

ABBHEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 22nd October 2015 at Ashbrook School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chair), B Johnston; N. Lategan and T. Holland. 1 member of the public: Chris Gossop (Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG))

Clerk: J. Vischer

1. Apologies - Cllr D. Lewis

2. Public Open Forum – Chris Gossop (TMAEG) explained that the first of the bird boxes had been mounted and that the remainder were being assembled by the mentally handicapped for Men-in-Sheds in Kiln Farm.

In association with Ashbrook School 60 pupils had planted 3 daffodil bulbs each. Further bulb planting was planned and a meeting was being arranged for 17th November at 1 Cornhill. He requested permission to plant crocuses in the central landscaped area behind One-Stop Shop and to beef-up the ones at this end opposite Ashbrook School. It was pointed out that the land still belonged to Milton Keynes Council (MKC) even though the Parish Council carried out the maintenance. Permission was granted but liaison with MKC would still be necessary.

Mr Gossop went on to announce that further tree-planting was a policy for this year and that more would be planted along Ash brook. They were looking to plant fifty whips of native tree species as a copse at High St/Sedgemere on the golf course side. Residents were to be consulted but councillors had no objections. MKC was in agreement. The trees would be planted through a membrane to be laid under a bark mulch to prevent weed growth.

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

The minutes were approved as a true record - Proposer Cllr. Galbraith, Seconder Cllr. Johnston. Unanimous.

4. Declarations of Interest in any of the following items – Cllr. Lategan: planning application 15/02242/FUL (item 10) as neighbour.

5. Matters arising from previous minutes -

a. Neighbourhood Watch proposal – The clerk had issued 16 letters to the addresses he had been given by Neighbourhood Watch to confirm that the recipients were still active; shortly after the last meeting; inviting responses within a fortnight. Only 4 replies had been received. One respondent had indicated that they no longer received the Thames Valley Police messages and several indicated that there was very little information for them to relay to residents. It was agreed that the next step was to enquire as to the structure and expected operations of members before canvassing for new volunteers. Clerk

b. Rugby Balls – Dan Pearson had said he would arrange a session or two with the school but no report/feedback had been received. It was assumed that there would be some balls left over. **Clerk to chase.**

c. Parish Logo – update – the clerk reported that only today had he received a reply from the Deputy head at Two Mile Ash School regarding the awards of the competition. The school hall was not large enough to accommodate all year groups for a presentation to be made during an assembly. If the prizes were to be awarded during a year group assembly, four separate year group assemblies would need to be organised. It had been decided to invite all the winners to

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the regular, Friday afternoon Headteacher's Tea Party for selected pupils and make a presentation there. The next would be on November 6th at 2.30pm.

Clerk to purchase WH Smith book tokens.

Logo design – the clerk to scan winning entries and send to Cllr. Johnston who knows someone that would draw up at least three different designs free of charge for future approval.

- d. **Great Holm Fire Station closure** – It was agreed to object to the proposed closure on the grounds of: over-reliance on one station puts 'all eggs in one basket'; over-reliance on A5D traffic conditions especially during match times at Stadium MK renders the proposed new station vulnerable to delays; the increased population in the Western Expansion Area means Great Holm is an even better site for a fire station. It was agreed to let the local Fire Brigade know the Parish Council's decision. Proposer Cllr. Galbraith, seconder Cllr. Johnston, unanimous. **Clerk**
It was agreed to commission Cllr. Johnston to draft an A5 leaflet for both NW and the Fire Station closure to deliver when canvassing for NW. **Cllr. Johnston**
- e. **Residents Parking Zone Application, Kewick** – the consultation period had finished but no report had been received.
- f. **Facebook Page: Friends 'Priorities' List** – this had not been done yet.
- g. **Hole back from the Approach verge** [*responsibility of adjacent Guinness Trust housing association, according to MK Council – awaiting reply from Regional Coordinator*] – the clerk had telephoned the regional coordinator once more (based in Ipswich) the day after the last meeting and details were courteously taken down, a return call promised from the responsible person. Nothing had been forthcoming. The hole has temporary railings around it and is slowly filling-in.

6. **Parish Council newsletter October edition** – the new issue had gone out on 25th September 2015.

7. **Status of 'green field' between Downland and Clay Hill** – it was agreed to apply for Village Green status. Clerk to make enquiries. Proposer Cllr. Galbraith (for Cllr. Lewis), Seconder Cllr. Johnston, unanimous. **Clerk**

8. Report on Environmental Matters from previous minutes -

- a. 54 High St – untidy garden/rubbish – Cllr. Lewis was not present to report.
- b. Norbrek – drying areas update – Cllr. Lewis was not present to report.
- c. White warning triangles on the speed bump reported 23 March ref 547432. Nothing to report. It was agreed the whole junction outside of the shop and in front of the school would benefit from better crossings and markings, and the possibility of lights to be researched. **Clerk**
- d. Damaged bench – Leafield Rise ref 640872. [*in progress*] [Cllr. Lewis to establish its condition – *between the houses and the brook*]. Cllr. Lewis was not present to report.
- e. Tree outside 161 Clay Hill – This had been reported to the environmental portal by the clerk on 24 September Ref 738388 [*in progress*]
- f. Redway surface by Tavistock - This had been reported to the environmental portal by the clerk on 21 September ref:734644 [*in progress*]
- g. Un-readability of several road signs/names (Friends' pictures) – the clerk had been advised by MK officer to report to the environmental portal, which he had done. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of taking over such a task. **Clerk**
- h. House numbers off the High St./Kewick – these had been passed to the clerk who had passed them on to Sara Bailey the MK officer dealing with the consultation.
- i. *Matters to be kept on the agenda for monitoring purposes* – a. Footbridges on program for repair and renewal; b. Capian 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.

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9. Finance -

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

<i>Chq</i>		
<i>No.</i>	<i>To Whom</i>	<i>gross</i>
901	J Vischer - salary + pt. backdate	685.70
902	Marcus Young - October	153.00
903	J Vischer - admin	8.64
904	S Galbraith - spray paints	<u>28.46</u>
Total		875.80

Available funds at 5th October 2015: £12,986

b. Preliminary Budget discussion – The budget sheet was discussed

10. Planning Applications -

Previous (for update) 15/01916/FUL 11 Tavelhurst Two Mile Ash Front porch extension. *Permitted* 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. *Details approved*

15/02184/TPO Land Between 40 - 42 Stone Hill Tree preservation order consent. *Pending*

15/02188/FUL 64 Leaffield Rise Two Mile Ash Single storey rear extension. *Pending*

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. *Pending*

NEW – 15/02242/FUL 18 The Hythe Two Mile Ash. Double storey rear extension and garage conversion. No objections.

15/02521/CLUP 35 Milesmere Two Mile Ash Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed single story rear and side extension. 2 members abstained but 2 voted to object on the grounds of proximity to neighbour and lack of useful detail - if only to draw the matter to the attention of planning officers.

Clerk

11. Correspondence and Grant requests - other than via email.

Healthwatch and Vital Signs MK flyers were distributed.

12. Other Meetings and New Items

Spray paints for the dog-poo stencil were shared out amongst councillors and different areas for Two Mile Ash grid-square allocated. It was agreed a: that only areas where dog poo had not been picked up were to be targeted; b: that markings should not be less than 40-50 metres apart; c: councillors must keep the clerk informed as to date of application and location, usually by taking the number of the nearest streetlight, so that a proper record could be kept. Photographs would be helpful.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 19th November 2015 at 7.30pm at Ashbrook School

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed

Date