

ABBNEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

2014/09/157

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MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 18th September 2014 at Two Mile Ash School

Present: Cllrs. K. Wilson (Vice-Chair), Dr. A Evans, S. Galbraith, D. Lewis Clerk + 3 residents: Krishna Panthula (Leaffield Rise), Mrs. Windmill (High St), & Janice Cristoe (High St.)

1. **Apologies.** Cllr. E. Matthews (Chairman)
2. **Public Open Forum** the two residents from the High St. enquired after the progress of the raised kerb/bollard parking. Parking was bad at the moment. They were also concerned about the height and danger of the pampas grass in particular in the planting opposite their homes. These are scheduled to be replaced. They would be kept informed of progress on both issues.
3. **Approval of July Minutes.** Approved.
4. **Matters Arising.** *Noise at Mercure Hotel* – the clerk was asked to contact the Hotel regarding the promised demonstration of how the sound shut-off system would work. **Clerk**
5. **Clerk's Report**
 - a. **Bollard renovation quotations** - No quotes for the refurbishment had been obtained but a promising avenue had been offered by Ruth Grehan of E-tendering and Contract Management who work under contract from MK Council. Clarification was at present being sought on whether the new contractor Ringways was expected to do the bollard maintenance anyway. Earlier the clerk had contacted Smith's, the MK council contractor, but no interest was shown.
 - b. **New Grit Bin application** – no update
 - c. **Overgrowing Bushes by Mercure Hotel** – (the road-ward side of the redway) not known whether these had been done. The clerk had been in touch with the Parks Trust who had agreed that they were their responsibility and would undertake an inspection.
 - d. **Brioche plant screening Wymbush** – the Parks Trust had offered no fundamental objection to infilling this gap in the trees but insisted on a maintenance clause to be included in the contract to allow for the establishment of the young plants. Brioche had been approached and the proposal for funding or part funding of the scheme had not been rejected out-of-hand. Unfortunately M. Eric Jouet had been away until last week and so the matter had not been taken any further. **Clerk**
 - e. **TMA School Lollipop person** – a letter had been written notifying the school of the grant award and outlining the attached conditions. No response had been received (the term has only just started).
 - f. **Capital Funding Scheme application** (Kepwick Resident Parking Zone & High St. Raised Kerb) – the funding for these two projects applied to 2015/16 so no response had been expected. However the clerk had checked that the application had been received and included in the submissions as the deadline was the end of this month. He had been assured that the application was included.
 - g. **Walkway by Dentist's** – Still no change – clerk to re-report **Clerk**
 - h. **Cherry Tree backing on to Allotment entrance** – no reply from landscape/tree officers. The clerk had inspected the tree expecting to see signs of disease but the tree seemed in good health. He suggested writing to the affected resident to advise they prune back over-hanging branches from their side of the fence as was their right. This was agreed. **Clerk**
6. **Finance.**
 - a. **Cheques for authorisation and Balances.**
The following cheques were approved for payment:

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848	J Vischer	400.86
849	Post Office(PAYE)	83.00
850	Marcus Young (Jul/Aug)	288.00
851	Mazars	120.00
852	A H Contracts (Jul/Aug)	313.11
853	AH Contracts (re-issue)	271.15
854	Zurich Insurance	352.09
855	TMA School	17.00

No update on the refund from Mrs. L McComie.

Chair

The full accounts to date with budget comparison was circulated and approved.

- b. **External Auditors Report** – A clean report had been received from Mazars the external auditors. A Vote of Thanks was given to the clerk.

7. **Planning Applications***Previous Applications*

- a. 14/01604/FUL - 12 Astlethorpe Two Mile Ash. Rear conservatory and single rear storey extension. *No objections.*
- b. 14/01895/FUL - 36 Leafield Rise Two Mile Ash. Change of use from amenity land to private garden use (retrospective). *Objection on the grounds of visual intrusion.* **Clerk**

8. **Correspondence and Grant requests**

- a. **Correspondence.** Previously circulated by email.
- b. **Grant requests** Men in Sheds – There were no representatives present. It was suggested that there were roughly 100 members across MK but only half-a-dozen or so members resident in the Parish. It was agreed to invite representatives to the next meeting.

Cllr. Lewis

9. **Other Meetings**

- a. **NAG** – There had been no meeting this month as the premises (Wolverton Police Station) had been locked at the time of the meeting.
- b. **WEASG** – Cllr. Lewis had attended the recent meeting and reported that the H2 would not be classed as a grid road as had been hoped because the plans had been approved some years ago under the notorious MK Partnership. This meant the planning/tendering for road widths and house frontages etc could not be fundamentally altered. The developers had been formally asked to reconsider the building impact in the light of making the styles more distinctive. It seemed that the promised under-passes under V4 were also under threat as developers represented at the meeting failed to give any kind of assurance or even knowledge of their implementation. It was agreed the clerk should write to register the Parish Council's disapproval. **Clerk**

10. **Councillors and Residents New Items**

- a. **Options to improve landscape maintenance** (Cllr. Lewis) due to the poor quality of landscape maintenance it was agreed to accept Cllr. Lewis' proposal: '*To explore the options for taking on managing the landscape*'. Seconder Cllr. Galbraith Unanimous. This would involve conferring with other Parishes that had already done this, asking for a quotation from MKC about the grant subsidy amount for our parish, and then inviting quotes from several contractors. **Clerk**
- b. **Encompassed amenity land** (19 Pyke Hayes) has this received planning permission? **Cllr. Lewis**
- c. **Overgrowing plants** outside VW factory in Wymbush bad again. **Clerk**
- d. **Overgrowing plants** along redway parallel to Monks Way on Kiln Farm, very bad. **Clerk**
- e. **Kiln Farm Charity Premises** have been given eviction notices by MKC due to 'high cost of building maintenance'. Clerk to write. **Clerk**

11. **Date and Time of Next Meeting.** **Thursday 16th October** at 7.30pm at TMA School

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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