

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Meeting held on Thursday, 18th January 2018 at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S. Galbraith (Chair), J. Bateman, A. Evans, D. Simpson, and D. Lewis. C Gossop (TMAEG), Julie Spragg (Allotments Association), Mr Laxton (Clay Hill), Mrs Windmill, Mrs Cristoe (both High St).
Clerk: J. Vischer

1. **Apologies** – None.
2. **Public Open Forum** –
 - 2.1. Mrs Windmill and Mrs Cristoe reported/asked for updates on, the following items -
 - 8.2.1. Dead tree branches in central area – still there; more blown down during the gales. Clerk to re-report. **CLK**
 - 8.2.2. Streetlights outside One Stop shop still out - reported previously: awaiting re-wiring/excavation
 - 8.2.3. Fresh deposits of dog waste around the Christmas tree horseshoe green. Stencils to be applied.
 - 8.2.4. Roses sprouting sucker growth need to be removed, or severely pruned. Clerk to contact contractor. **CLK**
 - 8.2.5. Still looking forward to the car parking bays...
 - 8.2.6. Parking half on the Christmas tree horseshoe green – is demolishing the crocus plants and making a mess. She had put five signs out, asking drivers to not park – only one remained *in situ*. Councillors had previously discussed this issue. (*see below item 11*)
 - 2.2. Mr Laxton reported a crucial streetlight on the bend of Clay Hill was out. Clerk to report. **CLK**
 - 2.3. C. Gossop (TMAEG) – referred to the recent tarmacking of the steps and path in the central area as ugly and an insensitive choice of materials, and his letter to MKC on the subject. This view contrasted with several expressed on the Friends of TMA Page where the repair had been welcomed as the slabs had been so uneven. He reported that Open Gardens would be going ahead this year. He asked if AHPC would be willing to contribute to shrub planting work at the entrance to the park by the dentists/hairstylists. He had been liaising with MKC landscaping officers who were in agreement that TMAEG carry out the works. He was invited to submit a formal request for a grant from AHPC.
 - 2.4. Julie Spragg relayed the gratitude of the members of the Allotments Association for the recent tree/hedge trimming and the new fence at the Allotments (*see item 6 below*).
3. **Approval of Minutes and any Matters Arising** not covered below
 - 3.1. **Resolved** – the November Minutes were approved as a true record, subject to the alteration of 'Weight' to 'Waist' Watchers under item 5. Proposer: Cllr Lewis, seconder: Cllr Galbraith. Unanimous.
 - 3.2. **Matters arising** – None.
4. **Declarations of Interest in any of the following items** – None
5. **Friends of Two Mile Ash Page (FoTMA)** – There were almost 1,300 'Friends'. Parking issues and the tarmac repair in the central area had been the main recent issues.
6. **Allotment Works** – Councillors gratefully acknowledged that the Allotments Association had contributed £250 towards the costs of the fencing and tree pruning. Both works had been satisfactorily completed.
7. **Fault / Project Log**
 - 7.1. **Anti-parking bollards** – The Clerk had informed councillors that once handed over the liability for maintenance of the installed kerb protection will fall under AHPC. Trial holes dug this month – findings awaited.
 - 7.2. **New larger dog bin in Wymbush** – This was no longer overflowing and thus resolved.
 - 7.3. **The 'spare' bin had been erected** at the corner of Clarendon and Garamonde in Wymbush following a suggestion by a resident.

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7.4. Several new 'faults' items were added to the Log.

8. Finance

8.1. Payments for authorisation & balance – since November meeting

P in P payment (resulting from failed online transfer) - £300.00; Clerk's December salary - £573.60; HMRC (PAYE 3rd Qtr.) - £113.43; Room hire (autumn term) - £85.00; Clerk's January salary - £473.16; administration expenses (Dec & Jan) - £51.80; Dog/rubbish Bin emptying (annual) - £1,784.64; Tree Pruning (allotments) - £500.00; MKC (Kerb bollards trial holes) - £210.00; new fence (allotments) - £3,094.00.

Balance - Available funds £41,903.

8.2. Budget & Precept approval – It was agreed to increase the Revenue budget by approximately 3% and to add £15,000 to the proposed Capital budget - £5,000 more towards the Post & Rail project, and £10,000 to establish a fund for potential devolved services in 2020. Proposer: Cllr Lewis, seconder: Cllr Galbraith. Unanimous.

