

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 18th June 2020 at 7.30pm, held ONLINE via Zoom video-conferencing software

Present: Cllrs D. Simpson (in the Chair), A. Evans, K. Ryan, J. Spragg. Ward Cllr R Bradburn. One member of the public.

Clerk: J. Vischer.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr S. Galbraith. These were accepted.
2. **Public Open Forum** - Ward Cllr R Bradburn updated the meeting on various local and MKC issues.
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 March Meeting previously circulated, were unanimously approved. Proposer Cllr Ryan, seconder Cllr Spragg.
 - 4.2. **Matters Arising** – None.
5. **Communications** -
 - 5.1. **New Website** - Cllr Evans gave an update on the various different quotes and services on offer. Discussions with two providers had been terminated as they were much more expensive, and two more had been discontinued as the example websites were not especially liked by the majority of parish councillors. Discussions were continuing with the current provider, who had not been invited to quote in the early stages so as to gain a more objective view of what was available. One advantage was the proportion of costs for 'moving' the website to a new provider would be saved. Cllr Evans pointed out that promising options were being offered and that he would continue to pursue this and attempt to lower the price offered further. This was approved unanimously - proposer Cllr Simpson, seconder Cllr Ryan.
 - 5.2. **Social Media**
 - 5.2.1. Twitter account - Cllr Evans is in the process of transferring the management of the account to Cllr Ryan.
 - 5.2.2. Friends & AHPC Fb site - Cllr Spragg reported that the Friends site had proved very successful regarding supporting residents and keeping them in touch during the Coronavirus outbreak.
6. **Environment**
 - 6.1. **Fault/Project Log** - the Log was gone through. It currently comprises 6 projects and 15 faults. The Clerk pointed out that he had added the two concerns raised at the monthly devolved services 'Third option' meeting, for tracking purposes. For the same reason the Clerk had added the request for sight of the traffic data since the V4 closure. A new officer had promised to send over the data. Ward Cllr Bradburn offered to back up the Clerk in requesting traffic count data from Highways. He also offered to contact Thames Valley Police (TVP) for the same purpose.
 - 6.2. **Community Gardening Group** - Cllr Spragg gave a report drafted by the coordinator Mrs J Cristoe. Councillors asked Cllr Spragg to pass on their gratitude to Mr and Mrs Cristoe and all the volunteers, for the splendid transformation.
 - 6.3. **Devolved Landscape Services** - the Clerk had attended all monthly meetings, now online, since 'lockdown'. Issues raised are now included in the Environment Log. Councillors instructed the Clerk to try and obtain a mowing schedule from SERCO, or at least more detailed advance warning that an extra cut was timetabled than the present vague email or verbal comment at these meetings. The Clerk reported that the mowing schedule had been considerably disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic with staff absence etc.
7. **Finance** -
 - 7.1. **Payments** for authorisation & Balances - these dated from the March meeting:
Clerk's salary (period 01) £685.20; Clerk's admin/expenses (April - including SLCC annual subscription) £104.73; MK City Football Club grant £650.00; Play sessions (Easter advance - sessions cancelled) £871.20; Clerk's salary (period 02) £835.70; Clerk's admin/expenses (May) £38.52; Community baking group grant £50.00; Rialtas software subscription £148.80; Clerk's salary (period 03) £685.20; Clerk's admin/expenses (June - including Office 365 annual sub)) £122.19; HMRC

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(PAYE 1st Qtr) £302.70; all bin emptying (annual) £3,349.92. These payments were approved unanimously - proposer Cllr Ryan, seconder Cllr Simpson.

Available funds 31st May 2020: £76,315 (plus reserves £38,437).

7.2. **Internal Audit** Report - not yet completed.

7.3. **Approval of External Audit** Governance and account statements forms - as a result of the above (*item 7.2*) this was postponed to the next meeting.

8. Planning Applications

8.1. Previous

19/02304/FUL Land On The Corner of Pitfield And Tilers Road Kiln Farm, Change of use of the site to open storage (Class B8). Associated alterations including the erection of a 3m high security fence, with 3m high gate. *Permitted*

20/00099/FUL 3 Cherleton Two Mile Ash, Two storey rear extension and remodel of existing porch. *Permitted*

20/00430/FUL 1 Leafield Rise Two Mile Ash, Demolish an existing three bedroom dwelling and replace with a five bedroom dwelling. [objected to] *Application Withdrawn*

20/00571/CLUP 17 Thorncliffe Two Mile Ash, Certificate of lawfulness for the demolition of an existing conservatory at the rear of the property with a new built single storey extension and small single storey extension. (*For information only*) *Refused*

8.2. New

20/01013/FUL 11 Langton Drive Two Mile Ash, Single storey rear extension to garage and first floor extension over raised roof to garage (Re-submission of 20/00174/FUL). No objections. *Permitted*

20/01057/FUL 17 Thorncliffe Two Mile Ash, Replace existing conservatory with single storey side and rear single extensions. *Permitted*

20/01296/FUL 1 Leafield Rise Two Mile Ash, Replace existing 3 bedroom dwelling with a new 4 bedroom dwelling (Re-submission of 20/00430/FUL). It was agreed unanimously to object to this re-submission. Councillors felt that the proposed increase in size of the property was out of keeping with the surrounding area because it still represented a massive intrusion to neighbouring properties. It was also likely that the allotted parking space would be insufficient. **CLK**

20/01055/NOTTEL Telecommunication Mast D F Crash Repairs Ltd Brunleys Kiln Farm, Notification of proposed removal of 6no existing antennae and replace with 12no new antennae with all ancillary equipment, to upgrade existing cabin internally. No objections.

9. Grants and Correspondence

9.1. Community Garden Group - the Group had requested support in the purchase of a watering trolley for the garden. It was agreed that the Clerk buy the device suggested by Mrs Cristoe under expenses. Approximate budget £100.

9.2. Correspondence (*other than email*) - SLCC Clerks' Quarterly.

10. Other Meetings and New Matters (WEA; Parishes Forum; Community Annexe, Community Garden) -

10.1. The annual Community Award recipient had been agreed between meetings. However the award engraving company had not yet re-opened.

10.2. The Xmas Lights contractor had informed the Council that he would not be reopening his business this year. Although he was happy to continue to store the Xmas Tree lights. The globe lights in the trees only need re-connecting to the power supply at that time of year. Ward Cllr Bradburn suggested liaising with Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council as they employed at least one technician. Cllr Simpson would also forward details of a local electrician to the Clerk.

10.3. Cllr Evans reported that about 3 days ago during the recent brief road closures for re-surfacing access to Wymbush was blocked and 2 large delivery lorries had driven along the High St and got stuck at the shops area. They had been told by the re-surfacing workmen, wrongly, that there was access that way. Ward Cllr Bradburn offered to liaise with MKC Highways department.

11. Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 16th July 2020. To be held online at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed

date