

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 20th December 2018 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chair), A. Evans, D. Simpson, Kevin Ryan; one resident Stan Cohen, Chair of Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG) and prospective parish councillor Julie Spragg.

Clerk: J. Vischer

1. **Apologies** – None.
2. **Co-option** – Mrs Julie Spragg was duly elected parish councillor; she signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Proposer: Cllr Evans, seconder Cllr Galbraith. Unanimous.
3. **Public Open Forum** – Stan Cohen, Chair of TMAEG, thanked parish councillors for the recent equipment grant which was proving very useful. He proposed a united approach to litter-picking between TMAEG and AHPC by way of organising twice yearly litter-picks with a large group of residents. This initiative was welcomed.
4. **Declarations of Interest** in any of the agenda items – None.
5. **Approval of November Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below
Minutes of the November meeting, previously circulated, were unanimously approved. Proposer: Cllr Evans, seconder Cllr Ryan. Unanimous.
Matters arising
 - 5.1. **Parish landscaping maps** (7 + Parks Trust) – ongoing. **SG**
 - 5.2. **Footbridge to Great Holm** – no update from MKC
 - 5.3. **Five-a-side footings repair** – another contractor had not been approached.
 - 5.4. **Dispute over TMAEG project** – no update – awaiting submission of planning application. Following a phonecall from Chris Gossop (TMAEG) the October minutes were altered (*item2.2*) to read “2 negative replies – 4 replies in total”.
 - 5.5. **New streetlight shrouding terms** – on 28th November Ward Cllr Bradburn had emailed a copy of a report on LED lights and remedies, with percentage of complaints, and not the requested criteria for agreeing to residents’ requests to apply shrouding to new streetlights. The Chair reported that the on site contractor had informed him that following installation all new fittings would be re-visited to ensure brightness and lighting angles were suitable and correct. Cllr Simpson to follow-up on his complaint. **DS**
6. **Friends of Two Mile Ash Page (FoTMA)** – There had been a complaint about AHPC not informing the Friends Page about parish meetings or other AHPC business such as co-opting new councillors. The Chair had pointed out that the purpose of the Group was a discussion forum for residents, independent of AHPC. It was agreed that Cllrs Ryan and Spragg be admitted as moderators. A discussion ensued about the AHPC Facebook Page which was under-utilised. It was agreed that Cllrs Ryan and Spragg would be responsible for content on the Page, such as meetings, notifications, and other parish business.
Twitter account – Cllr Evans reported that exchanges had been mainly about the, now intermittent, traffic lights on Abbey Hill roundabout.
7. **Devolvement of Landscaping Services (2020)** – possible dates had been offered for the next meeting for all those parish councils that have confirmed a commitment to pursue this option – 10th or 21st January during the daytime.

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8. Environment: Fault/Project Log –

- 9.1. **Anti-parking bollards** – the proposed dates for a demonstration of 110 ‘Orca’ units had had to be postponed from 18th December to the New Year.
- 9.2. **Walk-round** with Tom Blackburne-Maze, MKC Director of Place, and Daniel Mullins, Contract Manager for Ringway, had taken place on 5th December. Cllrs Simpson and Galbraith reported several mostly useful discussions regarding:
- 8.2.1. Downlands Field - Tom Blackburne-Maze supported the idea of the proposed lease.
- 8.2.2. The central TMA area (serious renovation work). Clerk to report. **CLK**
- 8.2.3. The anti-parking bollard scheme – suggestion that double yellow lines would be a good start perhaps with a shared traffic enforcement officer – Clerk to initiate traffic order application. **CLK**
- 8.2.4. Car Parking Bays and White-lining – Ringway should be chased (R Woodcock). **CLK**
- 8.2.5. Illuminated signs at centre & headless No Entry sign at High St – (the order had been raised for all repairs and several replacements) – a reiteration that MKC has ‘no money’. To be chased. **CLK**
- 8.2.6. Christmas tree verge anti-parking rocks – Advised to contact Phil Snell, MKC Project Manager Landscape Services. **CLK**
- Cllr Spragg pointed out several logged items that had been completed. The Log stands at 17 ongoing items.

9. Finance

- 9.1. **Payments for authorisation & balances** – since November meeting – Clerk’s salary (Nov. + PAYE refund) £676.15; Landscaping maintenance (Nov - final) £153.00; Clerk’s admin expenses £34.56; HMRC (PAYE 3rd Qtr) £22.90.
Available funds 19th December 2018: £72,543.
- 9.2. **Preliminary Budget Considerations** –
- 9.2.1. Noticeboards at approx £1,500 each phased over 3 years – one per year.
- 9.2.2. Post-and-rail railings – phased over several years.
- 9.2.3. revamp of website – Cllr Evans to research website providers **AE**
The Chair and Cllr Simpson presented a draft of a new strategy document covering both budgeting and communications/parish profile. This was agreed in broad terms. Cllr Simpson to draw up final draft and send to Clerk for circulation. **DS/CLK**

10. Planning Applications *Previous* (for update)

10.1. *Previous* –

- 18/01815/FUL Solaris House 2 Fairways Pitfield Kiln Farm, Provision of additional parking for 76no. spaces, with associated new hard surfaced areas at BMI offices Milton Keynes. *Permitted*
- 18/02404/FUL 69 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, Proposed single storey front and rear extensions with associated internal and external works. *Permitted*
- 18/02457/FUL 4 Pyke Hayes Two Mile Ash, Two-storey rear extension and single-storey side extension. *Refused*
- 18/02468/FUL 10 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, Garage conversion and single storey rear extension. *Permitted*
- 18/02518/FUL 64 Leafield Rise Two Mile Ash, Erection of a detached garage. *Permitted*
- 18/02593/FUL 14 Stone Hill Two Mile Ash, First floor extension above existing detached garage with further two storey link extension to main house. *Pending*

10.2. *New* –

- 18/02741/FUL 44 Astlethorpe Two Mile Ash, Proposed Front Extension.
- 18/02786/FUL 69 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, Proposed single storey front and rear extensions with associated internal and external works
- 18/02813/FUL 7 Astlethorpe Two Mile Ash, Proposed extension above existing garage and linking to the dwelling.
- 18/02828/FUL Land North of Garamonde Drive Wymbush, Additional External Plant and vents in external

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facade to existing building

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

12.1. Christmas Card from the Mayor and Mayoress.

12.2. YMCA grant – an application had been submitted requesting funding for the furnishing of new premises due to open in October 2019. A £500 grant was agreed on condition that no further applications would be considered for 12 months– Proposer Cllr Galbraith, seconder Cllr Spragg. Unanimous.

12. Other Meetings and New Matters – (WEA; Parishes Forum; Community Annexe) - None.

13. Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 17th January 2019 at 7.30pm, at **TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL.**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed

date