8.2.1. Clerk's salary increase - The above included an additional 'Spine Point' (agreed national salary) increase, equivalent to 41p per hour from the beginning of the next financial year. Proposer: Cllr Lewis, seconder: Cllr Simpson. Unanimous.

8.2.2. Devolved Services 'expression of interest' – Councillors agreed to this on the basis that in this way they would be informed of costs, provided with maps and kept abreast of developments.

8.2.3. Precept – Councillors agreed an increase in precept equivalent to approx. £10 per Band D property, bringing it up to approx. £30 – a precept of £43,500. Proposer: Cllr Lewis, seconder: Cllr Galbraith. Unanimous.

8.3. Councillors requested that the Clerk research Allotments expenditure 'as far back as possible'. **CLK**

9. Planning Applications

9.1. Previous (for update)

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. *Awaiting Decision*

17/01761/FUL Land East of Optima 130 Garamonde Drive Wymbush, Erection of a single - commercial unit of 1,860sqm GEA for B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage & distribution) and associated car parking and landscape planting. *Permitted*

17/02577/FUL 10 Burewelle Two Mile Ash Build over rear first floor extension. *Permitted*

17/02671/FUL 14 Fairways Two Mile Ash First floor extension and part garage conversion. *Permitted*

17/02686/FUL 1 Fairways Pitfield Kiln Farm, Change of use of part of existing office (use class B1) to a gym (use class D2). *Permitted*

17/02687/ADV 1 Fairways Pitfield Kiln Farm, Advertisement consent for the proposed installation of 2 x internally illuminated fascia signs, illuminated LED strip, 2 x totem signs and internal window vinyls. *Permitted*

17/02824/FUL 54 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash, Two storey rear and first floor side extensions. *Permitted*

17/02935/FUL, 1 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, Two storey rear extension and first floor side extension over garage. *Permitted*

17/03136/FUL At: 18 The High Street Creation of First Floor and single storey rear extension(resubmission)

At: 18 The High Street. *Pending*

17/03118/FUL 12 Kewick, Side & Rear Extension Single Storey Extension, *Pending*

17/03165/FUL 24 Fairways Two Mile Ash Single storey rear/side extension and partial garage conversion. *Permitted*

8.2. New –

17/03288/CLUP 26 Downland Two Mile Ash, Certificate of lawfulness for proposed garage conversion. *(for information only)*

17/03319/FUL 21 Church Hill Two Mile Ash, ERECTION OF TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND EXTENSION OF EXISTING VEHICLE CROSS OVER. No objections.

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18/00079/CLUE 14 Kepwick Two Mile Ash, Certificate of lawfulness of existing single storey rear extension. *(for information only)*

18/00086/FUL 9 Langton Drive Two Mile Ash, Single storey rear extension. No objections.

18/00103/FUL 16 Capian Walk Two Mile Ash, Construction of an attached dwelling. No objections.

10. Correspondence and Grant requests (other than circulated via email) – Christmas Card from The Mayor and Mayoress; 2 Clerk's magazine circulars.

11. Other Meetings and New Items

11.1. The postponed Community Annexe meeting had been postponed once more.

11.2. WEA – scheduled meeting for Delegated Decision on V4 Underpasses/Crossings announced for 30th Jan. Report recommendations propose abandoning underpasses in favour of 'signalised at-grade crossings' in spite of 67% public consultation in favour of underpasses. Cllr Simpson/Clerk to respond/attend meeting. **DS/CLK**

11.3. Kerb parking on the Christmas tree horseshoe green – Clerk to investigate what other parishes do and whether liability for vehicle damage is an issue. **CLK**

11.4. Cllr Simpson reported that severe noise had been emanating from the Golf Centre on 13th January, reaching right over the golf course to both The Approach and Pyke Hayes, and went on until 01.15 hrs. This was unacceptable. Clerk to report. Cllr Simpson was advised to invite other residents to complain individually. **DS/CLK**

11.5. Damaged and broken signage on Fairways (by H3) and Downland (Clay Hill end). Clerk to report. **CLK**

11.6. School warning signs on High St coming down towards Ashbrook School and white-line warning on tarmac are unreadable – Cllr Galbraith. Clerk to report. **CLK**

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting –

Thursday 15th February 2018 at 7.30pm at TWO MILE ASH SCHOOL

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed

date