

# ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



**MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs D. Lewis (in the Chair), D. Simpson, and B. Johnston.  
Clerk: J. Vischer

1. **Apologies** – S. Galbraith. These were accepted.
2. **Public Open Forum** – None.
3. **Approval of December 2016 Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below
  - 3.1. **Resolved** – The December Minutes were approved as a true record. Proposer: Cllr Simpson, seconder: Cllr Johnston, unanimous.
  - 3.2. **Matters Arising – Change of meeting night** - the Clerk had contacted the school regarding possible change of meeting evening. The School used the meeting room on Wednesdays. As this had been the only alternative meeting day it was agreed to let things stand as they are.
  - 3.3. **Survey Monkey proposal** – in the light of the Chair's absence this item was postponed to the February meeting.
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. Cllr Lewis reported that there were now approximately 905 members. Cllr Johnston reported that he had vetted new applicants and rejected several of a commercial nature.
6. **Fault / Project Log**
  - 6.1. No replies had been received from the contractor regarding the request for a schedule of works, billing or grass seeding. No further works other than the removal of the footpath & boule area in the Park had been carried out. Clerk to pursue. **Clerk**
  - 6.2. Five-a-side goals – The quotation for two Five-a-Side goals permanently fixed had not been received. Clerk to chase. **Clerk**
  - 6.3. No reply regarding permission for the raised/kerb/bollard scheme on the High St from MKC Highways. **Clerk**
  - 6.4. Cllr Lewis still to request an update on the footbridge replacement scheme from Sue Chaundy, MKC. **Cllr Lewis**
7. **Newsletter** – it was agreed that a new issue needed to be organised. Suggested articles were divided up between Councillors and Clerk – Budget/precept; Cllr Lewis; achievements this year – Chair; future potential projects – Cllr Johnston; vacancy – Clerk. Cllr Johnston offered to edit/publish. Deadline: the end of the month. **Cllrs Lewis, Johnston, Galbraith & Clerk**
8. **Finance**
  - 8.1. **Payments** for authorisation - Clerk's salary (December) - £568.80; b) bin emptying (for the year) - £1,784.64; c) administration expenses - £20.00. The payments were approved.
  - 8.2. **Balance** - Available funds (current account) £14,164.
  - 8.3. **Budget and Precept Approval** – Pending one adjustment the revised draft budget was agreed. The precept was also agreed at £28,900 (approx. £20 per Band D property). Proposer: Cllr Lewis, Seconder: Cllr Simpson; unanimous. **Clerk**
9. **Planning Applications**  
*Previous (for update)*
  - 9.1. 16/01808/FUL Linpac Storage Systems Ltd Garamonde Drive Wymbush. Two new, cold formed steel,

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mono-pitch warehouses. *Pending*

9.2. **16/03164/FUL** 9 Corn Hill Two Mile Ash Single storey rear extension. *Pending*

9.3. **16/03312/FUL** 3 Cherleton Two Mile Ash Demolition of detached garage, erection of a two storey side and rear extension, and single storey rear extension. *Pending*

9.4. **16/03468/FUL** 3 Fairways Two Mile Ash, Two storey front and rear extensions. *Pending*

**New – 16/03639/FUL** Abbey Hill Hotel Monks Way Single storey extension below the existing roof line to provide an externally accessed store, erection of a Porte Cochere to the main hotel entrance and facade enhancements to the northern elevation. No objection.

**16/03653/FUL** 40 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and first floor side extension. Objection on the grounds of the impact on neighbouring properties which it overlooks; the large size makes it out of character with surrounding properties. **Clerk**

**10. Correspondence and Grant requests** (other than circulated via email) – no grant requests. The following items were noted – MKC Civic Reception invitation; Parks Trust programme of the year's events to celebrate MK50.

## **11. Other Meetings and New Items**

**Possible Devolution of Services – meeting with Andy Hudson Head of Waste and Environment.** The Chair and Clerk established the following answers to the key points -

*Is MKC going to release funding into the Parish Councils to fund the works that are being proposed for us to deliver?* Very unlikely.

*Are Parish Councils going to be expected to increase our respective precepts to cover the funding gap if no subsidy is to be provided by MKC?* This is entirely up to parish councils – no obligation.

*Are we going to be forced to utilise MKC's Tier 1 Contractors?* No

*Can we put the works out to tender to local traders/contractors to invest in our respective local communities?* Yes

*What standards would the Parish Councils Works have to be delivered to in terms of compliance of works and the completed works being fit for purpose?* No clear response.

*How would Parish Councils ensure compliance with MKC quality & assurance protocols/standards?* No clear response.

*Will MKC expect costs of inspection of works delivered by us be invoiced to the Parish Councils to reimburse MKC?* Discussion too open-ended/No clear response.

*Who will be expected to take ownership of liabilities caused by incorrect or faulty work being delivered?* Discussion too open-ended/No clear response.

*Would the Parish Councils be liable for any or all legal costs if litigation were required?* Discussion too open-ended/No clear response.

*Will there be extra funding from MKC as I would suggest that all Parish Councils will need Clerks to be full time if this proposal were to be pursued?* No

*What support will MKC provide to the Parish Councils to allow them to deliver the work packages?* Discussion too open-ended/No clear response.

The Clerk and Chair felt that the meeting was unproductive as MKC had not worked out these sorts of details. However two new points of contact were promised to be told to contact the clerk in due course when they had established themselves in their new roles.

**Cllr Johnston** reported a low branch on redway causing danger to passers-by – 81 Clay Hill/Norbek. **Clerk**

**12. Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm at TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL  
Then: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed

dated