



# ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chair), D. Simpson, and D. Lewis. 2 Residents – Mr Paul Hedges and partner - and Chris Gossop from Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG)

Clerk: J. Vischer

1. **Apologies** – Cllr A. Evans. Cllr B. Johnston had offered his resignation between meetings. Cllr Brent Johnston was thanked for all his work and time since his election in May 2015.
2. **Public Open Forum** –
  - 2.1. Mr Hedges' partner reported that she could no longer connect to the Friends page and asked for advice. Cllr Simpson had the same issue. Cllr Galbraith advised that this had to be a Facebook 'setting' and suggested a cure.  
Mr Hedges also reported a white-lining issue at
  - 2.2. Chris Gossop from TMAEG briefly reviewed promising progress on the new circular walk. He went on to offer the Group's support for the sentiments expressed in the letter from the Clerk published in the local newspaper regarding Milton Keynes Council neglect of landscape maintenance in the City. The Group held at least 30 working groups per year tidying up landscaping neglected by MKC on a purely voluntary basis. The Group were dismayed at the District Authority's cavalier approach.
3. **Approval of Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below
  - 3.1. **Resolved** – the September Minutes were approved as a true record. Proposer: Cllr Galbraith, seconder: Cllr Simpson. Unanimous.
  - 3.2. **Matters arising** – Quotes for the Allotments work (fencing & tree pruning) were awaited.
4. **Declarations of Interest in any of the following items** – None
5. **Friends of Two Mile Ash Page (FoTMA)** – There were now over 1,175 'Friends'. The Chair was still the only active administrator. The current live issue seemed to be parking on pavements and verges throughout the estate. There was a lack of enforcement from MKC although the police had been seen moving on vehicles by the central area during school pick-up on one occasion. The lack of enforcement had the adverse effect of emboldening perpetrators.
6. **Fault / Project Log**
  - 6.1. **Anti-parking bollards** – Cllr Evans' insistent contacting of Ringway managers following the last meeting had had the effect of galvanising a response. This was that MKC had rejected the bollard scheme as an option due to the proximity of the BT containment trench which would be vulnerable. Mr Richard Woodcock, Highways Team MKC, then offered to meet parish councillors on site. Cllr Galbraith reported that he had done so and had complained to the officer that after all this time with no objection from MKC such a rejection was a surprise. Mr Woodcock indicated that he had no idea the scheme was planned and that direct contact with Ringway was not advised. This ran contrary to advice received by the Parish Council on several occasions in the past. Furthermore the Parish Council had submitted the initial application for the scheme to MKC in 2014. The result of the meeting was confirmation from Mr Woodcock that options would be explored for physical obstructions that did not necessarily involve excavation (planters etc) and options for creating more parking within the area; as well as both signing & lining as a deterrent (as well as an enforcement strategy). Mr Woodcock would continue to liaise directly with Cllr Galbraith and the Clerk. Cllr Simpson offered to research concrete planter options. Cllr Galbraith to liaise with TMAEG as regards maintaining said planters on the community's behalf. MKC Highways to be presented with the Parish Council's conclusions/preferred options.  
**Cllrs Simpson/Galbraith**



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- 6.2. **Kiln Farm lorry parking issue** – Mrs Tipper had complained to the police and AHPC and to both Sensatsu and RPL who lease vehicles to Sensatsu about tractor/trailer movements along Brunleys which were ‘very dangerous on weekday mornings between 6.30-7.15am’. It was agreed that the Clerk write a strongly worded letter to the Police and MKC about enforcement. **CLK**
- 6.3. **New larger dog bin in Wymbush** – the bin had been installed but had proved inadequate to the volume by the time it came round to being emptied. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the contractor requesting that the old bin be re-installed in addition to the new one. **CLK**
- 6.4. **NEW** – none.

### 7. Finance

#### Payments for authorisation

Clerk’s salary - £473.16; Clerk’s administration expenses - £38.42; Landscaping maintenance (April & Sep) & new dog bin - £680.15.

**Balance** - Available funds £49,819 (following receipt of 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche precept and Party in Park revenue)

### 8. Planning Applications

#### 8.1. Previous (for update)

**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*

**17/01673/FUL** 18 Church Hill Two Mile Ash, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND ERECTION OF FRONT CANOPY. *Permitted*

**17/01761/FUL** Land East of Optima 130 Garamonde Drive Wymbush, Erection of a single commercial unit of 1,860sqm GEA for B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage & distribution) and associated car parking and landscape planting. *Pending*

**17/02093/FUL** 43 Hepleswell Two Mile Ash, Single storey rear extension, and first floor side extension. *Permitted*

**17/02276/FUL** 40 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash, First floor side and part single part two storey rear extension & garage conversion. *Awaiting Decision*

**17/02284/FUL** 20 Church Hill Two Mile Ash, Single storey side and rear wrap around extension. *Application withdrawn*

#### 8.2. New –

**17/02549/PNHSE** 20 Church Hill Two Mile Ash, Prior notification for a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 4.0 metres from the rear wall of the existing dwelling with a maximum ridge height of 3.6 metres and maximum eaves height of 3.0 metres. No objections.

**17/02577/FUL** 10 Burewelle Two Mile Ash Build over rear first floor extension. No objections.

**17/02671/FUL** 14 Fairways Two Mile Ash First floor extension and part garage conversion. No objections.

**17/02686/FUL** 1 Fairways Pitfield Kiln Farm, Change of use of part of existing office (use class B1) to a gym (use class D2). No objections.

**17/02687/ADV** 1 Fairways Pitfield Kiln Farm, Advertisement consent for the proposed installation of 2 x internally illuminated fascia signs, illuminated LED strip, 2 x totem signs and internal window vinyls. No objections.

### 9. Correspondence and Grant requests (other than circulated via email) – Age Concern Annual Report and flyer.

### 10. Other Meetings and New Items

**10.1. The resignation** of Cllr Brent meant that advertising for the post/an Election should commence. **CLK**

**10.2. The scheduled Community Annexe** meeting had been postponed.

### 11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm at TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

*Signed*

*date*