

ABBAY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 18th May 2017 at Two Mile Ash School following the Annual Meeting

Present: Cllrs D. Lewis (in the Chair), D. Simpson, B. Johnston, and A. Evans. No Residents.
Clerk: J. Vischer

1. **Apologies** – Cllr S. Galbraith. These were accepted.
2. **Approval of Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below
Resolved – The April Minutes were approved as a true record. Proposer: Cllr Simpson, seconder: Cllr Evans. Unanimous.
3. **Declarations of Interest in any of the following items** – None
4. **Friends of Two Mile Ash Page (FoTMA)** – Bus route no.14. Cllr Johnston reported that he was affected by the unreliability of the bus service operation, complaints about which were regularly posted. He declared that the split between bus routes 4 and 14 was not working, causing users to be late for work, appointments etc. Services around the beginning and end of the day were particularly prone to delay or arriving within minutes of each other instead of in half hour intervals. The Clerk was asked to write to both Arriva and Milton Keynes Council (MKC) who had a duty to monitor services, to complain. MKC to be asked for their monitoring reports. **CLK**
There were now some 950+ 'Friends'.
Cllr Johnston confirmed that he had re-started the Twitter feed after a hiatus due to changing phones.
5. **Kerb anti-parking bollards** – Following the very positive responses to the consultation of residents – Cllr Johnston reported that almost all were in favour when dropping off consultation questionnaires – two residents had contacted the Clerk to say how important they thought the initiative was - it was agreed to go ahead and order the works to proceed. Proposer: Cllr Lewis, seconder: Cllr Evans. Unanimous. Ringway, the MKC specified contractor, had confirmed previously that they would get the relevant permissions from MKC. The specification proposed plastic bollards at 3.5m centres - pending driveways and other obstacles - and 450mm back from the kerb edge. Clerk to contact the contractor to confirm. The start-point would be the first residential dwelling on the High Street (West side) opposite One-Stop Shop, and the end-point the corner opposite Ashbrook School - length to be measured. **CLK**
6. **Fault / Project Log**
 - 6.1. **The six Footbridges** – Three of the 6 footbridges had been being repaired or replaced over the last few weeks – Haithwaite, Clay Hill and Downland. Remaining bridges to be checked. **DL**
 - 6.2. **Five-a-side goals** – The Clerk had instructed the contractor to proceed following the last meeting. The Clerk had also informed MKC (officer Tony Higgins), via email, of the decision to go ahead. The contractor had outlined a 4 to 6 week lead-time.
 - 6.3. **Bins** – Wymbush/Lodge Lake very well-used dog bin - The contractor had proposed emptying the bin twice per week. Councillors felt that, if the emptying charge was the same it would be more cost efficient in the long term to install a bigger bin. Approved. Proposer: Cllr Lewis, seconder: Cllr Evans. Unanimous. **CLK**
It was agreed to decide at the next meeting how many and where new rubbish/dog bins would be located.
 - 6.4. **White-lining** – promised by end of March – Ringway had explained that there had not been time to carry out the marking of the parking bays when the junction markings had been re-done as they required working around parked vehicles (it had been the contractors' suggestion to combine the two operations in the first instance). Ringway promised to get in touch once they had conferred with the

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- sub-contractor. Clerk to follow-up. CLK
- 6.5. **Damaged no entry sign** on the High St. outside Radcote Lodge - The Clerk had re-reported the long outstanding 'headless' no entry sign.
- 6.6. **Overgrown bushes** on Great Monks St. redway outside VW warehouse – a response had been received to the Clerk's letter stating that: 'contractors removed some shrubbery'...'prevented continuing by nesting birds (Wildlife & C Act 1981)'...'the area has not been tended to for some years'...'is strictly speaking MKC responsibility but checking with Land Registry'. They would be in touch.
- 6.7. **NEW** – Cllr Evans reported the giant puddle on the roundabout over the dual carriageway at Monks Way. The drain is no longer visible. Although on the Stacey Bushes side and so technically beyond the parish boundary, many residents would be affected. Clerk to report. CLK
- 6.8. Cllr Evans reported Tesco delivery lorries had straddled the High St while unloading, blocking traffic completely. Clerk to write. CLK
7. **Newsletter** – The Chair had forwarded the publishing template to the Clerk at the beginning of the week. The Clerk would create a draft and circulate as soon as possible. CLK
8. **Brioche site visit** – in spite of two attempts the contact person for the owners had not responded. Clerk to pursue the offer of a site tour. Cllr Johnston also offered to contact the company. CLK/BJ
9. **Finance**
- 9.1. **Payments** for authorisation
Clerk's salary - £467.96; Clerk's administration expenses (including Office 365 annual sub: £79.99) - £95.99; MK Play Association – 2 Easter Play Sessions - £640.00; Landscaping maintenance - £153.00; Hall hire (4 mths) - £170.00; Party in the Park advance - £1,000.00.
- 9.2. **Balance** - Available funds (current account) £24,703.40 (+ savings of £25,000)
- 9.3. The Clerk was asked to provide a forecast spreadsheet of agreed capital expenditure. CLK
10. **Planning Applications**
Previous (for update)
- 10.1. **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*
- 10.2. **17/00739/FUL** 5 Thorncliffe Two Mile Ash, Ground floor single storey side extension to bungalow and side extension to garage with internal alterations. *Permitted*
- 10.3. **17/00833/FUL** 18 The High Street Two Mile Ash, Creation of first floor, single storey rear extension and new vehicular access. *Pending*
- 10.4. **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. *Pending*
- 10.5. **New** - 17/01012/FUL 18 Brindlebrook Two Mile Ash, Front extension to porch and removal of existing conservatory and erection of a part two storey part single storey rear extension. No objections.
- 10.6. 17/01020/FUL 7 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, Single storey rear extension. No objections.
- 10.7. 17/01120/FUL 9 Stone Hill Two Mile Ash, Single storey rear extension. No objections.
- 10.8. 17/01062/FUL 1 Fairways Pitfield Kiln Farm, Addition of 44 car parking spaces with associated hard standing, associated clearance of existing vegetation, resurfacing of existing footpaths, and replacement tree and shrub planting plus new cycle/smoking shelter. No objections.
11. **Correspondence and Grant requests** (other than circulated via email) – the following items were noted - MK Mix, mental health drop-in sessions flyer; Canal & River Trust Newsletter.
12. **Other Meetings and New Items**
- 12.1. **WEA** – a drop-in session had been arranged for 10 June. DS
- 12.2. **Community Annexe** – Cllr Lewis reported that grant funding was being maintained for the time being.
13. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Thursday, 15th June 2017 at 7.30pm at **TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL**
Then 20th July 2017. The meeting closed at 9.05pm. *Signed* date