

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 10th March 2022 at 7.30pm at Two Mile Ash School

Present: Cllrs D. Simpson (in the Chair), A. Evans, K. Ryan, A. Pant; no members of the public; Mr C Gossop for Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG); no Ward Councillors.

Clerk: J. Vischer.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr P. Blyth. These were accepted.
2. **Public Open Forum** - Mr Gossop (TMAEG) updated councillors on the Committee's response to the Parish Council's suggestions for closer cooperation. These included Parish Council reporting of TMAEG's events and projects on the parish website with relevant TMAEG links, an upcoming meeting to be held between the two organisations, the enclosure of a loose-leaf sheet reporting on AHPC activities in the imminent Open Gardens brochure, and help with the latter's door-to-door delivery. Mr Gossop also reported that the Community Garden leader, Ray Cristoe, had agreed to the Garden being included in the Open Gardens event.
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 February Meeting** previously circulated, were unanimously approved. Proposer Cllr A Evans, seconder Cllr K Ryan.
 - 4.2. **Matters Arising from those Minutes**
 - 4.2.1. **MK Play Association provision** (*item 10.1*) - it had been agreed in-between meetings that AHPC would continue to offer the sessions in spite of the significant increase in prices. The two Easter session times and dates proposed by the Association were agreed.
5. **Communications**
 - 5.1. **Annual Parish Meeting** - the Clerk reported that the School Hall was not available to hire for the proposed date. It was agreed to hold the meeting prior to the next Ordinary Meeting in the usual meeting room.
 - 5.2. **Community Award** - Councillors unanimously approved Cllr Evans' proposal to offer the Award to a local Group. Proposer Cllr A Evans, seconder Cllr A Pant. Clerk to arrange trophy. **CLK**
 - 5.3. **Website**
 - 5.3.1. **Requested snags** - still outstanding despite repeated reminders from the Clerk. Neither had the request for site traffic figures been answered. [Facebook and Twitter 'buttons' reversal on smartphones; excluding 'Latest News' from 'Archive News'; 'Meetings Agendas Minutes' calendar date order to be reversed to most-recent-first on current year]. Clerk to continue sending reminders. **CLK**
 - 5.3.2. **Business Links policy** - unanimously approved. Proposer Cllr A Pant, seconder Cllr K Ryan.
 - 5.4. **Social Media** - Facebook (Fb) and Twitter: nothing of unusual significance reported.
6. **Environment**
 - 6.1. **Landscaping Services from 2023** - the Clerk had conveyed the February meeting decisions to the liaison officer. An email had been received, 21st February, confirming that: *"The indicative / predicted TUPE position for Abbey Hill Parish Council is 0.5 FTE. It is likely therefore that Serco's initial position is that TUPE will not apply"*. To date a 'Third Option' choice had still not been offered by Milton Keynes Council (MKC). Nevertheless it was agreed to abide by the February decisions and not sign the Expression of Interest Form regarding full devolution of Landscape Services.
 - 6.2. **Project and Fault Log Update** - 24 items: 6 projects and 18 faults ongoing. Main projects:
 - 6.2.1. **Play Area projects** - Phil Snell the liaison officer had agreed to meet virtually with councillors. Clerk to arrange a meeting. **CLK**
 - 6.2.2. **Xmas Lights** - as there was still no response from MKC regarding the continued use of the Xmas

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tree armoured cabling, nor sign of the installation of the promised two additional connections it was agreed to withhold payment until the latter had been installed. Clerk to contact relevant officers. [*post meeting note*: two sockets had been installed

6.2.3. Tree Pits - the Clerk had yet to obtain the plants.

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7. Finance

7.1. Payments for authorisation & Balances - since the February meeting:

Clerk's salary (period 12) £1,014.35; Information Commissioners Office (annual sub) £35.00; Clerk's admin/expenses £35.42; MK Council (Feeder pillar installation) £5,813.23; HMRC (PAYE 4th Qtr) £496.15; TMAEG (Open Gardens grant) £100.00. Payments were approved unanimously. Available funds (bank reconciliation of main account) at 28 February 2022: £100,529. (plus reserves £38,447).

8. Planning Applications

8.1. Previous

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

21/03296/FUL 6 Leaffield Rise Two Mile Ash, Construction of a loft conversion with one front dormer and two rear dormer extensions. *Pending*

21/03685/FUL 19 Cavenham Two Mile Ash, Erection of part two storey and single storey rear extension and internal alterations. *Awaiting Decision*

21/03696/FUL 2 The Approach Two Mile Ash, Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two-storey side and rear 2-bedroom annexe extension with pitched roof over. *Objected to. Awaiting Decision*

22/00101/FUL 5 Cherleton Two Mile Ash, The erection of ground & first floor side and rear elevation extension and internal alterations. (Resub 21/03677/FUL). *Pending*

8.2. New

22/00413/FUL 35 Chardacre Two Mile Ash, The erection of a single storey, rear, lean-to conservatory. No objections.

For info - 21/03684/CLUP 4 Garamonde Drive Wymbush, Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of a 70 sqm canopy with retractable awning including decked area and ramp to rear of building. Side walkway canopy to be erected also.

9. Grants and Correspondence - Two Clerk's Quarterlies - SLCC and Councils Direct.

10. Other Meetings and New Matters

10.1. Councillor photo's - it was agreed that councillors could choose to display their photo on the website but this was voluntary.

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10.2. Parishes Forum - Cllr Ryan offered to attend the Parishes Forum meeting (virtual) on behalf of AHPC on 17th March. This was welcomed.

10.3. Report on AHPC activities - the loose-leaf sheet to be prepared by Cllr Simpson.

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10.4. Road Safety Accident Figures - the Chair had analysed the MKC Two Mile Ash figures drawn up over the last three years. There had been only two serious accidents and neither had occurred at the busy junctions. He had drawn up a map of the incidents.

11. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 21st April 2022. To be held at Two Mile Ash School following the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Signed

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