

# ABBNEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

2013/123

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## MINUTES of the MEETING held on THURSDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at Two Mile Ash School

**Present:** Cllrs: J. Hawthorn (Chairman), E. Matthews (Vice-Chair), K. Wilson, A. Evans, A. Gaunt + 2 members of the public: Chris Gossop (TMA Environmental Group Chairman), Mr. Laxton.

1. **Apologies** None
2. **Declarations of Members' Interests** K. Wilson as Secretary of the Allotments Association. Ann Gaunt as member of TMAEG
3. **To Approve the Minutes of the previous Meeting** Approved
4. **Matters Arising** (not covered below) None
5. **Allotment Flooding and Fence** Tony Higgins had yet to get back to the council regarding the engineers' view of costings and the viability of drainage. It was noted that if there was still residual surface water in June that this implied the underground aquifer had altered its position permanently, if not the flooding was more likely to be a temporary result of last year's exceptional rainfall. The decision to form a resolution was postponed. A letter had been sent to all residents (31) bordering the allotments .
6. **Grant Requests** None. Letters of thanks were gratefully received from the local Sea Cadets and the local Scout Group + a card signed by all the scouts.
7. **Finance** *The following cheques were authorised*

chq 727	TMA School - hall hire	£17.00
chq 728	A.H.Contracts - bin emptying	£122.66
chq 729	Clerk - salary	£216.82
chq 730	Clerk - office expenses	£15.80
chq 731	Milton Keynes Council – residual match-funding for car parking/landscape alterations from last year	£5,054.50
chq 732	Previous clerk – final salary payment	£291.67

*The following Income was noted*

VAT Repayment	HMRC	£370.85
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8. **Planning Applications** No new applications.

Two of last month's applications had been passed: *Nordic House* Brunleys Kiln Farm. Change of Use from B8 to B1, B2,B8; and *10 Ethorpe* TMA Erection of conservatory.

Still awaiting decision: *35 Thorncliffe* TMA
9. **Correspondence** A card of thanks had been received from Mrs DaBinett for

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the installation of the new rubbish bin at the higher bus stop, saying that the area was much tidier as a result.

Email post had been circulated to all councillors and responded to as necessary over the month.

## 10 Councillors Items

**Updates -** *Ambulance bay* – re-marking still outstanding. No confirmation from the Library Bus driver about notice in cab. **Action** clerk to pursue.

*Jenny Sharp Bench* – due to be delivered next week.

*Bollards* – clerk reported back on his meeting with Rob Ward (Neighbourhood Manager) where he promised to pursue the refurbishment of the 'bollards' – including post-and-rail fencing – with his 'Fixit team' who would investigate and report back. He also pointed out that the match-funding for the car parking and landscape alterations of last year still had £5054.50 outstanding and provided a detailed cost/payment breakdown.

**New -** *Licensing Hours of Local Shops* – Cllr. Gaunt enquired as to how the One Stop Shop had managed to extend its licensing hours to 23.00hrs apparently without consultation. Councillors were not in agreement as to how long this change had been in effect. **Action** clerk to investigate.

*Salt Bins refill* – The schedule for refilling salt bins was not known.

**Action** clerk to make enquiries.

*Party in the Park* – it was resolved to create publicity for this event on the website. **Action** clerk.

## 11 Residents Items

**Updates -** Chris Gossop (TMAEG) reported that little had developed by way of feedback from residents but the project to 'clean-up' the walk-through to the green on the north side of the High Street was going ahead as planned on June 1<sup>st</sup>. He had met with the Clerk on site to discuss the project and he hoped the council would support the project with the provision of planters to brighten up the area. Mr. Gossop then went on to discuss a report he had prepared with the members of TMAEG that raised 15 possible 'items for improvement' in Two Mile Ash. A discussion followed where councillors expressed the view that although supportive of the aims of TMAEG and grateful for its voluntary work in the community, the council had its own program of priorities to adhere to. With reference to the 'clean-up' and with the thought of the upcoming Party in the Park, it was proposed that a letter be sent to the two businesses fronting the aforementioned passageway suggesting that the Parish Council would fund the purchase and planting of two planters providing they were gifted to the businesses so that they would be responsible for maintenance and above all regular watering in the summer season. Without this commitment the investment would not go ahead as the council could not afford to pay for upkeep **Action** clerk.

*Mr. Laxton* confirmed that no change had as yet taken place with reference to the Two Mile Ash School trees shading his property. **Action** Vice Chair *Eve Matthews* to pursue.

**Date and Time of next meeting** Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm for the Annual Parish Meeting. This would precede the business of the Annual General Meeting.

12 **Administrative Matters** It was resolved to purchase the VisionICT website offer

**The Meeting closed at 9pm**

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