

# ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chair), A. Evans, D Simpson; Ward Councillors Robin Bradburn and Rex Exon; Chris Gossop, Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG), 4 residents and prospective parish councillor Kevin Ryan.

Clerk: J. Vischer

1. **Apologies** – Cllr J Bateman. These were accepted.
2. **Public Open Forum** –
  - 2.1. Three neighbouring residents had come to make their objections known to planning application 18/02457/FUL at 4 Pyke Hayes, Two Mile Ash. These would be taken into account when the parish council deliberated on the item (10.2 below).
  - 2.2. Dispute between resident and TMAEG – AHPC had offered to arbitrate in this dispute. A resident whose property backed on to the proposed TMAEG development site objected to the proposal on the grounds of disruption to wildlife and cutting down of trees. She felt that the proposed pathway and ditch footbridge was unwarranted. Mr Chris Gossop on behalf of TMAEG defended the project and commented that their questionnaire of 14 local residents had only elicited 4 negative replies. The Chairman pointed out that the Parish Council would not consider its response until a formal planning application had been submitted. However he offered to broker further meetings if both parties felt further discussion would help.
3. **Approval of both July and September Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below –
  - 3.1. The minutes, previously circulated, of the July meeting were unanimously approved as a true record. Proposer: Cllr Evans, seconder Cllr Galbraith.
  - 3.2. The notes and proposed decisions, previously circulated, of the September meeting were unanimously approved. Proposer: Cllr Evans, seconder Cllr Galbraith.
  - 3.3. **Matters arising** –
    - 3.3.1. **Seven parish landscaping maps** – not yet ready (SG). Discussion revolved around the ‘vacant’ ex-football field at Kiln Farm. Clerk to write asking for reinstatement. **CLK**
    - 3.3.2. **Footbridge to Great Holm** – MKC planning to re-surface following refurbishment problems (not before half-term).
    - 3.3.3. **WEA at-grade crossings objection** – a letter had finally been received (26 September) replying to AHPC objections but these were more or less a restatement of why MKC had chosen the at-grade crossings. The Consultation results in favour of underpasses had been rejected principally on the grounds of lack of funding and potential cost of moving underground services. No explanation had been given as to where or when the allocated £2million (2014) had been used.
    - 3.3.4. **Co-option date** – the Notice of Vacancy expired on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. No election had been called.
4. **Declarations of Interest in any of the following items** – None
5. **Devolved Landscape Services** – It was unanimously agreed to continue ‘expressing an interest’ by signing the Confirmation of Commitment request. Proposer: Cllr Evans, seconder Cllr Galbraith. **CLK**
6. **Friends of Two Mile Ash Page (FoTMA)** – The new LED street-lighting issue had died down and there were no major issues. Cllr Simpson complained to Ward Councillors that the new lights were still too bright, even for driving along. Ward Cllr Bradburn offered to send details of the criteria for shrouding the new lights to the Clerk. **WD CLLR BRADBURN**  
**Twitter account** – Cllr Evans reported information releases regarding TMA school vacancies and Mental

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Health Day.

## 7. Environment: Fault/Project Log –

7.1. **Anti-parking bollards** – no update, in spite of reminders.

7.2. **Downland Field** – The walk-round with Duncan Sharkey Corporate Director, Place, and Tracy Darke, Service Director, Growth Economy & Culture had been arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in the afternoon. **SG**

7.3. **Car Parking Bays and White-lining** – no update, in spite of reminders.

7.4. **Illuminated signs at centre & headless No Entry sign at High St** – (the order had been raised for all repairs and several replacements – R. Woodcock). No update, in spite of reminders.

No new matters had been reported since the last meeting.

## 8. Finance

8.1 **Payments for authorisation & balances** – since July meeting – Clerk's salary (Sep) £494.00; Landscaping maintenance (Sep) £153.00; Clerk's admin expenses £36.66  
Available funds in main account – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - £71,704.

8.2 External Audit report – the Clerk reported a clean audit with no issues noted.

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

### 9.1. *Previous* –

18/01804/FUL 1 Burners Lane Kiln Farm, The erection of an infill extension to the existing light industrial buildings.... B1 use office space. *Permitted*

18/01815/FUL Solaris House 2 Fairways Pitfield Kiln Farm, Provision of additional parking for 76no. spaces, with associated new hard surfaced areas at BMI offices Milton Keynes. *Pending*

18/01888/FUL Street Record Garamonde Drive Wymbush, Erection of new substation. *Permitted*

18/01887/FUL 70 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash, Retrospective application for the erection of single storey front extension. *Permitted*

18/02005/FUL 13 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and single storey rear extension with garage conversion and single storey side extension. *Permitted*

### 9.2. *New* –

18/02404/FUL 69 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, Proposed single storey front and rear extensions with associated internal and external works. No objections.

18/02457/FUL 4 Pyke Hayes Two Mile Ash, Two-storey rear extension and single-storey side extension. Object on the grounds that the design is not in keeping with the area, notably the flat roof, and secondly, loss of light to neighbouring property. **CLK**

18/02468/FUL 10 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, Garage conversion and single storey rear extension. No objections.

## 10. Correspondence and Grant requests (other than email) –

10.1. Adults outdoor fitness equipment brochure.

10.2. TMAEG grant request – it was agreed to award a grant of £325 towards the purchase of the landscaping equipment.

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

11.1. **Cllr John Bateman** had offered his resignation. This was accepted. A further Notice of Vacancy to be created.

11.2. **Five-a-Side goalposts** - The Chair reported that the Five-a-Side goalpost footings had become exposed and were unsafe due to the dry summer. Clerk to arrange repair. **CLK**

11.3. **Ashbrook School parking issues** – Ward Cllrs reported that a viability study would be drawn up by MKC. Councillors agreed that as they had been trying for some time to improve other parking issues in the High St that they could not offer any support to the School at the present time.

## 12. Date of Next Meeting - 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm, at **TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL.**

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

*Signed*

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