

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 18th July 2019 at 7.30pm, at Two Mile Ash School

Present: Cllrs S. Galbraith (in the Chair), A. Evans, K. Ryan, J. Spragg; Four members of the public: Mr & Mrs Copes, Ms Cristoe, Mr S. Cohen Two Mile Ash Environment Group Chair.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr D. Simpson; J Vischer. These were accepted.

2. Public Open Forum

Mr & Mrs Copes raised concerns about excessive vehicle speeds as a result of the traffic diversion from the V4 closure. They asked for a formal speed reduction. It was explained that this required consultation and funding and could not simply be introduced for traffic diversions. They were invited to join the Speedwatch Group.

Mr Cohen (TMAEG) highlighted the letter sent from the environmental organisation to MKC regarding the inadequacies of the tree-planting scheme proposed for the construction of the new underpass between Whitehouse and Two Mile Ash. An unnecessary number of trees to be felled and an apparent gap at each end of the proposed replacement planting created an undesirable break in the visible screening, the noise screening and a reduction in the carbon-sink potential.

Mrs Cristoe asked for an update on the small 'unfinished' gap of orca-wands by no.40 High St. There had still been no update from MKC officers in spite of the snagging request put in by AHPC after the last meeting. [*post-meeting note*: the Clerk met with Ringway staff on site to point out the gap on the Monday following the meeting (22nd July). The gap had been left because of the drop-kerb, but it was agreed that it was unnecessarily long. The contractor would extend the line of orca-wands by approximately a metre at one end and a metre and-a-half at the other].

3. **Declarations of Interest** in any of the agenda items – None

4. **Approval of previous Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below

4.1. **Minutes** of the June Meeting previously circulated, were unanimously approved.

4.2. **Matters Arising** – None.

5. V4 Traffic diversion –

5.1. Concerns were still being reported (*see above for example*) but the volume of complaints had reduced.

5.2. The requested speed-calming options had still not been received (it had been noted that costs were likely to be prohibitive). Clerk to chase. **CLK**

5.3. The electronic variable message signs had been re-positioned. Additional 'A' frame warning signs had been installed.

5.4. Thames Valley Police had not yet responded to the possibilities of ANPR (automatic number-plate recognition) and speed monitoring.

5.5. Speedwatch training, volunteer group – Cllr Ryan reported that 3 volunteers had come forward. [*post-meeting note*: another resident volunteered]. Cllr Ryan to contact Speedwatch officer to arrange training date. **KR**

5.6. The called-for monthly briefing had not yet been set up. (It was noted that no Milton Keynes Council (MKC) officer had offered to attend this meeting). Clerk to chase. **CLK**

5.7. The proposed signalised junction at V4 and The High St. - officers are currently undertaking a technical audit and speaking to Planning.

6. **Proposed Gardening Group** – The draft Terms of Reference for the proposed group was approved. To be known as the Community Gardening Group.

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7. **Website upgrade** – the preferred professional chosen to refurbish and renew the AHPC website had had to withdraw. New candidates to be researched. **KR**

8. Social Media

10.1. **Friends of Two Mile Ash (FoTMA)** – nothing new or especially significant to report.

10.2. **Twitter account** – nothing new or especially significant to report.

9. Fault/Project Log

9.1. **Christmas tree verge anti-parking project** – Awaiting information from MKC officers. [*post-meeting note*: when the Clerk met with Ringway staff on site to point out the orca-gap on the Monday following the meeting (22nd July) the contractor promised to pass on their quotation which had been submitted to MKC. The Clerk asked them to include the price for the recycled plastic type. Ringway recommended ascot rail and not the simple black posts suggested previously].

9.2. **Scruffy shrub beds in central area** – these had been rectified on 8th July.

9.3. **Five-a-side goalposts damage** – awaiting suitable weather to repair.

9.4. **New Dog-waste bin**, by the spinney on the southern side of Cornhill, between Calewen and Ethorpe - still not installed in spite of several reminders to dog-waste bin contractor by phone and email.

9.5. **Ongoing faults/projects** - nineteen out of a historic total of ninety-six.

10. Finance

10.1. **Payments for authorisation & balances** – since June meeting – Clerk's salary (June) £535.00; Clerk's admin/expenses £32.00; Play sessions (Summer) £2,040.00; website hosting (annual) £150.00; Clerk's salary for August (July) £535.00.

These payments were approved.

Available funds 30th June 2019: £31,802 (plus reserves £38,419).

10.2. In anticipation of the September precept payment, and hence temporary excess funds, it was agreed to invest £30,000 in a fixed-term high-interest account for 12 months. **CLK**

11. Planning Applications *Previous (for update)*

11.1. *Previous* –

19/00908/FUL 22 Ellesborough Grove Two Mile Ash, Two storey side extension to replace car port.

Permitted

19/01208/FUL 3 Haithwaite Two Mile Ash Single storey, rear extension, first floor, side extension and frontage alterations to the existing, detached house. *Permitted*

19/01453/FUL 35 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, First floor and part ground floor side elevation extension (re-submission of 19/00333/FUL) addressing reasons for refusal. *Pending*

19/01516/CLUP – for information only - 13 Stone Hill Two Mile Ash, Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension, garage conversion and minor elevational changes. *Awaiting Decision*

19/01554/FUL Church of The Latterday Saints The High Street Two Mile Ash. Provision of new metal 1200mm high boundary fence. *Pending*

11.2. *New*

19/01689/FUL 3 Haithwaite Two Mile Ash, First floor, side extension. No objections.

12. **Correspondence and Grant requests** (other than email) None.

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

14. **Date of Next Meeting** - Thursday 19th September 2019 at 7.30pm at **TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL**.
The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed

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