

ABBNEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 16th APRIL 2015 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs E. Matthews (Chairman) S. Galbraith, D. Lewis, K. Wilson & 4 residents: Janice Cristoe, Mrs Windmill, Natasha Cheriyan & Rajan Cheriyan
Clerk: J. Vischer

1. **Apologies** Cllr Dr. A Evans
2. **Public Open Forum** replaced the planned presentation by Steve Harrison on MKPA Play Sessions, as he could not make the meeting (he had sent detailed information in advance).
Mrs Windmill asked when the landscaper was going to replace the dead grasses as he had promised – now that plants were coming back to life they looked an eyesore. The landscaper had not mentioned planning to do the work recently and so it was agreed to send a reminder. (**Clerk**) She added that she had taken it upon herself to clean the memorial seat to Jenny Sharp as it was very grimy. She was heartily thanked for her effort and initiative. Mrs Windmill also brought up the issue of blatant drug dealing near her house and was advised that she should report to 101 every time she saw it as then a detailed log could be established which should lead to action from the police.
Janice Cristoe asked after the raised kerb scheme and was informed that having put the application in there was little more that could be done by the Parish Council. MK Council had told the Parish Council the application had been successful but had to await timetabling and planning of operations. She also commented that she did not think a 20mph zone was worth the expense as most cars could not and did not speed due to the speed bumps and congestion. [*This had been confirmed by a speed-check carried out at the request of the Parish Council three years ago.*]
3. **Approval of March Minutes & any Matters Arising.** Approved, although it was agreed to alter two incorrect item numbers and clarify the financial balance statement. Proposer Cllr. Lewis, Seconder Chair, passed. Unanimous.
Matters Arising – re: letter from the Pensions Regulator advising of the change in rules - the Clerk had confirmed that this did apply to a single employee but he would not meet this threshold (£10,600). He might meet the lower threshold (£5,300) in due course - when the employee had to be advised of Pensions Providers.
4. **Report on Matters Arising from previous minutes**
 - a. **Overgrowing shrubs** at the corner of Kepwick / High St – *re-reported 24 Nov, ref 4507842 – ‘In progress’*. These had not been done and yet no statement had been received indicating they were not MKC’s responsibility. **Clerk**
 - b. **Flooding outside no's 167 and 169 Clay Hill** (*rain water running down the side of the road slips up and over the kerb of a driveway entrance and washes over the adjacent redway*) - *reported 17 Nov. ref 446572 – ‘In progress’*. This had not been done.
 - c. **Parish Leaflets** – printing & distribution. A complaint had been received from a resident of a block of flats to the effect that the leaflets had not been posted through the front doors of the flats but merely posted through the main door to the block, where they sat on the mat. Cllr. Lewis confirmed that he had seen this in other apartment blocks. Complaint to be passed on to the contractor; otherwise the delivery had been quick and efficient. **Clerk**
 - d. **Great Monks St overgrowing shrubs** – reported under ‘Garamonde Drive’ 24 Sep; ref 412277 –

