recently been handed over to the new MK Development Partnership. The latter had been informed of the poor condition of the path.
- (c) **Shoreham Rise Shrub Bed** – After considering planting proposals submitted by TMAEG Councillors rejected the extra expenditure on the neglected island shrub bed. Proposal: 'To invite TMAEG to clean up the bed as before and then inspect it to decide how many plants were needed to fill in the gaps'. Passed. Unanimous. **Action** Clerk to liaise.
- (d) **Tremors caused by passing lorries and buses** on Clay Hill - no residents were present from the affected buildings.

NEW -

- (e) **Norbrek (and Norrington)** – Paul Hedges asked for an update on the land ownership issue. None had been received. **Action** clerk to pursue.
- (f) **Allotments** – Two drains are blocked with tree roots. **Action** clerk to liaise with MKC
- (g) **Discussion** followed in which various suggestions were made by the parishioners present of a general nature – parking meters; police community support officers; savings account; appeals for suggestions on Friends of TMA; better publicity about Parish achievements.

Date and Time of Next Meeting - Thursday, 16th January at 7.30pm at TMA School

13. Confidential Items

The Meeting closed at 9.05pm