

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 17th September 2015 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chair), D. Lewis, B Johnston; N. Lategan and T. Holland. 2 members of the public: Chris Gossop (Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG)), Bob Tite (Two Mile Ash School)
Clerk: J. Vischer

1. Apologies - None

2. Public Open Forum – Chris Gossop (TMAEG) described the different types of bird boxes that would be assembled for the various species of birds. He said that TMAEG had placed the order with Men-in-Sheds who were happy to complete such a diverse specification. The draft minutes had wrongly stated that the full £250 grant was being awarded straightaway when it had been agreed that only half would be awarded now and the remainder at the end of the financial year if the grant budget had not been spent by then. As a result the clerk had promised the full grant now when he recently spoke to Mr Gossop over the phone. Cllr. Lewis came to the rescue by offering to donate £125 of his Ward Budget Grant to make up the difference. Mr. Gossop also circulated a print-out of the TMAEG Projects Plan that had been drawn up showing all the projects that the organisation had carried out in its 4 year history. Future work would concentrate on these areas. The Group boasted approximately 200 members and 4 business members. Councillors were invited to the AGM to be held this Thursday between 4pm and 6pm at the Church of the Latter-day Saints. Chris Gossop offered his thanks to the Parish Council for their continued support. **Bob Tite** (TMA School) asked the Parish Council to ask for MK Council to speed-up the repair of the damaged bollard and the nearby concrete slab near the school as this had been outstanding for several months.

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3. Approval of July Minutes and any Matters Arising not covered below

The minutes were approved as a true record on condition that the above misunderstanding regarding the TMAEG 'bird-box' grant be corrected. Also the voting on the new dog bin proposal figures should read 3 For and 1 Against. Proposer Cllr. Lewis, Secunder Cllr. Johnston. Unanimous.

4. Declarations of Interest in any of the following items – Cllr. Lewis: planning matters generally Men-in-Sheds and TMAEG. Cllr. Johnston: planning application 15/01491/FUL (item 15) as neighbour.

5. Neighbourhood Watch proposal – The clerk had met with Oscar Hubert (Chair of Neighbourhood Watch Milton Keynes) in early August. The clerk had been given the names and addresses of the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators and completed a confidentiality agreement. The clerk had prepared a draft letter for contacting existing coordinators describing how the Parish Council wished to invigorate the Neighbourhood Watch schemes by finding new coordinators in areas where there are no schemes. The draft letter had been copied to Oscar Hubert for his comments. The letter was approved. **Clerk to send out**

6. Parish Council newsletter October edition – the new draft was discussed; there were a few items/dates to be added.

7. Rugby Balls – Dan Pearson had contacted the clerk informing him that many of the balls were in. He suggested taking some to TMA School, Ashbrook School and Sea Cadets. The clerk told him to go ahead as

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to wait for this meeting's approval would miss the start of the Rugby World Cup Competition.

8. Parish Logo Results – The clerk had made the initial selection from over 150 entries. A meeting with the Chair had resulted in the final selection of 10, the winner to be chosen tonight. It had become apparent that due to the wide range in ages that a prize per class group might be appropriate. Councillors chose two winners as a combination of their designs could work very well together. It was agreed to award a prize per class but that two £20 vouchers was too much of an increase in funding. Proposal: To award a £5 voucher to each winning entry by class group with the overall winners sharing the £20 voucher. Proposer Cllr. Lategan Seconder Cllr Holland. Passed: 3 for 2 Against. **Clerk**

9. Holiday Play Sessions – Cllrs Lewis, Holland and Lategan reported good feedback from those who attended. There had been a good turn-out at all three sessions with at least 50 children attending.

10. Friends 'Priorities' List – The two new dog bins had been installed.

The new dog-poo warning stencils had been purchased by the clerk. It was agreed that when used by councillors a photograph would be taken and a note sent to the clerk recording date, time and the nearest lamppost number for location purposes - the clerk would inform MKC so that they could monitor if they wished. Enforcing councillors would keep a record of dates and any change in offending behaviour. Chair to purchase 3 (fluorescent if possible) colour spray paints: yellow, pink, orange, and white.

Traffic congestion and speeding, high on the list, would be discussed by Cllr. Lewis and Danny Mullins from MK Council tomorrow.

Cllr. Johnston suggested carrying out another 'Priority List' on Facebook to be more up-to-date. This was agreed.

