

# ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



## MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 16th December 2021 at 7.30pm at Two Mile Ash School

**Present:** Cllrs D. Simpson (in the Chair), A. Evans, K. Ryan; prospective parish councillor Mr Peter Blyth; no members of the public; no Ward Councillors

Clerk: J. Vischer.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr A. Pant. These were accepted.
2. **Guest - Reverend Adedayo Adebisi** gave a brief summary of The Food Pantry project which has been offering free food packs for the needy at the church since May once every month on Saturdays. Councillors indicated that they would likely support a grant funding request for the Food Pantry if submitted by the church, although Rev. Adebisi advised funds were sufficient in the short term. There were plans to increase the frequency of opening. A Youth Project was also under consideration.
3. **Parish Councillor Co-option** - Due to the requirement for a new Notice of Vacancy to be issued it was agreed that, should no election be called, Mr Peter Blyth would take up his parish councillor role following the expiry of said Notice - 20th December 2021.
4. **Public Open Forum** - None
5. **Declarations of Interest in any of the agenda items** – None.
6. **Approval of previous Minutes and any Matters Arising** (not covered below)
  - 6.1. **Minutes of the November Meeting** previously circulated, were unanimously approved. Proposer Cllr A Evans, seconder Cllr K Ryan.
  - 6.2. **Matters Arising from the November Minutes** - None
7. **Communications**
  - 7.1. **Website** - Various suggestions had been discussed since the last meeting. It was noted that on connecting to the website via iPhone the Facebook and Twitter 'buttons' had been reversed. Testing to be carried out by all on both iPhone and Android phones.
  - 7.2. **Social Media** - Facebook (Fb) and Twitter: nothing of unusual significance reported.
    - 7.2.1. **Friends of Two Mile Ash (FoTMA)** - it was pointed out that the 'About Us' statement implied that the Parish Council had been instrumental in setting-up the FoTMA with the added implication that the Council was responsible for its running and content. This was contrary to the understanding given by previous councillors to the Clerk which had been that residents set up the Facebook Page. Although at least one parish councillor has been co-opted as one of the administrators since then, this role is seen as a cooperative one to ensure the parish council's involvement and to aid it in becoming aware of issues of concern to residents. AHPC runs its own Fb Page. Text to be investigated. [*post-meeting note* - following email discussion the text was re-edited and agreed. Revised text posted on 18th December by Cllr Ryan]
    - 7.2.2. **FoTMA** - It was noted that a policy change had been introduced by Facebook affecting who could join the Group. To be discussed outside of this meeting.
8. **Environment**
  - 8.1. **Electric Vehicle Charging Points** - The BP representative had arranged a follow-up meeting on 9th December. He reported that he had removed one of the Downland sites as it turned out to be privately owned. Due to a reduction in the national grant, the cost of installing charging points could only be justified by marking off 3 to 4 bays per feeder pillar. As a result 2 locations on High St had become one. The Clerk asked if BP would be contacting residents about the proposed locations to which he said they would not. Councillors agreed to the proposal to hold a residents consultation. In the meantime BP would continue with the modified application.
  - 8.2. **Project and Fault Log Update** - 24 items: 8 projects and 16 faults ongoing. Main projects:

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**8.2.1. Xmas Tree replacement** - The new tree had been planted, and the old one removed on December 1st.

**8.2.2. Cobble tree pits by the shops, 3 remaining pits designated for shrub planting** - no update.

## **8.2.3. Xmas Lights**

**8.2.3.1.** It emerged following a visit from the Xmas tree lights installer that the lights could not be installed as a gantry cable was not suitable for the new tree. The installer had expected to find an underground trench to the tree from the pillar. [*post-meeting note* - following contact with the MKC officer the next day the Clerk arranged for the officer to speak directly to the contractor - the officer had proposed a temporary fix. A quotation was then received from the installer to bed in a temporary cable under the turf with associated fixings etc. Following circulation amongst councillors the go-ahead was given. Installation date: Tuesday 21st December]

**8.2.3.2.** The feeder pillar slabs had been removed as requested and the trench soil had been seeded and rolled.

## **9. Finance**

### **9.1. Payments for authorisation & Balances** - since the November meeting:

Clerk's salary (period 9) £818.00; Hire of meeting room (November) £42.50; Xmas Tree replacement works £384.00; Clerk's admin/expenses £16.00; HMRC (PAYE 3rd Qtr) £410.88. Payments were approved unanimously.

Available funds (bank reconciliation of main account) at 30 November 2021: £111,190. (plus reserves £38,446).

### **9.2. Budget/Precept Considerations 2022-23** - The projected spending to end-of-financial-year was reviewed. The principle of allowing budget projects to drive the precept level was agreed. An extra meeting to exchange ideas was proposed. **DS**

## **10. Planning Applications**

### **10.1. Previous**

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

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

21/02724/CLUP 8 Thornccliffe Two Mile Ash, Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of a canopy/veranda lean to rear patio. *Permitted*

21/02818/FUL 4 Cavenham Two Mile Ash, Garage conversion and single storey rear extension. *Permitted*

21/03044/FUL 27 Milesmere Two Mile Ash, The erection of a first floor extension over existing garage with pitched dormers and roof lights. *Pending*

21/03241/FUL Sikh Temple Keller Close Kiln Farm, The erection of a two storey side extension and alterations to parking. *Pending*

21/03429/FUL 20 Church Hill Two Mile Ash, The erection of first floor extension over existing ground floor extension and new porch to front elevation (re-submission of similar proposal of 21/00821/FUL). *Pending*

### **10.2. New**

21/03296/FUL 6 Leafield Rise Two Mile Ash, Construction of a loft conversion with one front dormer and two rear dormer extensions. It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds of overlooking the neighbour, and consequent loss of privacy; loss of daylight; out of character with location. **CLK**

21/03577/FUL 10 Brindlebrook Two Mile Ash, The erection of a new front extension, new first-floor side window and a part two-storey and part single storey rear extension. No objection.

21/03685/FUL 19 Cavenham Two Mile Ash, Erection of part two storey and single storey rear extension and internal alterations. No objection.

**11. Grants and Correspondence** - no grant applications. MK Connect flyers.

## **12. Other Meetings and New Matters**

**12.1.** MKC had passed on a proposal for a memorial bench in the Community Garden Area. Clerk to liaise with the Gardening Group. **CLK**

**13. Date of Next Meeting** – Thursday 13th January 2022. To be held at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

*Signed*

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