

ABBAY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 20th September 2018 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chair), A. Evans; Chris Gossop from Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG)

Clerk: J. Vischer

As the meeting was non-quorate no decisions could be made.

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs J Bateman (no apologies given), D Simpson. These were accepted.
2. **Public Open Forum** – As the meeting was non-quorate and no other members of the public were present a lengthy discussion took place with Mr Gossop (TMAEG) to discuss: Devolved services and the role of TMAEG; the possible provision of a warden; and the Group's application for a grant (*see below item 11*)
3. **Cllr Lewis' resignation** – After six months of non-attendance Cllr Lewis had offered his resignation. As a vacancy had now arisen it was agreed to begin the formal co-option process under Chairman's action.
4. **Approval of the July Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below –
 - 4.1. The minutes, previously circulated, could not be approved as a true record. Deferred to the next full meeting.
 - 4.2. **Matters arising** –
 - 4.2.1. **Seven parish landscaping maps** – not yet ready. SG
 - 4.2.2. **Battery block for Tablet** – this had been purchased through the Clerk.
 - 4.2.3. **Spray paint canisters** – The Chair reported that he had purchased 4 sets of red and white canisters for councillors' use (with the dog-poo stencils).
 - 4.2.4. **Parks Trust landscaping map queries** – no update. [*post-meeting note*: a new landscape plan had been sent the day following the meeting along with an explanation that the drawing did not show land ownership but maintenance responsibilities. The small footpath in question had belonged to the Home & Communities Agency not AHPC.]
5. **Declarations of Interest in any of the following items** – N/A
6. **Devolved Landscape Services** – Cllr Simpson had attended the TUPE briefing session and concluded that the legal risks of challenging MKC's TUPE requirements were extremely high and would almost certainly prevent AHPC from taking the preferred option of awarding the work to a local contractor. A definitive response to continuing to 'express an interest' was required by 31st October 2018. The Clerk to circulate an email asking if councillors agreed with not taking the scheme further. CLK
7. **Friends of Two Mile Ash Page (FoTMA)** – The main issue had been the invasiveness of the new LED street lighting.
Twitter account – Cllr Evans reported discussions about the traffic lights at Abbey Hill roundabout being out following an incident.
7. **Environment: Fault/Project Log** –
 - 7.1. **Anti-parking bollards** – no update
 - 7.2. **Downland Field** – The Clerk's letter had resulted in a meeting between Clerk / Chair & Duncan Sharkey Corporate Director, Place, and Tracy Darke, Service Director, Growth Economy & Culture. A Long Lease might be a better solution than the lengthy Community Asset Transfer. Awaiting contact from officers *vis a vis* this and a proposed walk-around the parish for this and other issues.
 - 7.3. **Horseshoe Green** – awaiting prices from other sources for very large rocks. SG/DS

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7.4. **Car Parking Bays and White-lining** – no update.

7.5. **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.

Nine new matters had been reported since the last meeting, several on behalf of Ms Spragg and the result of her voluntary litter-picking.

9. Finance

Payments for authorisation & balances – since July meeting –

Clerk's salary (Aug-Sep) £597.55; PAYE 2nd qtr. £101.70; Landscaping maintenance (July & Aug) £306.00; MK Play Association (summer holidays) £1,980.00; Annual Insurance £379.90; external audit fee £240.00. Approval deferred to the next meeting.

Available funds in main account - 31st August £53,635.

10. Planning Applications *Previous (for update)*

10.1. *Previous* –

16/03312/FUL 3 Cherleton Two Mile Ash Demolition of detached garage, erection of a two storey side and rear extension, and single storey rear extension. *Refused*.

18/01576/PNHSE 16 Cavenham Two Mile Ash, Proposed single storey rear extension. *Prior approval not required*

18/01833/FUL 25 Pyke Hayes Two Mile Ash, Single storey rear extension. *Permitted*

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

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. *Pending*

10.2. *New* –

18/01887/FUL 70 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash, Retrospective application for the erection of single storey front extension. No objections (via email or present)

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. No objections (via email or present)

11. Correspondence and Grant requests (other than email) –

11.1. SLCC Clerks Quarterly.

11.2. A letter had been received from a resident declaring distress at TMAEG proposals with regard to woodland between her property and V4, Watling St. A letter she had sent in September 2017 had not been replied to. It was suggested that she be invited to attend the next meeting, along with TMAEG.

11.3. TMAEG grant request – a request had been received for 50% of the cost of a hedge trimmer and strimmer (total:£735). Deferred to the next meeting.

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

12.1. **WEA at-grade crossings objection** – this had been submitted. The Delegated Decision Report had erroneously stated that "The objection has been considered in full and a response has been sent to the Parish Council...". All that had been sent was a 'link' to the Report on the website. The Clerk had insisted on a formal reply addressing AHPC objections. This had since been promised.

12.2. **Footbridge to Great Holm** – the newly refurbished walkway still not open. It is very uneven and needs resurfacing once more.

13. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 18th October 2018 at 7.30pm, at **TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL**.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed

date