

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 21st October 2021 at 7.30pm at Two Mile Ash School

Present: Cllrs D. Simpson (in the Chair), A. Evans, A Pant, K. Ryan; no members of the public.
Clerk: J. Vischer.

1. **Apologies** – None.
2. **Public Open Forum** - None
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.
 - 4.2. **Matters Arising from the September Minutes** -
 - 4.2.1. **Litter-picking equipment** - 6 sets will be lent to the 1st Great Holm Brownies & 1st Two Mile Ash Rainbows on 22nd October. Feedback/Photos to follow. **CHR**
 - 4.2.2. **MKPA play sessions** - Positive feedback report received about attendance etc but only 5 sessions referred to instead of 8. Clerk to make enquiries, and to ask permission to use some of the photographs for the parish website. **CLK**
5. **Communications**
 - 5.1. **Possible Meeting Date Change** - it was unanimously approved to change the meeting date to the Second Thursday of the month. Start Date: 13th January 2022. Proposer Cllr Simpson, seconder Cllr Evans.
 - 5.2. **Website**
 - 5.2.1. An item advertising the completion of the High St 'post & rail' to be added with photos. Clerk and Chair to liaise. **CLK/CHR**
 - 5.2.2. Clerk to notify Cllr Ryan when posting news items for Fb/Twitter links. **CLK**
 - 5.3. **Social Media** - nothing of unusual significance reported.
6. **Environment - Project and Fault Update** - 29 items: 9 projects and 20 faults ongoing. Major items:
 - 6.1. **Xmas Tree replacement** - Acorn Nurseries confirmed Norway spruce (Picea abies - 4/4.5m tall) would be selected from grower in mid-October. Landscape contractor recommended by nursery arranged site visit with Clerk to prepare quotation for installation and removal (4th Nov). **CLK**
 - 6.2. **Cobbled tree pits by the shops** - 9 pits completed - all look satisfactory. 3 remaining pits designated for shrub planting. Discussed at 3rd Option meeting - on-site manager proposes "grinding out tree roots and planting around the edge"; Clerk suggested lifting out tree roots and re-setting dislodged cobbles afterwards. Grounds Maintenance Manager to visit site and recommend the best solution.
 - 6.3. **Post & Rail phases 2 & 3** - High St completed. Clay Hill started.
 - 6.4. **Xmas Lights feeder pillar** - Feeder pillar and pole in place by 24th September but unpainted. Awaiting commissioning by Western Power.
 - 6.5. **Wildflower Verge** - Awaiting re-sowing. The Clerk had issued a reminder to the contractor.
 - 6.6. **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure** - The final list submitted after investigation by the BP representative: Haldene; Medhurst; Downland (x2) at both ends; Dentist/hairdressers; on the other side of High St at Ashbrook School end. All charge points to comprise one 'lipstick' pillar and small feeder pillar providing two charging points. Copy of submission with photos to be requested. **CLK**
7. **Finance**
 - 7.1. **Payments for authorisation & Balances** - since the July meeting:
Clerk's salary (period 7) £1,082.55; Hire of meeting room (September) £42.50; Clerk's admin/ expenses £38.96; Counselling Grant re-issue (YIS) £500.00; TMAEG grant (Bluebell Circuit) £340.00. These payments were approved unanimously. Proposer Cllr Ryan, seconder Cllr Evans.

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Precept 2nd Tranche paid in: £32,875.

Available funds (bank reconciliation of main account) at 30 September 2021: £113,570. (plus reserves £38,446)

7.2. **Savings account** - Cllr Evans suggested the Clerk look into better interest rates at Goldman Sachs.

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8. Planning Applications

8.1. Previous

21/01868/NMA 18 The High Street Two Mile Ash, Non-material amendment to permission ref. 17/03136/FUL seeking to change the roof of lean-to from felt to roof tiles and change the support from timber posts to bricks and blocks relating to creation of first floor and single storey rear extension (resubmission of 17/00833/FUL). *Application Withdrawn*

21/02022/FUL 70 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, Erection of single storey side extension. *Pending*

21/02056/FUL 56 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash, The erection of a front and rear ground floor extension including internal alterations. *Pending*

21/02253/FUL 5 Sedgemere Two Mile Ash, Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of a single storey rear extension. *Pending*

21/02397/FUL 43 Leaffield Rise Two Mile Ash, Erection of first floor extension over existing garage, infill front and side ground floor extensions and single storey rear extension. *Pending*

21/02352/FUL 4 Tadmere Two Mile Ash, Erection of single storey front and rear extension. *Pending*

8.2. New

21/02056/FUL 56 Clay Hill Two Mile Ash, The erection of a front and rear ground floor extension including internal alterations. No objections.

21/02724/CLUP8 Thorncliffe Two Mile Ash, Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of a canopy/veranda lean to rear patio.

21/02818/FUL 4 Cavenham Two Mile Ash, Garage conversion and single storey rear extension. No objections.

21/03044/FUL 27 Milesmere Two Mile Ash, The erection of a first floor extension over existing garage with pitched dormers and roof lights. No objections.

9. **Grants and Correspondence** - no grant applications or postal correspondence.

10. Other Meetings and New Matters

10.1. **Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA) membership offer** - councillors voted not to become members of the association. Against 3, For 1.

10.2. **YIS** - it was noted that the grant cheque had to be re-issued as the original cheque had been lost. Cllr Ryan enquired as to how much of the grant had been spent on the 5 referrals to date. Clerk to request information.

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10.3. **MKC public contracts** - a discussion as to why MK Council was allowed to keep their contractor contracts confidential took place. The Clerk reported that this was a regular discussion point amongst Clerks but MKC had always resisted attempts to make details public. Clerk to enquire further regarding the 'post and rail' contract. [*post-meeting note*: the Clerk ascertained that there is only a works order issued to the contractor most of which AHPC has already seen, i.e. the budgeted cost and plan locations. This is supplemented by a walk around the site with the contractor before work starts. The only 'contract' is that originally issued between MKC and the term-contractor (Ringway) which necessarily covers all aspects of all the different areas of work covered by Highways. This is a public document]

11. **Date of Next Meeting** – Thursday 18th November 2021. To be held at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed

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