11. Report on Environmental Matters from previous minutes

- a. 54 High St – untidy garden/rubbish – Cllr. Lewis has reported this with photographs but no change as yet – this may be because it is private property.
- b. Norbrek – drying areas update – no update.
- c. White warning triangles on the speed bump reported 23 March ref 547432. Nothing to report.
- d. Damaged bench – Leafield Rise ref 640872. Cllr. Lewis to establish its condition – between the houses and the brook.
- e. Tree at allotment entrance – planning application lodged – *see below*
- f. Residents Parking Zone Application, Kepwick – this had finally been picked up through a chance 'email encounter' with MK Council officers and the clerk. The wheels had been set in motion by Sara Bailey, Parking Strategy and Implementation Manager, and a draft residents' questionnaire approved via email with the Parish Council on September 1st. This would now be sent out to affected residents.
- g. *Matters to be kept on the agenda for monitoring purposes* – a. Footbridges on program for repair and renewal; b. Capien Walk – shrubs, dead tree (result of walkabout); c. Hole on the Approach verge (responsibility of adjacent Guinness Trust housing association, according to MK Council) – awaiting reply from Regional Coordinator; d. High St. Car Parking Bay Markings Application.

It was agreed to re-write to the Guinness Trust regarding the hole on the The Approach.

12. Finance -

- a. **The following cheques were approved for payment.** Proposer Cllr. Lewis, Seconder Cllr. Galbraith.

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<i>Chq</i>		
<i>No.</i>	<i>To Whom</i>	<i>gross</i>
975	J Vischer - salary for Aug	529.45
976	TMAEG	250.00
977	Marcus Young - Jul & Aug	750.00
978	Zurich Insurance	352.09
979	Laser Ciutting Services Ltd	124.74
980	MK Council - Play equipment	9,000.00
981	MK Play Association - 141634	624.36
982	Mazars - audit	120.00
983	J Vischer - salary for Sep	447.00
984	Post Office (PAYE)	87.60
985	J Vischer - admin	111.86
Total		12,397.10

Available funds at 10th August 2015: £17,476

13. Planning Applications.

Previous (for update) 15/01267/FUL 49 Hepleswell Two Mile Ash Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. *Permitted*

15/01348/FUL 31 Kewick 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. *Prior Approval Required and Approved*

15/01295/FUL 108 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash Two storey and single storey front extension. *Permitted*

15/01491/FUL 131 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash Loft conversion including flat roof dormer. *Refused*

15/01501/FUL 10 Sandwell Court Two Mile Ash Single storey front extension. *Permitted*

15/01543/NMA 15 The Approach Two Mile Ash Non material amendment to application

14/00501/FUL to increase width of stairwell window from 600mm to 1200mm and addition of window to ground floor WC (*for info*). *Permitted*

NEW -15/01916/FUL 11 Tavelhurst Two Mile Ash Front porch extension. No objections.

15/02024/DISCON 66-70 The High Street Two Mile Ash Details submitted pursuant to discharge of conditions 4 (Noise) and 6 (Bin Enclosure) attached to planning permission 15/00275/FUL

15/02184/TPO Land Between 40 - 42 Stone Hill Tree preservation order consent for crown raise to give 2.5 metres clearance beneath, crown balance by reducing the canopy on the north side by 2.3 metres feathering smoothly into the rest of the canopy for Cherry (T1), felling of Ash tree (T2), crown raise to give 5m clearance to Alder (T3), felling of heavily suppressed Cherry tree (T5), crown raise to give 5m clearance below to Ash (T6), crown raise to give 5m clearance below to Alder (T7), and crown raise to Cherry (T8)

15/02188/FUL 64 Leaffield Rise Two Mile Ash Single storey rear extension. No objections.

15/02253/DISCON 36 Leaffield Rise Two Mile Ash Details submitted pursuant to discharge of condition 2 (landscaping scheme) attached to planning permission 14/01895/FUL

14 Correspondence and Grant requests - other than via email.

MK Council Recycling Leaflets had been received – these were distributed.

15 Other Meetings and New Items

- a. **Great Holm fire station closure** – online publicity was circulated. It was agreed that the Chair would obtain more information about the consultation before framing a response.

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- b. Removal of tree from outside 161 Clay Hill – Cllr. Johnston reported that the tree needs some heavy pruning if not crown-lifting as its branches sweep against the nearby property in windy weather. **Clerk**
- c. Vibration in houses on Clay Hill (171 Clay Hill) – Cllr. Johnston reported that the vibration seems to be caused by a combination of the crumbling road surface and heavy braking by buses. The road is scheduled for resurfacing in November.
- d. Redway by Tavistock - Cllr. Johnston reported that he had even tripped on the uneven surface it was so bad. Cllr. Lewis said that he had already reported it and he will also bring it up in his meeting with Danny Mullins.
- e. Street-name signs around Kepwick – Cllr. Johnston pointed out that a small number of houses behind the High St near the shops do not have their numbers flagged up and an ambulance had had great difficulty locating one of them in an emergency. Cllr. Lewis would also bring this up tomorrow with Danny Mullins. The general messiness and un-readability of several road signs/names in the parish was an ongoing issue.

New Items – Cllr. Johnston reported that he was raising funds for the YMCA by parachuting out of an aircraft, even though scared of heights. It was agreed that this information could be posted on Twitter and Facebook as a private endeavour.

18. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Thursday 22nd October 2015 at 7.30pm at Ashbrook School

PART TWO

19. **Confidential Item** – Clerk's Pay & Performance.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed

Date