

# ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



**MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs D. Lewis (in the Chair), D. Simpson, and B. Johnston. No members of the public.  
Clerk: J. Vischer

1. **Apologies** – Cllr S. Galbraith.
2. **Public Open Forum** – None
3. **Approval of Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below
  - 3.1. **Resolved** – The October Minutes were approved as a true record. Proposer: Cllr Johnston, seconder: Cllr Simpson, unanimous.
  - 3.2. **Matters Arising** – No update had been given regarding the allotments tree proposal. The Clerk was instructed to contact Chris Gossop and enquire. **Clerk**
  - 3.3. The clerk had written a lengthy letter to the resident regarding his proposed parking solution in the centre of TMA (deemed unviable).
4. **Declarations of Interest in any of the following items** – None
5. **Friends of Two Mile Ash Page (FoTMA)** – There were no significant issues at present. There were now 875 'Friends'.
6. **Fault / Project Log**
  - 6.1. The removal of the footpath & Boule area in the Park had not been carried out by the weekend just past - 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> November as promised. However activity had been reported to Cllr Simpson during this week.
  - 6.2. White-line Markings for the Parking Bays and TMA central junction had not been carried out yet.
  - 6.3. The Clerk had transferred the principal balance of £5,000 from the 'active saver' account to the current account. He had been told that the fixed deposit savings could not be withdrawn except under the most exceptional circumstances (for example the death of the investor). The maturity date was set at 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Councillors agreed that this meant that the bollard works could not be initiated until closer to the next financial year when the precept payment would be issued. The Clerk referred to the initial Capital Funding Application for this work that had been submitted to MKC in October 2014 which had never been formally agreed by MKC. As so many officers had since left MKC it was agreed that the Clerk contact Highways officers in the meantime to ensure that they did not object to our implementing the proposals, and to determine what might be needed to conform to regulatory requirements. **Clerk**
  - 6.4. Five-a-side goals – The Clerk had found a new contractor willing to quote for the installation of the goalposts. In discussions it became apparent that the proposed goals, whilst removable, fit into a large "H" frame socket that is concreted into the ground with the top part of the "H" above the ground, and when the goal is removed, this part of the steel frame remains in place. The frame being the support for the goal when in use. All goals that are socketed are full sized adult goals. Faced with this choice it was agreed the Clerk obtain prices for the supply and installation of 2 full sized adult goals. Proposer: Cllr Johnston, seconder: Cllr Lewis, unanimous. **Clerk**
  - 6.5. The landscape contractor had informed the Clerk that he had seen hardly any litter by the bus stop at Church Hill where the bin had been stolen. It would seem that the bin did not need replacing.
7. **Green Bin Initiative** – It was agreed that this was not appropriate to the parish and would require time and man-hours that were not available. However it was agreed to publicise on FoTMA, the noticeboard and the parish website. Clerk to circulate electronic copies to councillors. **Clerk**

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## 8. Finance

### 8.1. Payments for authorisation

a) MK Play Association - £312.18; b) Landscape maintenance (October) - £153.00; c) Clerk's salary (October) - £468.13; d) administration expenses - £22.60.

8.2. **Balance** - Available funds (current account) £18,729.68.

8.3. **Possible Devolution of Services** – Councillors agreed that to take on responsibilities of landscaping cleansing and play area maintenance at a cost of £57,024 (MKC's own estimate) *per annum* was not possible at the present time without some kind of an incentive to do so. It would require a quadrupling of precept + the extra administration. There was also the liability that other services might be devolved in the future once the principle had been accepted.

8.4. **Budget Ideas** – No new projects were suggested. The Clerk agreed to draw up a draft budget sheet for the next meeting. **Clerk**

## 9. Planning Applications

### *Previous (for update)*

9.1. 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. *Permitted*

9.2. 16/01808/FUL Linpac Storage Systems Ltd Garamonde Drive Wymbush. Two new, cold formed steel, mono-pitch warehouses. *Pending*

9.3. 16/02369/FUL 11 Chardacre Two Mile Ash. Rear single storey extension. *Permitted*

9.4. 16/02632/FUL 18 Brindlebrook Two Mile Ash. Prior notification for a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 4 metres from the rear wall of the existing dwelling with a maximum ridge height of 4 metres and maximum eaves height of 2.4 metres. For info only. *Prior Approval Not Required*

9.5. **NEW** – None

## 10. Correspondence and Grant requests (other than circulated via email) – no grant requests. The following items were noted -

MK Youth Cabinet Anti-bullying posters – it was agreed to place one on the noticeboard. **Clerk**

Open Spaces Society renewal letter – it was agreed not to renew the subscription. **Clerk**

## 11. Other Meetings and New Items

11.1. **W.E.A.** – there had been some recent correspondence on the V4 underpasses that suggested only two of the four were certain to be built. As this flew in the face of the Parish Council's long-held position in favour of their provision it was agreed that the matter be taken up with MKC officers. Moreover the papers had revealed that the cost of bridges was not as much less as had been expected - £940k v £1.5m. Many residents had agreed with the Parish Council that bridges would be expensive 'white elephants' and most users would simply prefer to cross the road at street level. Furthermore this threw into denial one of the primary key features of Milton Keynes development: the redway cycle system. **Clerk**

11.2. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Kiln Farm Cinema project to see how it had developed as there had been no news since the grant award. **Clerk**

11.3. Cllr Simpson reported 2 items: a) broken steps to the Wymbush underpass from the bus stop on the Clay Hill side of Great Monks Street; b) Langton Drive - advertising sign by road name-sign. Clerk to report.

11.4. Cllr Johnston reported that the bin at the bottom of Clay Hill is frequently full – Clerk to check if this is emptied on a fortnightly or weekly basis? **Clerk**

## 12. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm at TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL Then 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed

dated