

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 18th June 2015 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chairman), D. Lewis (Vice Chair), B Johnston; 6 residents: Janice Cristoe, Mrs Windmill, Peter Blyth and Chris Gossop from Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG), Ken Wilson, Nico Lategan
Clerk: J. Vischer

1. Apologies - None

2. A Briefing by Oscar Hubert Neighbourhood Watch – As Oscar Hubert could not attend this item was postponed to the next meeting.

3. Public Open Forum Peter Blyth and Chris Gossop from TMAEG described their new project to improve the numbers of small wild birds in the area. They were seeking a grant of £250 for the purchase of 30 bird boxes made locally by Men-in-Sheds and sold at £8 each. However the boxes needed preserving and staining and needed to be tied to trees adding a further £2 to the cost. It was agreed to put forward a motion for the next meeting.

Mrs Cristoe reported that various negative remarks had been doing the rounds of the Friends of Two Mile Ash Facebook page on current issues within the parish (for example parking) and was surprised that not one of these people was present here tonight to make their concerns known. Mrs Windmill added that they should be here.

Mr. Ken Wilson from the TMA Allotment Association reported that a tree was leaning right over the entrance path and causing an obstruction. It needs its crown lifted at the very least but they believe it might have a Tree Preservation Order on it.

Clerk to contact the MK Tree Officer

Mr. Wilson also reported a dangerous pothole outside of his house.

Clerk

4. Approval of Annual & May Meetings Minutes and any Matters Arising not covered below

The minutes of the Annual Meeting were approved as a true record. Proposer Cllr. Lewis, Seconder Cllr. Johnston.

The minutes of the May Meeting were approved as a true record on condition that 'Church' was altered to 'political party' on item 12d. Proposer Cllr. Lewis, Seconder Cllr. Johnston

5. Prospective Councillors The Notice for the second vacancy will expire the day after this meeting and no-one has as yet called an election as far as we know. Details of the opportunity to become a parish councillor had been sent to 4 people by Cllr. Lewis. After some discussion it was agreed that the clerk would generate a Notice for the noticeboard, and for the website, inviting candidates to apply to the clerk with a letter or email telling something about themselves and why they wished to become a parish councillor. This would also be displayed on the Friends of TMA Facebook page. The date for replies was agreed as Friday 3rd July. A shortlist would be prepared by the clerk if there were many candidates; information will be circulated to councillors. Councillors agreed to meet on 8th July for interviews with the intention of inviting the successful candidates to the next meeting on 16th July. Clerk also to check availability of room hire.

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6. Parish Council newsletter The new draft was discussed. It was agreed that MK Play Sessions and Party in the park were to be included.

Cllrs Galbraith & Johnston to liaise

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7. Friends 'Priorities' List The results of the survey of the Friends of TMA Facebook page had been listed by the Chair in order of the 'most desirable' things that needed to improve. Fifth on the list was **dog bins** which were then discussed – Cllr. Lewis gave a rundown of the current bins. It was noted that the '9th' bin could not be found. Clerk to contact previous contractor. It was agreed to put a motion on next month's agenda for the possible provision of two new bins on the field between Clay Hill and Downland.

Clerk to research costs

The other item discussed was the **new bus service** and its unreliability. The clerk had received a phone call from Arriva thanking him for his letter and explaining how the problems with the service were largely teething problems and assured then that they carefully monitored how punctual the service was and how many customers used it. He was given an email address and phone number to contact them directly.

It was agreed to keep this list on the agenda so that other matters could be discussed at future meetings.

8. Road Safety in the High St/Clay Hill area - ('Parking' and 'Congestion' had come 2nd and 3rd on the Priority List) re parking: Cllr. Johnston reported that his Church would shortly be delivering an offer to TMA School regarding free parking at the Church, addressing the insurance issue. He went on to describe the apparently free parking spaces outside of his house. The 6 bays were regularly used by parents at school drop-off and pickup times making it impossible for anyone else to use and sometimes for residents to get their cars out. He did not have a car himself but was not aware of having parking rights.

Clerk to clarify

9. Parish Logo A positive response had been received from the Deputy Head at Two Mile Ash School asking for a submission date. It was agreed that it would be best if entries could be received by the next meeting. The winner would then be notified at the start of the autumn term.

Clerk

10. Party in the Park – preparations – new play equipment and rubber 'mulch'. The new equipment was being installed at the time of the meeting and all will be ready at the end of next week. Donations for the tombola are coming in. More volunteers are required.

11. Holiday Play Sessions - feedback on 1st session. Cllr. Lewis reported that this had gone very well with a lot of activities, over 50 people attending and a good friendly atmosphere. [*post-meeting note* – an email received the following day confirmed this from the providers themselves saying it had been the best attended of all the sessions in MK so far this year. No summer holiday sessions dates had yet been provided.

