

# ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30pm, at Two Mile Ash School

**Present:** Cllrs D. Simpson (in the Chair), A. Evans, K. Ryan, J. Spragg. Mr Scott Jones, CEO 123 Internet. Mr & Mrs Cristoe – representing the Community Gardening Group. Ward Cllr R Exon.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr S. Galbraith. These were accepted.
2. **Public Open Forum**

Mrs Cristoe reported on the Gardening Group activities. She submitted a request for the purchase of winter bedding plants. This was agreed in principle (*see below, item 12*). Men-in-Sheds would be visited tomorrow to order some wooden signs for the Garden. Mrs Cristoe had been approached by Great Holm and TMA Brownies with a request to allocate a permanent small garden space to the Brownies. This had been approved by the Group and a space allotted. Ward Cllr Exon had no update regarding the outstanding matters of the uneven slabs and the leaning tree - neither had the Clerk. Ward Cllr Exon added that on a recent tour of TMA the new MKC CEO Michael Bracey had been made aware of the safety hazards. Mrs Cristoe promised to send a photograph to the Clerk of a location for the proposed bench. Councillors asked if the Group were willing to maintain the strip under the proposed ascot rail fence free of weeds and long grass on the horseshoe green at the end of the central area. To this she agreed. Furthermore when asked if the Group would like to take over the maintenance of the whole of the green she replied in the affirmative. Clerk to contact MKC and Ringway. CLK
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 September Meeting previously circulated, were unanimously approved. Proposer Cllr Evans, seconder Cllr Ryan. Unanimous.
  - 4.2. **Matters Arising** – None.
5. **Devolved Landscape Services** –
  - 5.1. **The 'Full' Option** - the Clerk had contacted the MKC officer in charge following the questions raised at the last meeting. In view of her replies, especially regarding the inclusion of Kiln Farm and Wymbush, it was proposed that AHPC withdraw from the initiative. This was agreed unanimously.
  - 5.2. **The 'Third' Option** (*MKC's contractor continues to provide the base service but AHPC becomes the contract administrator for the area, with provision for regular meetings and top-up services at AHPC's expense*) — councillors agreed that this was a definite possibility and asked the Clerk to invite the officer in charge to attend the next meeting so that they could make an informed decision before proceeding. Areas of interest were: grant options; AHPC monitoring expectations; public enquiries/complaints overlap. CLK
6. **Speedwatch Community Group**
  - 6.1. Three volunteers had been trained up.
  - 6.2. Two proposed monitoring sites had been put forward and approved by Thames Valley Police.
  - 6.3. The MKC officer in charge pointed out that ideally 3 more volunteers should be trained up. It was agreed to re-advertise for more volunteers on Friends of TMA and the Twitter account. KR/AE
7. **Website upgrade** (this item was taken at the start of the meeting to allow Mr Jones a prompt departure) – Numerous responses had been received - many from outside the UK. Scott Jones CEO of 123 Internet had been selected and invited by Cllr Evans as he ran a local business and was well-known. Details of AHPC's 'wish-list' were explained. Mr Jones promised to issue a full quotation in the next fortnight.
8. **Social Media - Friends of Two Mile Ash (FoTMA) and Twitter account** – Friends had been relatively quiet, problems with the local buses were the current issue. Ward Cllr R Exon offered to look up the details of

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the Bus Users Group so that councillors could pass this information on to residents. The Twitter account had been busy this week with chat about Mental Health Week.

## 9. Fault/Project Log

1. **Christmas tree verge anti-parking project** – MKC liaison had resumed following the Clerk's complaint to Head of Highways, Davina Millership. MKC seeking approval that AHPC manage under the rail as well as the rail itself. This was agreed. Proposal to take on the maintenance of the green itself. This was agreed by the Community Gardening Group. [*post-meeting note*: Clerk noticed a disparity in the linear metre measurement on the Ringway quote. Fresh quotation requested to included 'curve' of horseshoe 19th Oct.]
2. **Orca-wand gap** - this has been agreed but is tied into the above package of works.
3. **Five-a-side goalposts** - damage had been moderated, presumably by users. Still awaiting repair. **SG**
4. **Additional Disabled Parking bay request outside Ashbrook School** - this was agreed. Clerk to submit request for this and another to be created outside of Radcote Lodge. Propensity to flood of existing one outside TMA School to be reported. **CLK**
5. **New dog bin request, Fairways/High St** - this was declined as there are two nearby.
6. **Post and Rail** - Clerk to request clarification from Ringway on photographed recycled plastic fence.
7. **Ongoing faults/projects** – twenty-two items – eleven projects, eleven faults.

## 10. Finance

**Payments for authorisation & balances** – since September meeting – Clerk's salary (period 7) £535.00; Clerk's admin/expenses £36.69; Room Hire (Sep-Dec) £170.00; Gardening Group expenses £140.00. These payments were approved.  
Available funds 30th September 2019: £53,215 (plus reserves £38,424).

## 11. Planning Applications *Previous* (for update)

1. **Previous** –  
19/02353/FUL 6 Caldwell Two Mile Ash, Proposed two storey side extension. *Permitted*  
19/02304/FUL Land On The Corner of Pitfield And Tilers Road Kiln Farm, Change of use of the site to open storage (Class B8). Associated alterations including the erection of a 3m high security fence, with 3m high gate. *Pending*. Ward Cllr Exon pointed out that ward councillors had 'called-in' this application for the second time [i.e. the application would have to be considered by Committee]. *Pending*
2. **New** -  
None

## 12. Correspondence and Grant requests (other than email)

1. Vital Signs quarterly magazine of MK Community Foundation.
2. Gardening Group proposed winter plants expenditure – this was approved up to a maximum of £50. Proposer Cllr Ryan, seconder Cllr Evans. Unanimous.

## 13. Other Meetings and New Matters – (WEA; Parishes Forum; Community Annexe)

1. Cllr Simpson apologised for not being able to attend the Whitehouse underpass site visit as planned due to pressure of work. His apologies had been conveyed to the MKC officer in charge. Should another visit be arranged he would again try and attend as would Cllr Ryan. Ward Cllr Exon had attended. The project is currently slightly ahead of schedule.
2. As no MKC officer was present again to update AHPC on the underpass works the Clerk was instructed to ask for a monthly emailed report. **CLK**

## 14. Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 21st November 2019 at 7.30pm at **TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL**.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

*Signed*

*date*