

ABBNEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 21st July 2016 at Ashbrook School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chair), D. Lewis, B Johnston, and N. Lategan. Residents: Mrs Windmill & Mrs Cristoe.

Clerk: J. Vischer

1. **Apologies** – Cllr T. Holland had offered his resignation to the Chair prior to the meeting. The Chair moved a vote of thanks for Cllr Holland's contribution to the Parish Council which was carried unanimously. He had assured him that he would be welcome to re-join in the future.
2. **Public Open Forum** – Mrs Cristoe reported that she had informed MKC of two abandoned vehicles, dumped rubbish and noise from the flats across the road in the High St.
Mrs Windmill commented on the popularity of the 'Jenny Sharp' bench but asked that a rubbish bin be supplied to deal with the regular amount of rubbish deposited on the ground and in the shrubs. It was agreed to discuss this option later in the meeting.
Both were concerned about the lack of progress regarding the parking proposals. The Clerk was able to report that things had at last moved on – *see item 8 Fault/Project Log below.*
3. **Approval of May Annual and Ordinary Minutes and June Notes, and any Matters Arising** not covered below
 - 3.1. **Resolved** - The May Annual and Ordinary Minutes were approved as a true record.
 - 3.2. **Resolved** - The June Notes were approved as a true record.
 - 3.3. **June Meeting Notes** – Payments added to this meeting's list
 - 3.4. **June Meeting Notes (13) – Possibility of Internet Banking** – the clerk had established that the bank does now offer this service for dual signatory accounts. He had obtained forms that were duly signed by Cllrs Lewis and Galbraith. **Clerk**
 - 3.5. **June Meeting Notes (13) – Change of Meeting venues** – It had been agreed between meetings via email - due to imminent school closure for the holidays - to revert back to the Conference Room at Two Mile Ash School. This had been booked for the year. [yet again the chairs and tables had not been put out for this meeting]
4. **Declarations of Interest in any of the following items** – None
5. **Friends of Two Mile Ash Page** – The Chair and Cllr Brent reported that there had been no major issues although overgrown shrubs complaints were beginning to dominate. Membership now totalled 796.
6. **Possible purchase of projector and laptop**
Resolved – To purchase a new laptop with MsOffice software for a budget of £500 – to hold back on the purchase of a projector as next year's planned meeting venue has a projector available. **Clerk**
7. **Recruitment of more parish councillors** - the Clerk explained that AHPC would have to petition MKC to increase the numbers from five but that as a general rule numbers of councillors reflected the size of the population. He thought it likely we would be allowed an increase as he was aware of a very small parish council that also had five councillors. **Resolved** – To petition MKC to increase our allotted number of councillors from five to seven. (one abstention).



- 8. New Fault / Project Log** – Following discussions triggered by the Chair between Chair and Clerk earlier in the week about the complete lack of response and activity from MKC about several matters on the Log, mostly Highways issues for which AHPC is happy to invest, they had agreed to ask for a meeting with the CEO of MKC, Carole Mills, to air their grievances. Prior to asking for this meeting the Clerk had emailed several MK officers with which he had had dealings, as a ‘last chance’ move the following day. The next day (today) he had been contacted on the telephone by the Operations Manager for Ringway Infrastructure Services (‘Ringway’), the MKC delegated Highways contractor, who invited the Clerk to meet his contract manager Michael Ricketts to meet him on site with sub-contractor, and discuss any and all issues. The Clerk had met him and a sub-contractor in the afternoon where the following issues from the Log () were discussed –
- 8.1. Parking Bollards on High St (001) – Agreed that Ringway would price up the proposed works for ‘Camden’ bollards to be placed at regular intervals along the west side of the High St. so as to prevent on-the-pavement parking from the end of the shop-building to the corner opposite Ashbrook School.
 - 8.2. Two ‘crumbling’ footpaths in the park (003) – Agreed that Ringway would price up the renovation of the ‘southern’ footpath in whatever materials they deemed suitable and the removal of the ‘northern’ footpath near the rugby posts, and its return to soil and re-seeding.
 - 8.3. Removal of the ‘boules’ pitch adjacent to the northern footpath above (014) - Agreed that Ringway would price up for the removal of this area and its return to soil and re-seeding.
 - 8.4. Renovation of white-lines at the main junction in the centre of TMA including the road ramp (004) - Agreed that Ringway would price up.
 - 8.5. Implementation of the approved white-lining of parking bays on the western side of the High St behind the shop towards Ashbrook School (005) - Agreed that Ringway would price up.
 - 8.6. Post and Rail Works - Agreed that Ringway would price up the renovation already agreed through MKC. However the contract manager, who had inspected all the several sections prior to the meeting, pointed out that so many of the wooden bollards were rotten at the base that on average 25% would have to be entirely replaced, going as high as 50% on the Ashbrook School section. Alternative metal posts - ‘Key Clamps’ - would be less costly as installation did not require the cutting and re-joining of the metal rail. There were also some sections that had been entirely removed by MKC especially at the central junction of TMA – were these to be put back? It was agreed that Ringway would price-up the various alternatives.
 - 8.7. The setting-up of Five-a-Side goals (010) – Fortuitously, as the Clerk’s installer had recently declined the work citing obstructive H&S requirements, the sub-contractor had previous experience of this work and would furnish prices.
 - 8.8. Not on the Log – in passing the central landscaped area behind the shop Ringway pointed out two broken steps and many very uneven slabs in one section – which had been reported to MKC in the past – and suggested that the best solution would be to remove the slabs altogether and lay the area with Breedon gravel. This would still leave a substantial area of paving at the ‘bottom’ end some of which was in need of minor reparation. It was agreed that Ringway should price up.
 - 8.9. Not on the Log – in passing: 2 missing large chunky wooden bollards, at the end of the parking bays to be marked out, near the end of the shop-building. It was agreed that Ringway should price up as per two redway bollards.
- The above prices should be received within a fortnight. Following the above report members agreed to await the several quotes to determine job priorities.
- 8.10. Redway names - not Ringway (009) – MKC officer Rob Ward had also confirmed that a budget of approx. £1,500, would provide for 25 new signs as long as the existing posts were used. He added that a temporary solution for some of the signs that were earmarked for changing under MKC’s existing program could be negotiated. The next stage would be to enter into detailed discussions about locations and work towards a final cost. Councillors agreed amongst themselves to inspect the areas of

