

ABBNEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

2013/135

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MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 21st November 2013 at Two Mile Ash School

Present: Cllrs, E. Matthews (Vice-Chair), K. Wilson, A. Gaunt + 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** Cllrs, J. Hawthorn (Chair), Dr A. Evans,
2. **Approval of October Minutes** – *Approved*
3. **Matters Arising** – the **new rubbish bin** had been installed at the beginning of November.
 - more **dog-bin stickers** had not been forthcoming; clerk asked to buy Parish's own. **Action Clerk**
 - the **chairs** dumped at Caldewell had been removed promptly.
4. **Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on** – The lights had been commissioned last month and were working fine according to the contractor, Lamps and Tubes Illuminations Ltd. They were asked to set the timer for 3.30pm on 29 November as per email correspondence between councillors. Both schools had been contacted by the clerk with TMA School offering to send a choir of about 30 children to the event. This offer had been gratefully accepted by the clerk. The switch-on had been flagged on the website homepage and the noticeboard. Cllr. E. Matthews volunteered to post on the Friends of TMA webpage.
5. **Bollards (Post & Rail) – Proposal:** *'To go ahead with the refurbishment of the bollards (1st) and the post and rail (2nd) with the involvement of the Youth Offender Scheme for the labour, MKC for the materials and Abbey Hill to provide mobile toilet and drinking water'. Passed. Unanimous **Action Clerk** to liaise with MKC. Cllr. E. Matthews volunteered to post on the Friends of TMA webpage.*
6. **Parking – Proposal:** *'To apply to the Traffic Management Capital Funding scheme to co-finance the provision of double-yellow lines no parking restrictions from the bus stop at the top of the High St. to Ashbrook School'. Passed. Unanimous **Action Clerk** to liaise with MKC.*
7. **Grant Requests** – None
8. **Finance** – The following cheques were authorised -

chq 778	TMA School - hall hire	£17.00
chq 779	<i>cancelled</i>	0.00
chq 780	MK Community Mediation Service (previous chq772 to 'Mediation Works' returned)	£50.00
chq 781	A.H.Contracts - bin emptying	£122.66
chq 782	Clerk - salary	£433.64
chq 783	Clerk – admin expenses	£6.00
chq 784	RJS – landscape maintenance	£200.00
chq 785	Glasdon UK Ltd – rubbish bin	£135.94
chq 786	Lamps & Tubes Illuminations – Xmas tree lights	£270.00

- **Additional Item** – due to a shortage of signatories present it was **Proposed** *'To add both Cllrs. K. Wilson and A. Gaunt to the signatory list'. Passed Unanimous. **Action Clerk** to obtain necessary forms.*

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9. **Planning Applications** -

New – 13/02305/FUL - 47 Hepleswell, single-storey side garage extension. No objections.

Kiln Farm: None

Wymbush: None

10. **Correspondence** - Email post had been circulated to all councillors and responded to as appropriate over the month – copies on file.

Ongoing: Capian Walk – T.Higgins, Neighbourhood Engagement Officer (MKC), had promised to survey the area and remove all prickly vegetation himself if necessary. **Action Clerk to monitor**

11. **Councillors Items**

(a) **One Stop Shop** – An email had been received from the Chief Executive stating that the repair would be carried out sometime in the next 4 weeks.

(b) **Rugby Post Bid** – An email had been received announcing that we had been successful in our bid and contact would be made in due course to verify siting. Discussion concerning siting was hampered by uncertainty over whether a single post or two posts and a crossbar was meant by a 'rugby post'. **Action Clerk to confirm/liaise.**

(c) **Ashbrook and Two Mile Ash School Plans** – Chair of governors of Ashbrook school had replied saying they had no plans for expansion. There had been no reply from Two Mile Ash School **Action Cllr.E. Matthews to contact headteacher**

(d) **Western Expansion Area V4 Crossings**- No more information received but it was believed that the issue would be discussed at a full Council meeting in December.

(e) **Damaged Planter** (first reported July 11th) - still awaiting proper repair. It was noted that the temporary repair was also coming apart; the other planter had recently been damaged. **Action - clerk to contact MKC.**

NEW –

(f) **Grit bin filling schedule** still not published – **Action Clerk to contact MKC**

(g) **Twenty mph limit** proposed around schools - **Action Clerk to investigate feasibility**

12. **Residents Items**

(a) **Shared Ownership Issue** – no update again, presumed resolved.

(b) **Walkway by Dentist's** – no update.

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(c) **Shoreham Rise Shrub Bed** – Councillors welcomed TMAEG's interest in renovating this neglected island shrub bed. **Action Clerk to liaise.**

(d) **Tremors caused by passing lorries and buses** on Clay Hill was raised by Mrs. Godfrey, 90 Clay Hill. It had not been an issue in the past but it happens regularly now. It may be causing some damage to foundations. Councillors urged Mrs Godfrey to contact neighbours in an effort to prove to the Housing Association that it was a significant issue. Proposed twenty mph limit might help.

Date and Time of Next Meeting - Thursday, 19th December at 7.30pm at TMA School

13. **Administrative Matters** – a. **Proposal: 'To set the clerk's authorised spending ceiling at £500'. Passed. Unanimous**

b) **Proposal: 'Draft minutes to be circulated to councillors within a fortnight of the meeting and then publicly displayed as draft minutes'. Passed. Unanimous.**

c) **Proposal: 'To award the clerk the national salary pay increase and backdate to the beginning of the financial year'. Passed. Unanimous**

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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