



Abbey Hill Parish Council Newsletter

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AHPC Meeting Dates:

- 17th March 2016
- 21st April 2016
- 19th May 2016
- 16th June 2016
- 21st July 2016
- 15th Sept 2016
- 20th October 2016
- 17th November 2016
- 15th December 2016

Great Holm Fire Station to Close!

At a meeting at the Civic Offices in Milton Keynes the Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority wielded the axe on Great Holm Fire Station and Bletchley Fire Station. These will be replaced by one Fire Station at a new purpose built fire station costing £4.5 million, all the fire appliances will be relocated at West Ashland's

with Thames Valley Police.

If you are wondering where West Ashland is, it

is on Groveway which is where the A5 junction with Grafton Street & MK Dons Stadium so very close to Beanhill.



We on the Parish Council have formally objected to the proposal as we feel it puts residents at risk in terms of response times to a major fire.

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Abbey Hill Parish Council Freeze Council Tax Precept

Abbey Hill Parish Councillors have decided that there will be no increase in the Parish Precept for the year 2016/17. This means that at Band D household will pay £9.81 for the whole year towards the cost of running the Parish Council. This is considerably lower than the average Parish Precept of £62.57 across the Borough of Milton Keynes.

The Parish Precept is collected along with the Milton Keynes Council Tax, Fire Authority Precept and Police Authority Precepts.

Precept Charged for a Band D Household per year

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| Abbey Hill [formerly Bradwell Abbey] | £9:81 |
| Astwood & Hardmead | £36:75 |
| Bletchley & Fenny Stratford | £126:39 |
| Bow Brickhill | £59:53 |
| Bradwell | £51:64 |
| Broughton & Milton Keynes | £20:98 |
| Loughton & Great Holm | £32:08 |

MK Council Cuts facts of how this may or may not impact us

At its Budget Setting meeting on 17th of February Milton Keynes Councillors decided the following:-

- No New Charges for residents of council sheltered accommodation.
- Green waste collections to remain free of charge.
- Pink sacks to be kept until the Waste Strategy Task and Finish Group has reported, all evidence from pilots has been gathered and a fully informed decision can be made.
- No administration fees for parishes, charities, not for profit groups and community groups putting on events in public open space.
- No removal of play area or other public assets without costed plans, consultation and accountable decision making.

Party in the Park Date for 2016!!

Party in the Park 2016 organising is well on the way. The Committee has some fresh new members taking it on well done to those who have put themselves forward to help organise this years event .

The date for this years event is **16th July 2016**. There are some new ideas that you will see on the day plus the great raffle as usual.

That said the logistics and time to organise

this event does require volunteers to support the event especially on the day. So if you would like to volunteer to assist on the day or feel you would like to get involved please Contact Karen Galbraith. If you would like further information as to what is involved in the organising please contact via:-

Email: karen-galbraith@sky.com



MK Play Association Dates for Easter to be held in TMA Park

The Parish Council has agreed to budget for more MK Play Sessions this coming year in the Park, starting with the Easter Holidays. This was due to the massive success of last years bookings.

Currently we have two sessions booked:

Wednesday 30th March 2016 (10am-12.30pm)

Wednesday 6th April 2016 (10am - 12.30pm)

Come and join the fun!



There will be further dates announced for the Summer break in following issues as we have taken the decision to provide more dates than last year. So watch this space.

The Abbey Hill Parish Council Newsletter is One Year Old This Issue!

Well, who would have thought that the AHPC newsletter would still be going strong after 12 months?

It took a fair bit of hard work by myself and the other parish councillors to bring this into being. I hope you have found this valuable. If there is anything you feel we should include in future editions of this newsletter, please e-mail the Parish Clerk and we will evaluate whether it is suitable.

I would like to increase the circulation of the Newsletter to more Residents, so if you know of others who would like to receive our Newsletter please pass on a copy and advise them to email the Parish Clerk so we can include them on the circulation list. Oh I hope you like the new format and colour scheme.



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Cllr Dave Lewis (Vice—Chairman)
Cllr Brent Johnston
Cllr Nico Lategan
Cllr Terence Holland

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Useful MKC Contact Numbers:

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| Mk Council | 01908 691691 |
| Bus Passes | 01908 252558 |
| Dog Fouling | 01908 252400 |
| Dumped Rubbish/litter/graffiti | 01908 252570 |
| Electoral Registration | 01908 254706 |
| Highways Maintenance | 01908 252353 |
| Housing Benefit | 01908 253100 |
| Noise Nuisance Control | 01908 252398 |
| Planning advice | 01908 252358 |
| Rubbish/recycling collection | 01908 252570 |
| Registrar (births, deaths, marriages) | 01908 372101 |
| School admissions/transfers | 01908 253450 |
| Social Services | 01908 253 772 |
| Street Lighting | 01908 252838 |

