

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 26th May 2022 at 7.45pm at Two Mile Ash School following the Annual Meeting

Present: Cllrs D. Simpson (in the Chair), A. Evans, K. Ryan, A. Pant; No Ward Cllrs; no residents.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr P. Blyth. These were accepted.
2. **Declarations of Interest in any of the agenda items** – None
3. **Approval of previous Minutes and any Matters Arising** (*not covered below*)
 - 3.1. **Minutes of the April Meeting** previously circulated, were unanimously approved. Proposer Cllr A Pant, seconder Cllr A Evans.
 - 3.2. **Matters Arising from those Minutes**
 - 3.2.1. **Electric Vehicle Charging Points** (*item 5.1.2*) - Clerk to request an update from Karen Boys, MKC Programme Manager, regarding consulting residents on the project. **CLK**
 - 3.2.2. **Play Area projects** (*item 5.2.1*) - Clerk to confirm whether it is necessary to use Milton Keynes Council (MKC) contractors for supply and install equipment. The basket-swing was approved as a suitable item for play equipment expenditure. Proposer Cllr A Evans, seconder Cllr K Ryan. **CLK**
 - 3.2.3. **Milton Keynes Play Association (MKPA) Easter play sessions** (*item 9.1*) - Councillors had been sent details regarding the Easter sessions following the raising of their concerns. It had been agreed to go ahead with the June half-term session and a flyer had been provided. Session to be monitored by available councillors. **CLLRS**
 - 3.2.4. **Food Pantry posters** (*item 9.2*) - These had been taken down by the Church organisers.
4. **Communications**
 - 4.1. **Website** - Clerk to seek further details from a business that had requested listing on the Links page.
 - 4.2. **Social Media** - Facebook (Fb) and Twitter: nothing of unusual significance reported.
5. **Environment**
 - 5.1. **Post and Rail fencing**
 - 5.1.1. **Clay Hill school side** - The Chair and Clerk had met with the MKC liaison officer and engineer to discuss the various options. Concern was raised by the engineer of the suitability of the recycled plastic fence as it might be repeatedly climbed over in this location. Subsequently he had not come up with any alternatives. A quotation was received for removal of the current collapsing post and rail fence for £3,414. The PA to the Headteacher at Two Mile Ash School had confirmed that there were no ongoing issues with the current railing but the School would prefer if it were replaced rather than simply removed. It was agreed to pursue a quotation to replace the existing. If it was the only option formal confirmation to be sought from the School that they would be happy if the old fence was simply removed. **CLK**
 - 5.1.2. **Outside Bargain Booze Shop** - It was agreed to ask for a quote to remove and replace the post and rail in front of the Bargain Booze Shop now that the shopkeeper has gone to the trouble of tidying-up the small area. **CLK**
 - 5.2. **Play Parks renovation** (Atherstone; Haldene) - At a productive on-site meeting called by AHPC the Chair met with Phil Snell, Strategic Landscape and Countryside Manager, and Robbie Caddock, SERCO, to discuss ways to renovate these two play areas. Remedial works at both sites to include: cleaning items, jet-washing surfaces, re-painting, cutting-back vegetation, removal of two spring items and replacement of old bench at Atherstone, repairs to springer and play house at Haldene. It was proposed that AHPC contribute £1,000 per site to costs. This was agreed unanimously - proposer Cllr A Pant, seconder Cllr K Ryan.
 - 5.3. **Project and Fault Log Update** - 28 items: 5 projects and 23 faults ongoing. Main item(s):
 - 5.3.1. **Subsidence by culvert near Atherstone/Kiln Farm** - the temporary repair works carried out after AHPC's initial reporting in 2021 has failed and requires urgent attention. This was pointed out to Phil Snell following the above meeting as it was nearby. He agreed to investigate the status of the works.

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6. Finance

6.1. Payments for authorisation & Balances - since the April meeting:

Clerk's salary & expenses (period 02) £951.03; MK Play Sessions (Easter) £800.00; TMA School (summer term room hire) £180.63. Payments were approved unanimously.

Available funds (bank reconciliation of main account) at 3 May 2022: £78,852. (plus reserves £38,448).

6.2. Internal Audit Report - It was noted that AHPC had 'met a very good standard'. Two minor adjustments had been suggested regarding training for councillors in Finance and a published link to Parish Councillors' Registers of Interests.

6.3. External Audit Approval

6.3.1. The Annual Governance Statement 2021-22 was duly filled-in and signed. Proposer Cllr A Evans, seconder Cllr K Ryan.

6.3.2. The Accounting Statements 2021-22 was approved and signed. Proposer Cllr A Pant, seconder Cllr A Evans.

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. *Permitted*

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. *Permitted*

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

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. *Prior Approval Not Required*

22/00930/FUL 1 Belmont Court Two Mile Ash, Erection of a single storey rear orangery. *Pending*

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.

7.2. New

22/00605/FUL 64 Leaffield Rise Two Mile Ash, Front single storey extension and addition of front roof dormers. Objected to between meetings.

22/00705/FUL 22 The High Street Two Mile Ash, Erection of two Storey front extension with associated Internal and external works. No comments.

22/00898/FUL 45 Shorham Rise Two Mile Ash, Construction of extended block-paved driveway and dropped kerb. No comments.

8. Grants and Correspondence - No grant requests. SLCC Clerks Quarterly.

9. Other Meetings and New Matters

10. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 16th June 2022. To be held at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed

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