

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 15th September 2016 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chair), D. Lewis, and B. Johnston. Residents: Mr C. Gossop (Two Mile Ash Environmental Group)
Clerk: J. Vischer

1. **Apologies** – None
2. **Public Open Forum** – Mr Gossop (TMAEG) reported on the Group's progress inviting councillors to attend its fifth anniversary celebration this weekend. 3 projects were being considered:
 - a) Creating a footbridge by the A5 redway to allow dog-walkers easy crossing over the brook, in conjunction with the Parks Trust. Councillors encouraged the proposal.
 - b) to plant a replacement 'Raywood' ash tree, on the verge opposite Stone Hill. As this species was not without issues Group members favoured a traditional oak tree. For the supply of this they were seeking funds – parish councillors agreed to support the project with match-funding from other sources (total cost approx. £225).
 - c) it had been a long held aim of the Group to push for the repair or replacement of the post and rail network in the centre of TMA but the Group was not in a position to help, he therefore encouraged the parish council in its efforts and suggested the possible use of recycled plastic posts.
3. **Approval of July Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below
 - 3.1. **Resolved** – The July Minutes were approved as a true record. Proposer: Cllr Lewis, seconder: Cllr Galbraith, unanimous.
 - 3.2. Locations for rubbish bins – Cllr Johnston had noted two locations near the green between Clay Hill and Downland that seemed to have a constant residue of litter that may benefit from bins. In between meetings a resident had proposed replacing the lost bin by the bus stop at Church Hill. In the light of this it was proposed: **to set a budget for the purchase of between 3 and 5 bins in next year's spending.** **Proposer: Cllr Lewis, seconder: Cllr Galbraith, unanimous.** The Chair also invited the Clerk to research into the possibility of affixing signs to these bins, and dog bins, with the parish logo prominently displayed. Councillors to bring further locations for bins to the first budget meeting in November.
Clerk/Cllrs
4. **Declarations of Interest in any of the following items** – None
5. **Friends of Two Mile Ash Page (FoTMA)** – The Chair and Cllr Johnston reported that there had been no administrator interventions recently. Issues – dogs barking in Leafield Rise: a diary of incidents was being kept by residents for MKC noise enforcement; Cllr Johnston was perturbed by continual jibes at the Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints but councillors agreed there was little of practical value to be done: situation to be monitored.
6. **Purchase of laptop** – the Clerk had brought the newly purchased laptop to the meeting for councillors approval (cost:£249.99). In discussions that followed it was agreed that the Clerk would set up the device with passwords etc and that MS office be installed as opposed to the new Microsoft subscription service.
7. **Co-option of parish councillors** - the Clerk had established that AHPC would have to petition MKC to



increase the numbers from five at around election time only. The clerk had been contacted by one resident who had been previously involved in the residents/AHPC complaint to MKC regarding noise at the Mercure Hotel. It was agreed to place an appeal on the AHPC Friends page and link it to FoTMA. **Clerk/Cllr Johnston**

8. Fault / Project Log

8.1. Two new rubbish bin requests logged.

8.2. Regarding the various Ringway jobs – a) Parking Bollards on High St, b) Two ‘crumbling’ footpaths in the park, c) Removal of the ‘boules’ pitch, d) Renovation of white-lines at the main junction, e) white-lining of parking bays, f) Post and Rail Works – Ringway had provided quotes in August. The additional items verbally discussed with Ringway had not been included in the prices, these had been added to the Log. It was noted that Ringway had not yet quoted for Five-a-Side goals even though they had promised to.

It was resolved: to delegate the planning of spending priorities to Chair and Clerk up to £15,000 so that seasonal seeding works for the park could be delivered as soon as possible. For: 2, Against:1.

8.3. Redway names – the Clerk had learnt that the officer, Rob Ward, dealing with the proposals had now left MKC with no follow-up to the Clerk. Clerk to make enquiries. **Clerk**

9. Finance (accounting statements were displayed on the new accounts software sheets for the first time)

9.1. **Payments** for authorisation since last meeting

a) Clerk’s salary - £483.56; b) PAYE - £122.39; c) Landscape maintenance - £153.00; d) MK Council (P in P) - £276.00; e) Mazars audit - £240.00; f) Landscape maintenance - £153.00; g) MK Play Association - £1,560.90; h) administration expenses - £42.60.

9.2. **Balance** - Available funds at 11th August 2016: £11,481.78

9.3. **External Audit** – the Clerk reported that the external auditors had found no issues, major or minor.

10. Planning Applications -

Previous (for update)

16/01407/FUL 13 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, Two storey side extension. (No objections) Permitted.

NEW – 16/02202/FUL 167 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash Two storey rear extension. No objections.

16/02259/ADV 63 The High Street Two Mile Ash Advertising consent for 1 x externally illuminated fascia sign, 2 x non illuminated printed image, 4 x lockable poster frames. Objected to on the grounds of out of character with the immediate area, light pollution to nearby properties. **Clerk**

16/02369/FUL 11 Chardacre Two Mile Ash, rear single storey extension. No objections.

11. Correspondence and Grant requests (other than circulated via email) – the following items were noted - MK Youth Cabinet and National Youth Parliament Elections leaflet.

12. Other Meetings and New Items

12.1. **W.E.A.** – no meeting since last parish meeting.

12.2. **Parishes Forum** – Cllr Johnston had attended – nothing to report of special relevance to TMA.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday, 20th October 2016 at 7.30pm at **TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL** Then 17th November 2016

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed

Date