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- 'in progress'*. Re-reported as shrubs along the edge of the redway to the East side of Great Monks Street, 26 Jan. ref 497725. Just today these had been reported as *'resolved'*.
- e. **Kiln Farm redway** near Monks Way - reported 24 September; ref 412508 – *In progress*. As above. Cllr. Wilson to confirm.
 - f. **High St.** behind Dentists – re-reported 12 September; ref 402567 – *In progress*. This had not been done (although it had been noted that the large conifers responsible for the subsidence had been removed)
 - g. **Flooding in the Park** – Position regarding 'rubber mulch' – no update to Clerk or Chair.
 - h. **Overgrowing shrubs along footpaths on both sides of Monks Way** – reported 26 January ref 498444 (Some progress had been made by last meeting) As above *'resolved'* today.
 - i. **The parking area along the High St on the west side** (*to ask for individual bays to be marked out*) - reported 26 January ref 498675. To apply with new Parking Application Form. **Clerk**
 - j. **To create a new parking bay in the verge along the High St by Cambron** – another complaint had been received from a nearby resident. Discussion ensued about other possible sites. It was resolved to go ahead with the Parking Application to see if it qualify under the funding rules.
 - k. **White warning triangles** on the speed bump reported 23 March ref 547432 – *'In progress'*
 - l. **Crumbling road surface**, reported 24 March ref 547722 - *'In progress'*
 - m. **Footbridges** – the clerk had received no reply to his follow-up regarding the footbridge survey conducted by the Parish Council. **Clerk**
 - n. **[Parish Walkabout** – awaiting end of pruning schedule. *Post Meeting Note – This has been arranged for 11th May 13.00-15.00hrs to assemble at Capian Walk*]
 - o. **[Wymbush footbridge by Lodge Lake** (passed on to Parks Trust) – reported 24 November.]
 - p. **[Footpath in the Park** – reported 20 October, ref 430877 - passed on to Highways]
 - q. **[Hole on the Approach verge** (*responsibility of adjacent Guinness Trust housing association, according to MK Council*) – awaiting reply from Regional coordinator.]
5. **Parish Council newsletter** – this was in hand for the next publication around May 1st. A draft would be circulated next week. **Cllr. Galbraith**
6. **Holiday Play Sessions** – *To consider the funding of one MKPA session on Two Mile Ash during the May half term school holidays, and three further sessions on Two Mile Ash (one per fortnight) during the Summer holidays.* This was agreed. Proposer: Cllr. Lewis, Seconder: Chair, passed. Unanimous. **Clerk**
7. **Finance - Cheques for authorisation.**

a. **The following cheques were approved for payment:**

<i>Chq</i>		
<i>No.</i>	<i>To Whom</i>	<i>gross</i>
886	TMA sch - room hire (Feb/Mar)	34.00
887	J Vischer - salary	437.00
888	The Leaflet Lady - distribution	120.00
889	MK Service P - print leaflets	162.00
890	Marcus Young - April	153.00
891	J Vischer - admin	<u>23.97</u>
		929.97

Proposer: Cllr. Lewis, Seconder: Chair, passed. Unanimous.

Available funds at 31 March 2015: £14,532

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- b. Dog Bins Contract – To consider switching contractors as the previous contract term had expired.* The clerk had been quoted £2.20 per bin by Marcus Young Landscapes which compared favourably with the current price of £2.69. The latter had also been quoted as the renewal price, to be held for the next three years. It was agreed to accept the new quotation which is guaranteed for twelve months. Proposer: Cllr. Galbraith, Seconder: Cllr. Lewis. Unanimous.
- 8. Planning Applications.**
Previous Applications - 15/00143/LBC Listed building consent for installation of fence (retrospective) At: Kiln Farm Club, Keller Close Kiln Farm – *consented*.
15/00275/FUL, 66-70 The High Street, Change of use from offices – parking commented on - *still pending*
NEW - 15/00673/FUL 64 Leafield Rise Two Mile Ash Two storey extension to side, single storey to rear. No objections.
- 9. Correspondence and Grant requests**
No correspondence other than via email. No grant requests.
- 10. Other Meetings and New Items**
New Items –
a. Cllr. Lewis brought up the lack of yellow-line parking enforcement again and Cllr. Galbraith supported this adding that drugs dealing seemed be on the increase and lacking enforcement too. It was suggested both be reported to the NAG as the police are supposed to attend this – the meetings are held in Wolverton Police Station. **Cllr. Lewis**
b. The yellow bollards snags meeting date had been arranged for Friday May 1st at 10am starting at the shops.
c. It was agreed to apply for signatory status at the bank for Cllr. Lewis and Cllr. Galbraith as Cllrs. Wilson and Evans, both signatories, have not stood for re-election.
d. It was agreed that the clerk would confirm the procedures to both increase the number of councillors and for co-option post elections.
- 11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – AGM for the New Council, Thursday 21st May 2015** at 7.30pm at TMA School; to be followed by an ordinary meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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