

ABBHEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 28th April 2016 at Ashbrook School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chair), D. Lewis, B Johnston and N. Lategan.
Clerk: J. Vischer

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Holland.
2. **Public Open Forum** – None
3. **Approval of March Minutes, and any Matters Arising not covered below -**
The March minutes were approved as a true record subject to the alteration on the final item 'there were now 50 followers on Twitter'. Proposer Cllr Galbraith, Seconder Cllr Lewis. Unanimous.
 - 3.1. Christine Hobbs of the TMA Community Annexe had confirmed the request for a grant for more tables and chairs for Robins family support sessions. These would be stored in Robins' storage. This was therefore to go ahead. Clerk
 - 3.2. Cllr Johnston and the clerk reported back on 14th April meeting in the local park with Andy Hudson Head of Waste and Environment and Phil Snell, Project Manager Neighbourhood Services Group, from Milton Keynes Council (MKC) regarding the footpaths, the *petanque* area, the benches and a cut-through the shrubs to the exercise equipment. Both officers declared that there was no budget within MKC to carry out such maintenance tasks. The two footpaths in the worst condition were beyond repair and would require complete renovation. The Parish representatives asked for a quotation for the works with a view to parish financing even though the costs might be prohibitive. The officers agreed to supply same. As far as the cut-through was concerned they recommended extending the rubber mulch from the exercise equipment through the shrubs to the adjacent tarmac footpath as this was only a short distance and far cheaper than a hard surface. This was accepted as a suitable solution. Councillors agreed to undertake the re-staining of the 4 benches themselves. Cllr Johnston suggested the *petanque* area be transformed into a shrub bed with a Two Mile Ash motif written in the plants. It was agreed to approach the environmental group (TMAEG) with this in mind; otherwise to turn the area to grass which would give more room for play. Cllr Johnston had shown the two officers the poorly repaired and unsafe footbridge nearby. This has already been fixed, if temporarily, in a stronger fashion. Cllr Lewis explained that the previous maintenance contractor had gone into liquidation and a new contractor had yet to be appointed. Cllr Lewis/Clerk
4. **Declarations of Interest in any of the following items** – Cllr Lewis declared an interest on all planning matters as a member of the MKC Development Control Committee. Cllr Galbraith for any Party in the Park matters.
5. **Parish Council newsletter next edition** – The Chair was aiming to publish the next issue towards the end of May. Articles to include – footpaths, footbridges, benches, five-a-side goal proposal, YMCA sleepover, Granpart charity, flagging-up waste recycling depots.
6. **Anti-social behaviour issues** – the Chair reported his dismay at the increasing level of fly-tipping and dumped rubbish in the area, commenting that the recent serious burglary at the local shop seemed to add to the general atmosphere of neglect. The area around Norbrek seemed particularly badly affected where



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even when the rubbish was removed more would appear. After some discussion it was agreed that CCTV installation was too costly as it would require continual monitoring. It was agreed to keep the item on the agenda and monitor cases as they came up, with photographs, and to continue to report occurrences on the MKC reporting system (*see below*).

7. **Friends of Two Mile Ash Page** – Fly-tipping was clearly the dominant issue, with some comments on the state of the footbridges. It was noted that the dog waste issue so prevalent previously was not currently an issue following the introduction of two new bins and regular emptying. Cllr Johnston expressed concern that the site was being swamped by small-scale commercial advertising and requested these be controlled. The Chair apologised for not taking an active policing role recently due to heavy work commitments but asked that the other two administrators (Cllrs Lewis and Johnston) took charge and responded as they saw fit.

8. **New Fault / Project Log** – following an instruction by the Chair the Clerk had put together this new record of faults and projects on the estate. The aim was to have an easy tracking system in place and to ‘de-clutter’ the agenda/minutes. It would also track how many matters were still awaiting resolution from MKC, in spite of regular reminders. There were no updates on most issues.
 - 8.1. The main item discussed was the meeting in the local park (*see above*).
 - 8.2. It was noted that the previous reference numbers/faults had not yet been copied over to the new system – said to be ‘in progress’.
 - 8.3. ‘Green field’ between Downland and Clay Hill Five-a-side goals – The Clerk reported that following a lack of commitment by SERCO that he had found an installer from the rural parish network who was happy to quote for the work. Specification yet to be agreed. **Clerk**
 - 8.4. Following the receipt of two quotes for replacing the ailing ‘Christmas’ tree it was agreed to accept Steve Dear Tree Services quotation for £575+VAT (for October planting). Proposer Cllr Galbraith, Secunder Cllr Lewis. Unanimous. **Clerk**

9. Finance

Cheques for authorisation & Balances

<i>Chq</i> <i>No.</i>	<i>To Whom</i>	<i>gross</i>	<i>VAT</i>
	Worth Unlimited - cinema project grant		
929		300.00	
930	J Vischer - salary	563.45	
931	J Vischer - admin	99.58	
932	Ashbrook School - room hire (2)	96.00	
933	Marcus Young - April, 1434	153.00	25.50
934	Worldwide Hole-N-One Ltd	273.75	
935	MK Play Association - 150150	624.36	
936	The Tower Mint	<u>367.20</u>	<u>61.20</u>
Total		2,477.34	25.50

Available funds at 31st March 2016: £35,409



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10. Planning Applications -

Previous (for update)

- 16/00083/FUL 84 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash, First floor side extension over garage and garage conversion and alterations to form habitable accommodation. *Application withdrawn*

16/00212/FUL 14 Pyke Hayes Two Mile Ash, Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of part single storey, part two storey side and rear extension. *Application refused*

16/00315/DISCON Land Between 40 - 42 Stone Hill Two Mile Ash, Details submitted pursuant to discharge condition 4 (replacement trees) attached to planning permission 15/02184/TPO. *Details Approved*

16/00460/FUL 3 Garston Two Mile Ash Single storey rear extension. *Application permitted*

16/00472/FUL 36 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash, First floor side extension. *Application permitted*

NEW – 16/00648/FUL 39 Leaffield Rise Two Mile Ash Demolition of existing garage and conservatory. The construction of a two storey side and single storey rear extension. *No objections.*

16/00773/FUL 2 Cavenham Two Mile Ash Single storey side extension. *No objections.*

16/00963/FUL 4 Church Hill Two Mile Ash Single storey front extension. *No objections.*

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

11.1. Party in the Park: to agree regular grant funding of £3000. This was agreed - Proposer Cllr Lewis, Secunder Cllr Johnston. Unanimous.

12. Other Meetings and New Items

12.1. No reports from any outside meetings at the N.A.G, the W.E.A and the Management Committee of TMA Community Annexe.

12.2. Councillors queried why the newly revamped reporting system did not have the more convenient 'app' version for mobile phones that had been promised. **Clerk**

12.3. Cllr Lewis reported that at long last the shrub bed at Shorham Rise had been cleared.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Annual Meeting: Thursday 19th May 2016 following the annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7pm at Ashbrook School. This will be followed by the next ordinary meeting. Then 16th June 2016

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed

Date