

ABBNEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the MEETING held on Thursday, 20th June 2013 at Two Mile Ash School

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

1. **Apologies** Cllrs. A. Gaunt & A. Evans,
2. **Presentation** Darren Farmer introduced the consultant from Illman Young who went through the proposed planting scheme on the A5 for the Western Expansion Area (WEA). The detailed drawings showed the existing hedgerow being thickened out with similar native shrub and tree species so that a good sound and visual barrier to the road was created. The provision of underpasses had yet to be decided by the Council. Discussion continued about the site in general. Plans were well-advanced concerning phase one of the building in the corner near where Danstead Way (H4) meets the A5 (V4) so that the first houses would be on sale by October 2014. Negotiations were also well-advanced in regard to the provision of both a large retail food-store and a primary school (age 5-11) with nursery (which would be annexed to TMA school) at the centre of the site.
3. **Approval of May Minutes** – Approved
4. **Matters Arising** – The clerk had enquired from R Sharp as to what his landscape contract comprised – grass cutting fortnightly from April to October with grass collection, shrub beds and paving to be kept in a weed-free state.
5. **Code of conduct** – Approved. Members present signed Pecuniary Interests Forms. Chairman already registered pecuniary interests online for MK Council
6. **Grant Requests** - none
7. **Finance** – The 2012-2013 accounting statements were approved and signed. The annual Governance Statement and External Audit Forms were approved and signed. The following cheques were authorised -

chq 739	Celebrations Committee Expenditure (Party in the Park)	£985
chq 740	Celebrations Committee Expenditure	£255
chq 741	Celebrations Committee Expenditure	£99.85
chq 742	Celebrations Committee Expenditure	£450
chq 743	Celebrations Committee Expenditure	£130
chq 744	Celebrations Committee Expenditure	£191
chq 745	Celebrations Committee Expenditure	£33.50
chq 746	Celebrations Committee Expenditure	£58.50
chq 747	Celebrations Committee Expenditure	£181.99
chq 748	Celebrations Committee Expenditure	£10
chq 749	Celebrations Committee Expenditure	£10
chq 750	Celebrations Committee Expenditure	£500
chq 751	Celebrations Committee Expenditure	£10
chq 752	TMA School - hall hire	£17.00
chq 753	A.H.Contracts - bin emptying	£122.66

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chq 754	Clerk - salary	£433.64
chq 755	Office expenses	£15.62*
chq 756	Office expenses	£64.48
chq 757	RJS – landscape maintenance	£200.00
chq 758	R Sharp – ex-clerk final payment re-issue	£291.67**
chq 759	Plantscape - planters	£1,191.60*
	* VAT reclaimable	** previous chq 732 cancelled
<i>Income -</i>	£209.97	VAT refund

8. **Planning Applications -**

TMA 4 Fairways 1st floor extension – No objections

Kiln Farm Nordic House: 2 applications for external alterations & substitute car parking
– No objections

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

Buckingham & River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board had written to inform the Parish Council of the Watercourse Maintenance Programme for 2013-2014 **Action** Clerk to ask for electronic version of drawing

10. **Councillors Items**

Ambulance bay – T Higgins yet to reply vv 'request no 47445' **Action** clerk to pursue

Bollards – (Post & Railings) Rob Ward had apologised on the phone to the clerk about the lack of action. After discussion he and the clerk agreed that the first priority was a map of all the post & railing sections and their condition. R Ward would set this in motion.

Opening Hours of One Stop Shop – this matter was not discussed as the Cllr who had put it forward was not present. However it was noted that the sun motif above the shop had collapsed and not been repaired. **Action** clerk to write to the shop

Party in the Park – the poster for publicity was handed to the clerk to copy for the website

Planters – Two two-tier octagonal planters had been ordered from Plantscape for delivery by 25 June at the latest. The two businesses in the close had both formally agreed to take on the maintenance and signed documents accordingly.

Parish Forum Report – Cllr Wilson reported on the matters that were relevant to Abbey Hill – Procedures for road closures were stricter now and needed a qualified person to instigate, hence more expense; dog control orders had large costs attached; neighbourhood wardens were available for use by any parish at a cost of £90 per half-day. Cllr. Wilson holds notes from the meeting for information.

11. **Residents Items**

Chris Gossop (TMAEG) reported that the June 1st clean-up of the close/walk-through to the park had gone very well and the area was much tidier. However one resident had not wanted to participate. The litter-pick along the banks of Ash Brook with the NAG had also gone well and 7 sacks of rubbish had been collected. Preparations for the Open Gardens were well in hand, 9 gardens were involved and a sponsor had been found.

Mr. Laxton was delighted to report that the Two Mile Ash School trees shading his property had been trimmed and was very grateful for the action of the Chairman in resolving this.

New issue - recently the local bus had been blocked for some considerable time by coaches and parents' cars taking TMA school children on excursions. Councillors agreed that the school was responsible and better planning would have avoided this. **Action** Clerk to write to school

12. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** Thursday, 18th July at 7.30pm at Two Mile Ash School

13. **Administrative Matters – None**

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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