

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 16th November 2017 at the Community Annexe at 7.45pm

Present: Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chair), A. Evans, D. Simpson, and D. Lewis. Prospective councillor John Bateman; 3 Residents – Stan Cohen new Chair of Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG), Peter Blyth (TMAEG) and Julie Spragg (Allotments Association)

Clerk: J. Vischer

The planned venue, Two Mile Ash School, had not been opened up for the meeting. The neighbouring Community Annexe was willing and able to accommodate the Parish Council.

1. Apologies – None.

2. Public Open Forum –

2.1. Mr Stan Cohen introduced himself as the new Chair of TMAEG. Mr Peter Blyth enquired after what the parish council was planning to do regarding the neglected state of the landscaping and Milton Keynes Council's (MKC) announced program to reduce all shrub bed maintenance to once per year in the winter. A discussion ensued about the dramatic increase in costs, and hence precept, required of the parish council to take on the neglected services. Members were currently awaiting feedback from MKC to inform them of MKC's precise plans for the future not only of landscaping works but other street-level services and any possible grant funding. Following the receipt of this information members would generate a proper discussion in the community about the way forward.

2.2. Julie Spragg enquired after the likelihood of the Parish Council meeting the costs of the fencing and tree pruning works. Members agreed to fund both as owners of the site but asked that Ms Spragg relay a request for the allotments Association members to contribute to the costs as a goodwill gesture.

2.3. Prospective parish councillor John Bateman was asked to say a few words about his wish to become a parish councillor. This was followed by questions. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Bateman to the Parish Council. Proposer: Cllr Evans, seconder: Cllr Simpson. Mr Bateman duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was invited to be included as a moderator on the Friends of TMA Facebook page. Clerk to inform MKC electoral officers of the appointment. **CLK**

3. Approval of Minutes and any Matters Arising not covered below

3.1. Resolved – the October Minutes were approved as a true record. Proposer: Cllr Galbraith, seconder: Cllr Simpson. Unanimous.

3.2. Matters arising – None.

4. Declarations of Interest in any of the following items – None

5. Friends of Two Mile Ash Page (FoTMA) – There were now over 1,230 'Friends'. The Chair reported that he had managed to create active hyper-links to the Parish Council website, TMAEG website and the local Weight Watchers Group website. Parking issues and the impact of fireworks on pets were the main current issues.

6. Fault / Project Log

6.1. Anti-parking bollards – The Clerk had informed the MK officer to go ahead with trial digs to assess the depth and positioning of BT services on the pavement edge at AHPC's expense through a Chairman's action (£210). The options had moved on since the last meeting as the Chair had suggested 'Greenwich Wands' (cycle path separators) as an alternative to planters taking up less pavement space. Clerk to confirm that the liabilities for the scheme would be MKC's – AHPC would not be responsible but would be paying the bill. **CLK**

6.2. Quotes for the Allotments work (fencing & tree pruning) were mostly in – as above – a further tree

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pruning quote was still awaited. It was agreed to determine which quote to agree via email circulation between meetings. CLK

6.3. **New larger dog bin in Wymbush** – It was agreed that the new bin be emptied more frequently – i.e. twice per week and to accept the contractors suggestion of Thursday (in addition to Monday) CLK

6.4. **NEW** – none.

7. Finance

Payments for authorisation

Clerk's salary - £473.16; Clerk's administration expenses - £16.00; Landscaping maintenance (Oct) - £153.00; Zurich Insurance - £378.64; MKC (P in P refuse bins) - £303.60.

Balance - Available funds £49,819.

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*

17/01761/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*

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

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. *Prior approval not required*

17/02577/FUL 10 Burewelle Two Mile Ash Build over rear first floor extension. *Pending*

17/02671/FUL 14 Fairways Two Mile Ash First floor extension and part garage conversion. *Pending*

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). *Pending*

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. *Pending*

8.2. **New –**

17/02824/FUL 54 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash, Two storey rear and first floor side extensions. No objections.

17/02935/FUL 1 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, Two storey rear extension and first floor side extension over garage. No objections.

9. Correspondence and Grant requests (other than circulated via email) – None

10. Other Meetings and New Items

10.1. The scheduled Community Annexe meeting had been postponed once again.

10.2. Cllr Evans asked that VW (Wymbush) be requested to cut back the overgrowing shrubs on the redway once again. CLK

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – it was agreed that the December meeting be cancelled as it fell late in the month and very close to the Christmas Holiday.

Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7.30pm at TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed

date