

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 15th June 2017 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

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

1. **Apologies** – Cllr B. Johnston S. Galbraith. These were accepted. Cllr Johnston had communicated his intention to resign as Chair just before the meeting. This led to a discussion about again trying to change the regular meeting day. Clerk to liaise with the School regarding changing the meeting day to Wednesday's but in a different room to accommodate Cllr Galbraith's commitments. **CLK**
2. **Public Open Forum** – PC Ian Cantey gave a brief run down of the local area policing strategy and staff numbers. It seemed that officers were even fewer in number than previously relying almost entirely on their radios to be alerted about crimes and where they should be attending. This had the adverse effect of keeping them close to their vehicles. PCSO's would also communicate with them via the radio. Parish councillors raised local issues such as rowdy behaviour at the Mercure Hotel, recent burglaries and major car theft following break-ins to retrieve car keys. PC Cantey reported that as crime figures went Two Mile Ash did not feature as a problem area. He stated that crime figures were obtainable from TVP website. [*post-meeting note* – crime map: <https://www.police.uk/thames-valley/N445/crime/>]
3. **Approval of Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below
Resolved – Both the Annual and Ordinary May Minutes were approved as a true record. Proposer: Cllr Simpson, seconder: Cllr Evans. Unanimous.
Matters arising - Brioche site visit – no response had been received by the Clerk.
4. **Declarations of Interest in any of the following items** – None
5. **Friends of Two Mile Ash Page (FoTMA)** – There were now 966 'Friends'. There were no major issues.
6. **New Rubbish/Dog Bins** – it was agreed to site two new rubbish bins: one at the bus stop on the High Street – replacing a previous bin – and one on the green in the High Street following the request from residents. **CLK**
7. **Fault / Project Log**
 - 7.1. **The six Footbridges** – it was agreed to mark this item as 'complete' because the worst affected footbridges had been repaired.
 - 7.2. **Five-a-side goals** – News had just been received from the contractor that work should take place next week once the goals had been delivered.
 - 7.3. **Wymbush/Lodge Lake very well-used dog bin** – an order for a larger bin had been placed. Councillors who had been closely monitoring the existing bin suggested that it was not getting full all the time as had been feared. A spare bin resulting from the change would be kept by the contractor until needed. **CLK**
 - 7.4. **White-lining** – promised by end of March – No update **CLK**
 - 7.5. **Overgrown bushes** on Great Monks St. redway outside VW warehouse – the worst of these had now been cut back even though they may not have been their responsibility. Clerk to write and thank the company. **CLK**
 - 7.6. **NEW** – None.
8. **Newsletter** – The Clerk had not yet managed to produce a newsletter due largely to the time-consuming nature of the internal and external audits. **CLK**

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9. **Watling St crossing points** - Cllr Simpson had attended the Drop-in Session on June 10th. He reported that though poorly organised with few displays the officer, Rebecca Trowse had been helpful and informative. He had been told that the overwhelming number of responses had been in favour of an underpass. It was agreed to write a formal Parish council response to the consultation expressing that view. **DS/CLK**

10. Finance

10.1. Payments for authorisation

Clerk's salary - £473.16; Clerk's administration expenses - £57.88; MK Play Association – May half term Play Session - £320.00; Landscaping maintenance - £153.00; Post Office (PAYE) - £113.40; Party in the Park DJ - £250.00; Party in the Park printing - £145.00; accounting software (annual sub) - £139.20; Ringway ('footpath 1') - £1552.34; Ringway ('footpath 2') - £3,027.28.

Balance - Available funds £42,788.

- 10.2. **Signing of Annual Return (Mazars)** – the Clerk informed councillors of the successful completion of the Internal Audit – no major issues had been raised. Councillors duly authorised the Chair to sign the Annual Return form comprising the Annual Governance statement and Annual Figures. The Form would now be submitted for audit. **CLK**

11. Planning Applications

Previous (for update)

- 11.1. **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*
- 11.2. **17/00833/FUL** 18 The High Street Two Mile Ash, Creation of first floor, single storey rear extension and new vehicular access. *Awaiting Decision [post-meeting note: a site visit called for this application had been cancelled as the planning officer was "looking to recommend deferral of this application"]*
- 11.3. **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. *Application withdrawn*
- 11.4. **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. *Pending.*
- 11.5. **17/01020/FUL** 7 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, Single storey rear extension. *Permitted*
- 11.6. **17/01120/FUL** 9 Stone Hill Two Mile Ash, Single storey rear extension. *Permitted*
- 11.7. **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. *Pending.*
- 11.8. **New** – None

12. **Correspondence and Grant requests** (other than circulated via email) – Red Ensign Merchant Navy Day flyer; Invitation to attend the Mayor's Annual Civic Service.

13. Other Meetings and New Items

- 13.1. See WEA above – Watling St Crossing Points.
- 13.2. No other outside meetings had been held.

14. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – Thursday 20th July 2017 at 7.30pm at TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL
Then 21st September 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed

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