

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 16th March 2017 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs D. Lewis (in the Chair), D. Simpson, and B. Johnston. 7 residents from Pyke Hayes: Dave Wentworth, Penny Hanniford, Jill Wentworth, Terry Holland, Andy Evans, Arun Pant, & Raffa D'Ambrosi
Clerk: J. Vischer

1. **Apologies** – Cllr S. Galbraith. These were accepted.
2. **Public Open Forum** – The seven residents from Pyke Hayes had all come to register a protest about the potential noise from the proposed outside bar at the Mercure Hotel, Two Mile Ash, and potential noise from the proposed external metal storage bin. They made clear how the sound carries easily to neighbouring residential properties at present and how this Variation in Licence would only make matters worse. [*Parish Council view: item 9.9 below*]
3. **Approval of February 2017 Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below
 - 3.1. **Resolved** – The February Minutes were approved as a true record. Proposer: Cllr Lewis, seconder: Cllr Simpson, unanimous.
Matters Arising –
 - 3.2. **Derelict sports field/football pitch in Kiln Farm** – The Parks Trust had replied that the underlying clay soils had proved unsuitable for any kind of pitch. (*see below: 11.2*)
 - 3.3. **Brioche Pasquier site visit** - Cllr Johnston had passed on the organising of this to the Clerk. Dates were being discussed. The managing director was happy to hold evening tours. Still to be finalised. **Clerk**
4. **Declarations of Interest in any of the following items** – Cllr Simpson stated that he lived within earshot of noise from the Mercure hotel.
5. **Friends of Two Mile Ash Page (FoTMA)** – There were no matters of outstanding concern.
6. **Fault / Project Log**
 - 6.1. The Clerk reported that he had met the contractors on site on March 1st. They apologised for not responding to emails in the past. They explained that they had not issued a schedule for the agreed works because the competitiveness of the prices dictated that they fit the work into and around their Borough-wide commitments. They agreed/updated the following:
 - 6.1.1. **Footpath** - To repair at the earliest opportunity, but as the work was weather dependant this could not be started immediately. They promised to monitor the ground conditions which were especially water-logged at the lower end of the path.
 - 6.1.2. **Parking Bollards** - They would provide a revised quote for 40 bollards along the High St (reduced from 60) and for Kensington bollards (not Camden) at our request, additionally they offered to take care of the Highways permissions for these works. This prompted a discussion amongst councillors about resident consultation. **It was agreed** to re-consult those properties affected by hand-delivering a note and through face-to-face contact. Cllr Johnston offered to undertake this role, following receipt of the quote and details of positioning of bollards. Clerk to draw up a note.
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 - 6.1.3. **White-lining** – Car Park Bays and junction markings: 'we will seek to complete all lining works by end of March'.
 - 6.1.4. **Post & Rail Refurbishment** – they suggested replacing the entire post & rail network with Ascot rail fencing as this would be considerably cheaper.
 - 6.1.5. **Central Landscaped Area paving slab sections** – contractor suggested replacing the two large areas of uneven and broken slabs and steps with a sloping Breedon gravel surface. They would provide a *per square metre* rate for this so that the work did not have to be done all at once.
 - 6.1.6. **Five-a-side goals** – Councillors Simpson and Johnston offered to meet with the Clerk and the

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contractor at the arranged meeting on site at 3pm on 17th March. The Clerk pointed out that the original permissions for the goals had presumed public consultation of overlooking properties. This had not yet taken place. It was agreed that properties affected would be consulted via a hand-delivered note and face-to-face contact. Cllr Johnston offered to undertake this role. Clerk to draw up a note.

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7. **Newsletter** – As no-one had come forward to produce the next Newsletter it was agreed to post each article (already written) on the Friends of Two Mile Ash Page pending consultation with the Chair. **Clerk**
8. **Finance**
 - 8.1. **Payments** for authorisation - Clerk's salary - £469.20; b) Post Office (PAYE) - £110.20; c) administration/expenses (including refund of laptop and cost of new 'tablet') - £100.30; d) TMA School (6mths. room hire) - £297.50. These payments were approved.
 - 8.2. **Balance** - Available funds (current account) £12,344.
9. **Planning Applications**

Previous (for update)

 - 9.1. **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. *Awaiting Decision*
 - 9.2. **16/03468/FUL** 3 Fairway s Two Mile Ash, Two storey front and rear extensions. *Permitted*
 - 9.3. **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. *Permitted.*
 - 9.4. **16/03653/FUL** 40 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and first floor side extension. *Permitted*
 - 9.5. **17/00116/FUL** 21 Church Hill Two Mile Ash Erection of single-storey side and rear extension. *Awaiting Decision*
 - 9.6. **17/00175/CLUP** 14 Stone Hill Two Mile Ash Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed single storey rear extension. *Lawful Use*
 - 9.7. **17/00249/FUL** 28 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash Single storey rear extension; new patio; and removal of balcony and door at first floor with replacement window. *Pending*
 - 9.8. **17/00311/CLUP** 24 Thorncliffe Two Mile Ash Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed single storey rear/side extension. *Pending*
 - 9.9. **New – Variation of Premises Licence Mercure Milton Keynes Abbey Hill Hotel;** Include an outside bar to the licensed plan of the premises licence with the existing hours for the supply of alcohol (10:00 to 23:00 daily). Following the representation by residents at the beginning of the meeting: **It was resolved: 1) To object to the provision of an outside bar on the grounds of public nuisance (noise). 2) To express concern at the proposed externally accessed metal storage bin on the same grounds (noise). 3) to ask to see the application which had not been made available and was not present on the MK Council website as advertised.**
 - 9.10. **Paellas.co.uk, trading at Pitfields, Kiln Farm ref 142998** Street Trading Consent – 1 hours trading within every 24 hours. Hot takeaway food; Saturday and Sunday 12:30 – 13:30. No objections.
10. **Correspondence and Grant requests** (other than circulated via email) – no grant requests. The following items were noted – Parks Trust Calendar of Events 2017; Open Spaces Newsletter.
11. **Other Meetings and New Items**
 - 11.1. **The Annexe Community Centre Committee** - Cllr Lewis reported back from the first meeting he had attended as Parish Council representative. No further information had been forthcoming about MKC grant support withdrawal.
 - 11.2. **New – Derelict sports field/football pitch in Kiln Farm** – The Chair had emailed to councillors in response to the Parks Trust's reply, and in response to an enquiry about allotment plots received by

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the Clerk, that perhaps the site could be developed into further allotment plots. Councillors agreed that this would require major financial investment, let alone administrative investment, and that the capital costs of creating plots and ensuring the topsoil was up to standard would require significant funding. The matter would be discussed again as a future years expenditure project. In the meantime the Clerk would ascertain if Parks Trust would be amenable to such a plan. **Clerk**

11.3. **MK YMCA** - Cllr Johnston informed councillors that he had helped raise £5,500 for the MK YMCA by sleeping out in the cold weather (3rd March) with other supporters. He was congratulated on his commitment.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday, 20th April 2017 at 7.30pm at TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL
Then: Thursday 18th May 2017 with AGM.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm

Signed

dated