Clerk

12. Proposal to open a Twitter account. It was agreed to run a Twitter account for a trial period of 6 months. Proposer Cllr. Lewis, Seconder Cllr. Galbraith. Cllr. Johnston to operate on the Parish Council's behalf.

Cllr. Johnston

13. Report on Environmental Matters from previous minutes

- a. **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 – 'closed'.
- b. **High St.** behind Dentists – re-reported 12 September; ref 402567 – 'closed'
- c. **White warning triangles** on the speed bump reported 23 March ref 547432 '*in progress*'
- d. **Crumbling road surface**, reported 24 March ref 547722 'closed'
- e. **Footpath in the Park** – (reported 20 October, ref 430877 - passed on to Highways) – 'escalated' 23 May. A request for re-surfacing of all paths in the Park added in time for Party in the Park. Returned 27 May as '*below our intervention level*'... 'closed'. Clerk to contact John Price. **Clerk**
- f. **5 Footbridges** – all reported 21 April ref's – Fennymere 572241, Leafield Rise 572261, Clay Hill 572314, Clay Hill(2) 572334, Downland 572426. One bridge had been repaired with a plastic

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- g. infill on the tread. [*post-meeting note* – the others had been removed from the portal with no explanation]
- h. **Mature horse-chestnut trees decapitated on Haithwaite** – Cllr. Lewis reported that he had met with Euan Darling (Landscape Officer) on site but that there was little that could be done for the trees. The person responsible is being sought.
- i. **[Parking bay marking out** along the High St on the west side - subject to Parking Scheme application]
- j. **[Capian Walk** – shrubs, dead tree (result of walkabout)]
- k. **[Hole on the Approach verge** (*responsibility of adjacent Guinness Trust housing association, according to MK Council*) – awaiting reply from Regional coordinator.]

14. Finance - Cheques for authorisation.

a. The following cheques were approved for payment:

961	Bounce Unlimited	360.00
962	J Vischer - salary	437.00
963	<i>cancelled</i>	
964	Marcus Young - June	153.00
965	Post Office (PAYE)	97.40
966	K Galbraith - P in P	900.00
967	J Vischer - admin	6.48
968	TMA sch - room hire May	17.00
969	MK Council - extra bollards	75.62
total		2,046.50

Available funds at 4 June 2015: £18,775

- b. **New bank mandates** – one of the mandates had been returned unsigned. This was rectified.
- c. **External audit** return form to sign. The figures were duly approved and signed along with the governance statement. **Clerk to send off**

15. Planning Applications.

15/00275/FUL, 66-70 The High Street, Change of use from offices – *permitted*

15/00673/FUL 64 Leafield Rise Two Mile Ash Two storey extension to side, single storey to rear – *withdrawn*

15/00814/FUL 38 Denmead Two Mile Ash Replacement windows and door (retrospective) - *permitted*

15/00934/FUL Marlborough House Keller Close Kiln Farm Change of use from office (use class B1) to clinic (use class D1) - *pending*

NEW – 15/01267/FUL 49 Hepleswell Two Mile Ash Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. No objection.

15/01348/FUL 31 Kepwick Two Mile Ash Prior notification for a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 4.5 metres from the rear wall of the original dwelling with a maximum ridge height of 3.99 metres and maximum eaves height of 2.4 metres. No objection.

15/01295/FUL 108 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash Two storey and single storey front extension. To object on the grounds of obscuring sight lines, out of keeping with the street and visually intrusive. **Clerk**

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16 **Correspondence and Grant requests** - other than via email.

A poster from Healthwise (based in Kiln Farm) had been received – clerk to post. No grant requests.

17 **Other Meetings and New Items**

Western Expansion Area (WEA) meeting – both Cllrs Lewis and Johnston had attended. There would be an exhibition of the planned finished site in October in Shenley church End Parish Office. There will be 4 schools in total with the first Primary being ready in September - eventually it would be three-form entry. The planned underpasses (4) were on the schedule but a start date was not given. The planned Health Centre would not be open until 2020 which was felt to be unnecessarily late and put pressure on already congested Two Mile Ash/Great Holm resources. **Cllrs Lewis and Johnston to pursue** Room hire - Neither the Annexe or Community Centre were available on Thursday evenings. Clerk to make further enquires of the churches and Ashbrook School. **Clerk**

New Items – Cllr. Johnston had complained about the 6 bays outside no's. 131-137 Clay Hill (*above*).

18. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Thursday 16th July 2015 at 7.30pm at TMA school

The Meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed

Date