

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 21st February 2019 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chair), D. Simpson, Kevin Ryan; Julie Spragg. Chris Gossop, Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG)

Clerk: Mr J Vischer

1. **Apologies** – Cllr A. Evans. These were accepted. Cllr Evans had given his prior agreement to item 7.
2. **Public Open Forum** – Chris Gossop gave a report on the recent and planned activities of TMAEG. He invited AHPC to participate in the forthcoming Bee Garden area event, near Stonehill pond, when the new equipment purchased with the Parish Council grant would be being used. He thanked councillors again for the grant and said that the equipment was being well used. Cllrs invited TMAEG to join forces with the Clean-up Team being organised by Cllr Spragg as part of the national Great British Spring Clean.
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 January meeting, previously circulated, were unanimously approved. Proposer: Cllr Galbraith, seconder Cllr Ryan. Unanimous.
 - 4.2. **Parish landscaping maps** (7 + Parks Trust) – The Chair had prepared the A3 encapsulated maps. To bring to next meeting. **SG**
5. **Social Media**
 - 5.1. **FoTMA** – No substantive issues had been raised in the last month. Complaints about the new lighting continued. AHPC was thanked for helping to expedite the resurfacing of Great Holm footbridge. It was noted that there had been no complaints on dog fouling.
 - 5.2. **Twitter account** – Cllr Evans had reported that the account had been similarly quiet.
 - 5.3. **WhatsApp** – The parish councillors' WhatsApp Group had been established.
6. **Devolvement of Landscaping Services (2020) –**
 - 6.1. The Clerk had circulated the notes from the last meeting with MKC and SERCO.
 - 6.2. The Clerk confirmed that none of several parish councils he had contacted had dropped out because of the TUPE aspect.
 - 6.3. It was confirmed at the meeting that the final sign-up date would be March 2020 although confirmation of taking on the contracted works would be expected by October 2019.
 - 6.4. The Clerk was instructed to get approximate quotations for the contract. **CLK**
7. **Anti kerb-parking project** – it was resolved to accept the Ringway/MKC quotation of £20,171.35 to implement the High Street anti-kerb parking orca solution. Proposer: Cllr Galbraith, seconder Cllr Simpson. Unanimous. **CLK**
8. **Fault/Project Log**
 - 8.1. **Car Parking Bays White-lining** – Ringway, as promised, had completed this at no cost to AHPC.
 - 8.2. **Illuminated signs at centre & headless No Entry sign on High St** – Ringway/MKC as promised had completed this by early February 2019.
 - 8.3. **Christmas tree verge anti-parking project** – the Clerk had invited two contractors to quote for erecting ascot railing but neither had provided a quotation. **CLK**
 - 8.4. **Overgrowing trees (from September 2017)** - Cllr Spragg had visited Mr Laxton to see the condition of the trees front and back in early February 2019. MKC clearly do not consider the trees at the front in

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urgent need of pruning and are not carrying out such works at present due to budget constraints. Another letter to be sent to the school inviting them to cut back the very large conifer on their side of the fence. **CLK**

- 9. Annual Meeting date** – it was agreed to hold the Parish Annual Meeting in April this year due to the May elections. Clerk to request hall hire from TMA School for 7pm April 18th. The ordinary April meeting would take place in the conference room following this meeting. Community award nominees to be considered before the next meeting. [*post-meeting note*: TMA School confirmed the booking] **CLK/CLLRS**

10. Finance

Payments for authorisation & balances – since January meeting – Clerk's salary (Jan) £621.20; Clerk's admin/expenses £86.53; bin emptying (annual + new bin) £2,334.72; TMA School (qtrly venue hire). These payments were approved.

Available funds 31st January 2019: £67,531. Clerk to vire excess funds to the 'Instant Access Saver' account.

11. Planning Applications *Previous (for update)*

11.1. *Previous* –

18/02813/FUL 7 Astlethorpe Two Mile Ash, Proposed extension above existing garage and linking to the dwelling. *Permitted*

18/02828/FUL Land North of Garamonde Drive Wymbush, Additional External Plant and vents in external facade to existing building. *Permitted*

11.2. *New* –

19/00068/FUL 8 Cherleton Two Mile Ash, Proposed two storey side extension. No objections.

19/00234/FUL 15 Astlethorpe Two Mile Ash, Proposed two storey rear/side extensions. No objections.

19/00253/FUL 40 Leafield Rise Two Mile Ash, First floor side and front extensions and garage conversion. No objections.

- 12. Correspondence and Grant requests** (other than email) – Letter of thanks from the YMCA offering site visits of the new build.

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

13.1. Great British Spring Clean - Clerk to register AHPC.

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13.2. Clerk to arrange the proffered YMCA visit.

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

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed

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