

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 16th October 2014 at Two Mile Ash School

Present: Cllrs. E. Matthews (Chairman)K. Wilson (Vice-Chair), S. Galbraith, D. Lewis Clerk + 3 residents: Mrs. Windmill (High St), Janice Cristoe (High St.) & Mr. Laxton (Clay Hill)

1. **Apologies.** Cllr. Dr. A Evans
2. **Public Open Forum** the two residents from the High St. enquired after the progress of the raised kerb/bollard parking and the replanting of the pampas grass opposite their homes. They would be kept informed of progress on both issues. They also enquired after the lack of yellow-lines after being told they would be installed during the school holidays.
3. **Approval of September Minutes.** Approved.
4. **Matters Arising.** *Noise at Mercure Hotel* – the demonstration of how the sound shut-off system would work, the new signage etc. was to be held on Sunday 26th October at 11.45am.
5. **Proposal to hold a closed session** at the end of the meeting to discuss a confidential issue. Motion in favour: 3 For 1 Against.
6. **Clerk's Report**
 - a. **Bollard renovation quotations** – with the sending of the parish council's map of bollards to be refurbished Ringway, MK Council contractor has been asked to quote.
 - b. **New Grit Bin application** – no update
 - c. **Overgrowing Bushes by Mercure Hotel** – (the road-ward side of the redway) not known whether these had been done.
 - d. **Brioche plant screening Wymbush** – Cllr. Wilson and the clerk had met with M Eric Jouet on site today and discussed the planting possibilities. The clerk had estimated the costs at £10,000 but this would depend on the type and maturity of the plants selected. M. Jouet had agreed in principle to share the costs of the scheme 50/50 and had asked the Parish council to invite quotations. **Clerk**
 - e. **TMA School Lollipop person** – a letter had been received from the school thanking the Parish Council and stating that at the moment they were reviewing their options.
 - f. **Capital Funding Scheme application** (Kepwick Resident Parking Zone & High St. Raised Kerb) – no update but none expected (to be kept on agenda).
 - g. **Walkway by Dentist's** – Re-reported - Still no change.
 - h. **Options to improve landscape maintenance.** Andy Hudson, Head of Environment and Waste, had confirmed his attendance at the next meeting to explain the options (email dated 10 October).
 - i. **Overgrowing plants** outside VW factory in Wymbush – reported – no update
 - j. **Overgrowing plants** along redway parallel to Monks Way on Kiln Farm, very bad – reported – no update.
 - k. **Kiln Farm Charity Premises** (supposed eviction notices) Clerk had written and received a prompt reply from Tim Hannam, Corporate Director of Resources, MKC - *"The council have been considering the options around Kiln Farm ever since the local Chamber of Commerce went into administration and the council stepped in to takeover the tenancy. A decision on the future arrangements for the site, which is*

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owned by the Community Foundation, will be subject to full consultation in the near future and nothing precipitate will happen before then".

7. **Party in the Park 2015** – sponsorship for next year's event was being sought. Providers were being invited to find ways to keep costs down. The event will be held on 11 July 2015. It was suggested that a Parish Council stand be manned to raise the profile of the parish council. This was agreed. A motion was raised to continue with the same level of funding (£3000) for next year. Proposer Cllr. Wilson, Seconder Cllr. Galbraith; Passed, unanimous.
The purchase of new play equipment (2-7 year olds) was awaiting final details from Phil Snell.

8. **Finance.**

a. **Cheques for authorisation.**

The latest accounts sheet was circulated with budget references.

The following cheques were approved for payment:

856	J Vischer	218.98
857	AH Contracts	184.00
858	Expenses	25.13

b. **Balances.**

A new sheet was distributed giving the latest balances. This showed a current account credit of £7,438.91 which tallied with the latest bank statement, and an overall balance of £25,095.15 for available funds.

8. **Parish Leaflets** – MK Council had notified the Parish Council that this leaflet service, circulated with the Council Tax demand, would not be offered this year. Discussion ensued about the various ways a summary of the year's activities could be circulated. This included the website, the individual email list, the Facebook Friends page, and the noticeboard. As the latter was the only way hard copy would be disseminated suggestions were made for using other noticeboards: by the allotments; a new one at the far end of the grid square, by the post office shop. The Brownies, Sea Cadets and Scouts were to be contacted to see if they would contribute a photograph and text on the use the Parish Council's donations had been put to. Councillors were invited to submit any further items to the Chair. To be finalised at the next meeting.

9. **Planning Applications***Previous Applications*

- a. 14/01895/FUL - 36 Leaffield Rise Two Mile Ash. Change of use from amenity land to private garden use (retrospective). Councillors had agreed between meetings to accept the proposed compromise suggested by MK Council: that the fence be allowed to stay but be darkened.
- b. 14/02203/MKCOD3 - Radcote Lodge The High Street Two Mile Ash Milton Keynes. Replacement Louvre shutter. No Objections.
- c. 14/02075/TNOT - Notification of intention to install a replacement Pogona cabinet at: Telecommunication Mast Crown Hill Roundabout. No objections.

8. **Correspondence and Grant requests**

- a. **Correspondence.** Previously circulated by email.
- b. **Grant requests** – None

9. **Other Meetings**

- a. **NAG** – Cllr. Lewis reported that various landscaping issues had been discussed including Shorham Rise but nothing of import to report.
- b. **WEASG** – There had been no meeting this month.
- c.

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- d. **Chair's Walk-round** – the Chair had continued her walk-round and reported various issues below.

10. **New Items**

a. **Councillors**

- i. Footpath in the Park in very poor condition.
- ii. Tesco's One Stop Shop not only needs pillars repainting but slabs behind the shop are very uneven.
- iii. Capian Walk slabs need re-laying as well as shrubs before the bridge in serious need of pruning and weeding.
- iv. The clerk was asked to get the Xmas Tree illuminations checked and ready.
- v. Cllr. Lewis informed the meeting that the new Chief Executive Carole Mills would be doing a Ward Walkabout in November – councillors to be kept informed of the date and time.

Cllr. Lewis

b. **Residents**

- i. Overgrowing shrubs at the corner of Kepwick and the High St which causes pedestrians to go out into the street.
- ii. The floor of the wooden bridge in the park behind the school field is in a dangerous state.

11. **Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

Thursday 20th November at 7.30pm at TMA School

12. **Confidential Item**

The Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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