

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 21st April 2022 at 7.45pm at Two Mile Ash School following the Annual Parish Meeting

Present: Cllrs D. Simpson (in the Chair), A. Evans, K. Ryan, A. Pant, P. Blyth; Mr C Gossop and Mr B Lindsay for Two Mile Ash Environmental Group; Ward Councillor R Exon

Notes taken by Cllr Ryan.

Parish Annual Meeting

The 2022 Abbey Hill Parish Council Community Award was presented to Mr C Gossop and Mr B Lindsay who received the award on behalf of the volunteers of the Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG). The Award was gratefully received. Following the Chairman's Parish Council Report for 2021-2022 various environmental matters were raised by TMAEG:

- Parking by Radcote Lodge - mess caused by uncleared leaves. Clerk to report.
- OneStop Shop logo - the sunburst sign at the top of the wall had broken in two. Clerk and TMAEG to write letters to Tesco regarding repair.
- Bicycle rack outside OneStop Shop - request for the number of spaces to be increased. Clerk to liaise.

Main Meeting

1. **Apologies** – Clerk: J. Vischer. These were accepted.
2. **Declarations of Interest in any of the agenda items** – Cllr K Ryan regarding planning item 7.2, no1 Belmont Court.
3. **Approval of previous Minutes and any Matters Arising (not covered below)**
 - 3.1. **Minutes of the March Meeting** previously circulated, were unanimously approved. Proposer Cllr A Evans, seconder Cllr P. Blyth.
 - 3.2. **Matters Arising from those Minutes**
 - 3.2.1. **Report on AHPC activities (item 9.3)** - Councillors had welcomed and approved the Chair's annual report.
4. **Communications**
 - 4.1. **Website - Requested snags** - these had now been fixed.
 - 4.2. **Social Media** - Facebook (Fb) and Twitter: nothing of unusual significance reported.
5. **Environment**
 - 5.1. **Electric Vehicle Charging Points**
 - 5.1.1. On 22nd March the Chair and Clerk had attended a virtual meeting with the BP liaison officer for an update: Medhurst, Haldene and Downland appear to be the easiest to justify financially for the bid; AHPC proposed that the Council might be able to fund the widening of the pavement on the High St. as it abutted the central green and would obviate the need to use a parking space for each charging point; it was established that Karen Boys was the liaison officer at Milton Keynes Council (MKC).
 - 5.1.2. Subsequently the Clerk arranged a virtual meeting between AHPC and Karen Boys on 20th April. Both the Chair and the Clerk attended. Ms Boys explained that the March deadline for the bid had been pushed forward for another year by the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) - this relaxation allows MKC to delay submission of grant requests and more time for public consultation, and for reassessment of potential sites; Ward councillors have not been involved in the scheme yet; she had not heard about the proposal to widen the pavement around the charging points on the High St.; confirmed there were land ownership issues with some of the sites previously identified by BP. MKC's next move would most likely be organising a general consultation on the project.
 - 5.2. **Project and Fault Log Update** - 27 items: 6 projects and 21 faults ongoing. Main projects:
 - 5.2.1. **Play Area projects** - MKC officer P Snell apologised for not attending the arranged meeting on 17th March. Cllrs Blyth, Simpson and the Clerk inspected the play area, the siting of new equipment, and the condition of the existing equipment. It had been noted in later email exchanges that a basket swing, proposed by the officer, would make a significant contribution but suggested keep-fit style equipment was not suitable.
 - 5.2.2. **Xmas Lights** - the Clerk had formally emailed the MKC engineer regarding the continued use of the Xmas tree armoured cabling to the effect that 'as we have not heard to the contrary we intend using the armoured cable supply to the tree (installed in December 2021) this coming

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Christmas and in future years'.

5.2.3. Tree Pits - Cllr Blyth and the Clerk had planted the shrubs on 24th March. This completes the project.

6. Finance

6.1. Payments for authorisation & Balances

 - since the March meeting:

Milton Keynes Council (post and rail phases 2 & 3) £44,532.53; SERCO (Tree pits works) £4,428.00; Clerk's salary & expenses (period 01) £1,112.01; Society of Local Council Clerks SLCC - annual subscription £171.00; Bucks Association of Local Councils (BALC) - councillor training £135.00; Community Award £30.99. Payments were approved unanimously.

It was noted that SERCO had still not invoiced for last season's extra landscaping works [also noted that the 2020-21 works had not been invoiced and this paid, until last financial year, 2021-22] Available funds (bank reconciliation of main account) at 5 April 2022: £45,721. (plus reserves £38,448).

7. Planning Applications

7.1. Previous

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. Refused*

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*

22/00413/FUL 35 Chardacre Two Mile Ash, The erection of a single storey, rear, lean-to conservatory. *Awaiting Decision*

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. *Application Withdrawn*

22/00605/FUL 64 Leaffield Rise Two Mile Ash, Front single storey extension and addition of front roof dormers. (objected to). *Pending*

7.2. New

22/00734/PNHSE 20C *The Approach Two Mile Ash*, Prior Approval of single storey rear extension, with eaves of 2.8 metres and maximum height of 3.2 metres, extending 3.5 metres from the original rear wall. No objections.

22/00930/FUL 1 Belmont Court Two Mile Ash, Erection of a single storey rear orangery. No objections.

Appeal - 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.* It was noted that an Appeal against Refusal had been lodged.

8. Grants and Correspondence - Cllr A Pant sought clarification over the rules about Parish Council grants. To be supplied by the Clerk.

9. Other Meetings and New Matters

9.1. Milton Keynes Play Association (MKPA) Easter play sessions - Councillors were concerned that the level of service at both sessions had not been as good as expected. Furthermore the second session had been accidentally held on Downland Field instead of the usual central park area. To be discussed outside of the meeting. CLLRS/CLK

9.2. Food Pantry posters - It was noted that the posters had still not been taken down from the post and rail which was not designed to support such items. Clerk to contact the Church again informing them that the posters would be removed.

9.3. Future of Landscaping 'Third Option' - the Clerk had still not heard whether this would be offered from 2023. Ward Cllr Exon had not been given any information.

10. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 26th May 2022. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (election of officers etc.) followed by the next Ordinary Meeting. To be held at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed

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