

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 21st June 2018 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chair), and D. Simpson, J. Bateman.

Clerk: J. Vischer

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs D. Lewis (no apologies given), A. Evans.
2. **Public Open Forum** – Mrs Julie Spragg asked for an update on her complaint about the Haldane Play Area. The Clerk had been told by Milton Keynes Council (MKC) that no repairs would be undertaken: "The play area is inspected on a regular basis and any issues are reported back. The site is some 30 years old and therefore shows its age in terms of design and limited play value."
Mrs Spragg complained about the length of the grass in Downland Field. The grass was so long that ticks are a real possibility; hence she avoids the field. Councillors also commented that local children were no longer using the field for football practice.
3. **Approval of both Annual and Ordinary May Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below –
 - 3.1. The Annual Minutes and all resolutions therein, previously circulated, were approved. Proposer: Cllr Simpson, seconder: Cllr Galbraith. Unanimous.
 - 3.2. May Minutes and all resolutions therein, previously circulated, were approved. Proposer: Cllr Simpson, seconder: Cllr Galbraith. Unanimous.**Matters arising** – None
4. **Declarations of Interest in any of the following items** – Cllr Galbraith declared an interest in item 10, Grant requests.
5. **Friends of Two Mile Ash Page (FoTMA)** – There were no major issues during the month. Members now numbered just under 1500.
 - 5.1. **Twitter account** – no update. Cllr Evans, responsible for the account, had requested in between meetings that it also be used to convey occasional information about autism and special educational needs. This had been agreed by Cllrs Simpson and Galbraith. [*post-meeting note* – Cllrs Bateman and Lewis subsequently agreed via email]
6. **Devolved Landscape Services: grant and TUPE** –
 - 6.1. It was resolved to ask MKC: if AHPC engage own independent contractors: No TUPE, no strings? If there is a TUPE issue - AHPC assessed at 0.77 FTE - what does that mean? **CLK**
 - 6.2. It was resolved to hold a closed meeting once the question had been answered to plan the way ahead. **CLK**
 - 6.3. Chair offered to make large print-outs of the seven parish landscaping maps. **SG**
7. **Fault / Project Log** –
 - 7.1. **Anti-parking bollards** – Reply still awaited from MKC officer R. Woodcock in spite of reminders. Clerk to escalate. **CLK**
 - 7.2. **Dog waste stencils** – the stencils had been purchased. Councillors present took one stencil each for use in their area. Semi-permanent spray paint to be acquired and cost reimbursed.
 - 7.3. **Horseshoe Green** – the Clerk reported very large rocks were priced at £60 each + £50 delivery each (+VAT). These were deemed too expensive. Cllrs Galbraith & Simpson to investigate alternatives. **SG/DS**
 - 7.4. **Street signage audit** – the Clerk reported that MKC replied: "Inspections on estates are undertaken annually and are walked by the inspectors. They also undertake driven inspections monthly, quarterly

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and 6 monthly."

7.5. **Haldane Play area** – MKC replied: "The play area is inspected on a regular basis and any issues are reported back. The site is some 30 years old and therefore shows its age in terms of design and limited play value."

7.6. **Clay Hill/Gt. Monk s St potholes** – Although MKC responded with "does not meet our repair criteria" on 15th June, some repair seems to have been carried out on the very worst section.

8. Finance

Payments for authorisation & balances – since April meeting –

Clerk's salary (May-June) - £597.45; administration expenses – £69.98; MKALC subscription - £115.00; Rialtas software (annual) – £142.80; PAYE (1st QTR) - £127.60; Landscaping maintenance (May) - £153.00.

Available funds (31st May) £58,913.

9. Planning Applications *Previous (for update)*

9.1. *Previous* –

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.*

18/00983/FUL 54 Leaffield Rise Two Mile Ash, Proposed single and two storey side extensions, first floor extension over existing garage, single storey front and rear extensions and loft conversion. *Pending.*

9.2. *New* –

18/01206/FUL 16 Downland, Two Mile Ash, Proposed single storey rear extension. No objections.

18/01323/FUL 19 Kepwick, Two Mile Ash, Erection of first floor side/read wrap-around extension. No objections.

18/01350/FUL 14 Shorham Rise, Two Mile Ash, Two Storey Side Extension and Boundary Wall. No objections in principle but documentation sent by MKC seemed inadequate. Clerk to check online for further documents. [*post-meeting note* – there were more documents online]

10. Correspondence and Grant requests (other than email) –

10.1. Merchant Navy September commemoration flier and brochure.

10.2. The Chair requested a grant on behalf of Roman Rangers Football Club for £250 for football kit. As many of the Club members were local, with some hardship cases, this was agreed pending agreement from the two councillors not present (the meeting being inquorate as the Chair had declared an interest). [*post-meeting note* – both Cllr Lewis and Cllr Evans subsequently agreed]

11 Other Meetings and New Matters – (WEA; Parishes Forum; Community Annexe)

WEA crossings - Two signalised at-grade crossings at junctions 4 (Fairfields – Fullers Slade) and 24 (Whitehouse – Crownhill) progressing.

20 March approval for the underpass to be constructed at junction 25 (between Whitehouse – Two Mile Ash) - construction commencing November 2018.

Junction 3/26 of the V4, Watling Street. A further at-grade crossing will be considered on 31 July 2018.

It was agreed to object to the last at-grade crossing - Junction 3/26 – in favour of an underpass as originally promised. Cllr Simpson to compose a letter, Clerk to submit. **CLK/DS**

12 Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 19th July 2018 at 7.30pm, at **TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL.**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed

date