

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 20th April 2017 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chair), D Simpson, and B. Johnston. Parish councillor candidate: Dr A Evans
Residents: Mr R. Morphew, Mrs S Morphew, Mrs M Hearn & Mr M Hearn.
Clerk: J. Vischer

1. **Apologies** – Cllr D. Lewis. Cllr Galbraith apologised for arriving 50 minutes late. These were accepted.
2. **Co-option – Resolved to co-opt Dr Andrew Evans on to the Parish Council.** Proposer: Cllr Galbraith, seconder: Cllr Simpson unanimous. Mr Evans was welcomed, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
3. **Public Open Forum** – 18 The High Street planning application: The 4 residents present were all neighbours who would be adversely affected by this application. It was agreed that their objections were valid and the Parish Council would object to the proposal. (*see item 12.6 below*)
4. **Approval of Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below
 - 4.1. **Resolved** – The March Minutes were approved as a true record. Proposer: Cllr Simpson, seconder: Cllr Johnston unanimous.
5. **Declarations of Interest in any of the following items** – None
6. **Variation of Premises Licence Mercure Milton Keynes Abbey Hill Hotel** - Withdrawn following a site meeting attended by both Cllr Simpson and Cllr Evans with approximately 30 local residents.
7. **Friends of Two Mile Ash Page (FoTMA)** – There were no significant issues at present. However Cllr Simpson had noted a discussion about the Western Expansion Area underpass/bridge controversy erupting this afternoon. To be monitored.
8. **Fault / Project Log**
 - 8.1. Five-a-side goals - as reported via email the questionnaires had been prepared by the Clerk and taken round neighbouring properties by Cllr Johnston. He had received 100% positive feedback from those residents who were at home. The Clerk had received no responses via email. As this constituted 23 positive replies out of 40 delivered It was agreed to go ahead with the project. Proposer: Cllr Simpson, seconder: Cllr Johnston unanimous. **Clerk** to inform the contractor.
 - 8.2. High St anti-parking Bollards – although the questionnaires had been prepared Cllr Johnston had not been able to deliver them as yet. Discussion about the feasibility of the proposed plastic bollards concluded that these might make a good alternative. **Clerk** to firm-up price with contractor.
 - 8.3. Dog bins – The contractor had not clarified the status of a possible larger bin at the Wymbush/Lodge Lake underpass. Another bin had been proposed to Cllr Johnston by a resident at the top of the field by the proposed five-a side goals but it was felt that the bin by the corner of Clay Hill and the golf course was near enough for that area.
 - 8.4. The Clerk reported that he had tried to contact the contractor about the white-lining – promised by end of March – but had not yet been successful. The junction markings had been re-done but the parking bays remained outstanding. **Clerk**
 - 8.5. The Clerk was urged to re-report the long outstanding no entry sign on the High St. **Clerk**
9. **Newsletter** – As no progress had been made with regard to publication the Clerk was asked to draw up the newsletter in its usual format with the newly acquired MS software. Chair to forward template. **Chair/ Clerk**

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- 10. Brioche site visit** – the owners had been willing to offer a site tour for the parish council at any time. Councillors agreed to aim for Friday evening as all could be available. **Clerk**
- 11. Finance**
- 11.1. Payments** for authorisation
a) Clerk's salary (5wks) - £578.80; b) Clerk's administration expenses including SLCC m/ship - £70.24; c) Two Mile Ash School venue hire (until July) - £170.00.
- 11.2. Balance** - Available funds (current account) £12,422.07 (+ savings of £25,000)
- 11.3.** The Clerk had circulated trial end of year figures. These showed a spending of £8,434 on administration and £10,694 on Parish Council activities. General reserves reduced by £3,008 to £37,422.
- 12. Planning Applications**
Previous (for update)
- 12.1. 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*
- 12.2. 17/00116/FUL** 21 Church Hill Two Mile Ash Erection of single-storey side and rear extension. *Permitted*
- 12.3. 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. *Permitted*
- 12.4. 17/00311/CLUP** 24 Thorncliffe Two Mile Ash Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed single storey rear/side extension. *Permitted*
- 12.5. New – NB The MK website had been 'down' for several days. 17/00739/FUL** 5 Thorncliffe Two Mile Ash, Ground floor single storey side extension to bungalow and side extension to garage with internal alterations. No objections.
- 12.6. 17/00833/FUL** 18 The High Street Two Mile Ash, Creation of first floor, single storey rear extension and new vehicular access. Objected to, on the grounds of: 1) degradation of street scene; 2) over-development of plot; 3) loss of privacy to surrounding properties, especially from proposed balconies; 4) visually intrusive to neighbouring properties; 5) Loss of light to neighbouring properties; 6) runs counter to the MK Housing Strategy Plan which identifies a shortage of bungalows in Milton Keynes especially in regard to disability provision.
- 12.7. 17/00819/FUL** Sikh Temple Keller Close Kiln Farm, Proposed vehicular access off Watling Street at southern end of site and modification of existing wall to facilitate the access proposal including the addition of a gate and railings. Objected to, on the grounds that suitable access already exists and creating a further junction on a 60mph grid road is unnecessary and a safety risk.
- 13. Correspondence and Grant requests** (other than circulated via email) – the following item was noted - Parks Trust calendar of events.
- 14. Other Meetings and New Items**
- 14.1. Devolved Services** report back – the Clerk reported that MKC seemed to have already made a decision to go down this route. The conference and workshop was well-attended. A briefing paper would be issued in June/July for further consultation.
- 14.2. WEA** - request for parish council support. The Clerk was happy to offer help.
- 14.3. NEW items** – Cllr Evans asked if the Clerk could write to VW on Wymbush inviting them to cut back the overgrowing bushes on the redway along Gt. Monks St. This was agreed. **Clerk**
- 15. Date and Time of Next Meeting, APM & AGM** – Thursday, 18th May 2017 at 7.30pm at **TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL**
Then 15th June 2017

The meeting closed at 9.23pm

Signed

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