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remaining signs that had not been covered in the Chair's original report. It was also agreed that councillors should monitor locations for rubbish bins in the light of Mrs Windmill's comments (above). These would then be put forward for budget discussions later in the year. **Cllrs Lewis/Johnston**

9. Finance

Cheques for authorisation & Balances for June meeting and this meeting

June

<i>Chq</i>			<i>gross</i>	VAT
<i>No.</i>	<i>To Whom</i>			
941	Clerk's salary		465.08	
942	Post Office (PAYE)		107.00	
943	Admin		48.52	4.75
944	Rialtas accounting software (inc sub)		343.60	57.27
945	Landscaping & new bin		309.00	51.50
946	MK Play Association - 150960 (hlf-tm)		312.18	
947	P in P cash float		1,000.00	
948	G Patey - entertainer. P in P		130.00	
949	iPrint - P in P		140.00	
950	Nat Kingham - DJ P in P		225.00	
951	Tombola P in P		208.45	
952	TV, radio, raffle P in P		193.99	

July

953	Clerk's salary		568.80	
954	Vision ICT		150.00	25.00
955	Ashbrook School - room hire (3)		128.00	
956	Admin		26.60	
957	Clerk's salary		<u>462.56</u>	

Total **4,818.78** 138.52

Available funds at 5th July 2016: £11.119

10. Planning Applications -

Previous (for update)

16/01026/FUL 35 Milesmere Two Mile Ash, Single storey rear and side extension *Permitted*

16/00967/FUL Ashbrook School The High Street, Erection of sculpted aluminium tree approximately 2.5 metres high at entrance to school. *Permitted*

16/01066/FUL 84 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash, Conversion of garage to form habitable living accommodation including the removal of a garage door and a single storey front extension (*resubmission of 16/00083/FUL*). *Permitted*

NEW – 16/01407/FUL 13 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, Two storey side extension. No objections.

11. Correspondence and Grant requests (other than circulated via email) – the following items were noted -

Play Equipment brochure from HAGS

Post Office questionnaire about changes to TMA Post Office. Councillors agreed to submit responses individually.

12. Other Meetings and New Items

12.1. **W.E.A.** – Cllr Johnston reported that the Fairfields School dominated the meeting with information about parking provision, use of premises for out-of-hours community provision, adult learning centre and

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working in collaboration with other schools. Whitehouse Park should be open in August.

- 12.2. **Cllr Lategan resignation** – Cllr Lategan offered his resignation. He was heartily thanked by members and the Clerk for his generous contributions to the Logo and street signs mapping items. He was invited to put himself forward at some future date if he wished.
13. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Thursday, 15th September 2016 at 7.30pm at **TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL**
Then 20th October 2016

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed

Date