

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 18th March 2021 at 7.30pm, held Online

Present: Cllrs D. Simpson (in the Chair), K. Ryan, J. Spragg, A. Evans. No residents. YIS (Young people's mental health) representative Ms A Moch.

Clerk: J. Vischer.

1. **Apologies** – Ward Cllr R. Exon. These were accepted.
2. **Public Open Forum** - YIS representative Ms A Moch gave a brief report on the activities and goals of the organisation. She highlighted that over a thousand young people in Milton Keynes had benefitted from the service in the last year. Councillors noted that education and training as well as individual sessions could be funded by donors. She agreed to send details of the organisation to the Clerk for circulation - (see item 9.2 below)
3. **Declarations of Interest** in any of the agenda items – None.
4. **Approval of previous Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below
 - 4.1. **Minutes** of the February Meeting previously circulated, were unanimously approved. Proposer Cllr Ryan, seconder Cllr Evans; unanimous.
 - 4.2. **Matters Arising** - None
5. **Communications**
 - 5.1. **New Website** - Another updated version of the draft website had been received, but it still had unresolved issues: a particular issue was the non-functioning search facility. The Clerk to take over responsibility for liaison. **CLK**
 - 5.2. **Social Media** - It was noted that there were no serious estate concerns being shared amongst users.
6. **Environment**
 - 6.1. **Bins, new & sponsorship** (& stickers)
 - 6.1.1. A request had been received from a local pet service business to sponsor a new dog bin or the maintenance of a bin, for the right to publicise with a bin sticker. It was resolved to allow this in principle but not to encourage the installation of new bins as once sponsorship was finished AHPC would be left with the maintenance cost. The sticker should run alongside the AHPC sticker publicising AHPC's provision. Proposer Cllr Spragg, seconder Cllr Ryan; unanimous. **CLK**
 - 6.1.2. The previously proposed new waste bin between Clay Hill and Downlands was agreed, Clerk to see if the sponsor would be interested in sponsoring the litter bin. **CLK**
 - 6.2. **Christmas Tree replacement** - Clerk to research contractors to pull down old tree and remove. Clerk to check tree contractor still available for planting. **CLK**
 - 6.3. **TMA Play Parks** - [estate walk round postponed until better weather conditions] - Cllr Simpson had liaised with the playgrounds officer Phil Snell. Further information was awaited. **DS**
 - 6.4. **Cobbled tree pits** by the shops - Cllrs Simpson and Ryan had attended a socially-distanced site meeting on 24th February. Following discussion it was recommended that -
Possibly diseased trees - to be left *in situ* pending further clarification.
Pits needing repair - to be made good with replacement granite setts.
Empty pits - to be either filled with a layer of granite setts or coated with a fixed gravel skin.
Pits by the bus stop and Radcote Lodge - to be planted with small shrubs.
Clerk to invite SERCO to modify quotation. **CLK**
 - 6.5. **Fault/Project Log** - there were 8 projects and 11 faults ongoing.
7. **Finance**
 - 7.1. **Payments** for authorisation & Balances - since the February meeting:
Clerk's salary (period 12) £721.24; Clerk's admin/expenses £16.00; HMRC (PAYE 4th qtr) £342.38;

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SLCC membership £166.00. These payments were approved unanimously. Proposer Cllr Evans, seconder Cllr Spragg.
Available funds 18 March 2021: £75,484 (plus reserves £38,443).

8. Planning Applications

8.1. Previous

220/03314/FUL 17 Farinton Two Mile Ash, Single storey rear extension and single storey porch extension. *Permitted*

20/03315/CLUP 17 Farinton Two Mile Ash, Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed loft conversion with dormer extension to rear roof slope and rooflights to front roof slope. *Approved*

20/03184/FUL Units K1, K2 & K3 Pitfield Kiln Farm, Refurbishment of industrial units, including amendments to elevations, yard extension (Unit K1), reconfiguration of car parking and new pedestrian footpaths (resubmission of 20/01803/FUL) *Permitted*

21/00099/FUL 4 Garamonde Drive Wymbush, Adaptation of existing warehouse for new windows and gas suspension vents to the front and rear elevations, 4 escape doors, a new Air Handling Unit (AHU) on the existing steel frame, new mechanical plant within the extended plant area and a new armo barrier to seclude vehicular and pedestrian traffic. *Permitted*

For information only: 21/00418/CLUP 15 Langton Drive Two Mile Ash, Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed single storey rear extension. *Awaiting Decision*

8.2. New

For information only: 21/00550/CLUP 22 Leaffield Rise Two Mile Ash, Certificate of lawfulness for single storey rear extension (3.1m) and loft conversion with rear dormer and rooflights on the front elevation

9. Grants and Correspondence

9.1. Behaviour First Consultancy grant - The proposal had been received in-between meetings. However this had been followed by a revision in an email. The Chair had requested, via the Clerk, this be incorporated in the full proposal. This had not yet been received. [*post-meeting note:* this was received the following week and circulated to councillors]

9.2. YIS grant - Young People's Mental Health - a budget was agreed to support the charity pending receipt of further details. Proposer Cllr Spragg, seconder Cllr Ryan; unanimous.

9.3. Correspondence (other than email) - None

10. Other Meetings and New Matters

10.1. Parking Enforcement Officer (shared) - no further update.

10.2. Cllr Ryan represented AHPC at the MKC Biodiversity workshop on 23rd February and gave a brief report.

10.3. Litter picking - the Chair enquired after the status of the parish litter-picking equipment with a view to purchasing more kits. Cllr Spragg to check. **JS**

10.4. Cllr Ryan suggested that AHPC make a policy of supporting local volunteer groups. This was agreed in principle - awaiting further discussion.

11. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 15th April 2021. To be held online at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed

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