

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

2013/125

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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on THURSDAY, 16th May 2013

at Two Mile Ash School, following on from the Annual Parish Meeting

Present: Cllrs: J. Hawthorn (Chairman), E. Matthews (Vice-Chair), K. Wilson, A. Evans, + 3 members of the public: David Lewis, Chris Gossop (TMA Environmental Group Chairman), Mr. Laxton. Karen Galbraith (Celebrations Committee)

1. **Apologies** Cllr. A. Gaunt
2. **Election of Chairman for 2013-2014 – Elected Cllr. John Hawthorn**
3. **Election of Vice- Chair for 2013-2014 – Elected Cllr. Eve Matthews**
4. **Election of External Representatives**
Neighbourhood Action Group – no representative elected but Cllr. Ann Gaunt proposed and seconded **Action:** clerk to contact Cllr. Gaunt
Parishes Assembly – Elected Cllr. Ken Wilson
5. **Review of Standing Orders – Resolved: To accept the existing Standing Orders with one addition:** 'Declarations of Members Interests that are ongoing may be registered once for the year at the Annual Meeting'
6. **Declaration of Members Interests** – Cllr. John Hawthorn as Milton Keynes Councillor
Cllr. Ken Wilson as Secretary of the Allotments Association
Cllr. Ann Gaunt as member of TMA Environmental Group (made on her behalf for the year)
7. **Approval of April Minutes – Approved**
8. **Matters Arising** – none
9. **Allotment Flooding and Fence** – Discussion concerning the cost-effectiveness of the estimated expenditure (£13,654.65+Vat), whether the flooding which had not recurred since last year was the result of temporary or permanent fluctuations in the water table, and in the light of future construction in the neighbouring Western Expansion Area, led to the following resolution about allotment flooding: **Resolved:** To place the matter on hold and review in the Autumn in the light of this year's experience. **Fence** – no other feedback had been received apart from the previously circulated email about allotment rubbish in a resident's garden (dealt with by Cllr. K Wilson)
10. **Grant Requests** - none
11. **Finance** *The following cheques were authorised*

chq 733	TMA School - hall hire	£17.00
chq 734	A.H.Contracts - bin emptying	£158.17
chq 735	Clerk - salary	£271.02
chq 736	Clerk - office expenses	£15.68

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chq 737	RJS – landscape maintenance	£200.00
chq 738	Broxap final payment	£129.60

12. **Planning Applications** - *Passed: 35 Thorncliffe TMA*
New: 8 Brindlebrook, MK8 8EU Two storey rear extension, relocation of front door & insertion of new doors & windows
19 Leafield Rise MK8 8BU Two storey side and single storey rear extensions
13. **Correspondence** - Email post had been circulated to all councillors and responded to as appropriate over the month – copies on file
 A circular had been received from the Mayor-elect (Councillor Brian White) promoting a 'great weekend of sport' around the August Bank Holiday and inviting Parish Councils to create teams to play against each other in various sports on the Monday. **Resolved:** *That this Council would not take part at present* **Action** *Clerk to write back*
14. **Councillors Items**
Updates - *Ambulance bay* – in spite of receiving an email to the effect that 'request no 47445 had been completed' the markings were still not repainted. **Action** *clerk to pursue*
Jenny Sharp Bench – Put in place by Cllr. K Wilson and the Clerk on 27 April. Total money spent £578.20 (Vat to be reclaimed) on £700 budget
Bollards – nothing to report
Licensing Hours of Local Shop – MK Council informed the clerk that One Stop Shop had not altered its licensing hours since 2005
Salt Bins refill – The schedule for refilling salt bins would restart in November
Party in the Park – the poster for publicity was to be available shortly
Planters - A letter had been sent to the two businesses on the walk-through to the green on the north side of the High Street and an enthusiastic email reply had been received from the Hairdressers. In the light of this and a positive verbal response from the Dentist's it was **Resolved:** *To set a £2,000 budget for the purchase of two planters approx 1m x 1.5m x 0.6m, soil, compost, water-retaining fibre and plants. (2 in favour, 2 abstentions)* **Action** *Clerk to select suitable planters & plants and arrange a meeting with the two businesses*
15. **Residents Items**
Updates - *Party in the Park* - Karen Galbraith reported back that preparations were well-advanced and reminded councillors that they would need the mowing schedule to coincide accordingly. **Action** *Clerk to liaise with Tony Higgins*
Chris Gossop (TMAEG) reported that all was in hand for June 1st clean-up of the walk-through. A new litter-pick was being arranged along the banks of Ash Brook in time for the Party in the Park
Mr. Laxton confirmed that no change had as yet taken place with reference to the Two Mile Ash School trees shading his property and complained of a dangerous dip in the pavement near his house. **Action** *Chairman John Hawthorn to investigate*
16. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** Thursday, 20th June at 7.30pm at Two Mile Ash School
17. **Administrative Matters** - **Resolved:** *to increase the Clerk's hours to 10 per week (nem. con.)*

The Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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