

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 12th January 2023 at 7.30pm at Two Mile Ash School

Present: Cllrs D. Simpson (in the Chair), P. Blyth, K. Ryan, A. Pant, A Evans. two members of the public, Anne Vine, Natasha Cheriyan. Ward Councillor Rex Exon.

1. **Apologies** – None.
2. **Open Forum** - Anne Vine (AV) reported back on her meeting with Reverend Adedayo Adebisi at Holy Cross Church with a view to using the Church as a 'warm places' venue, and to meet the Pre-school coordinator. The latter expressed her support for the plan providing a temporary barrier could be erected outside the toilets to separate access. It was also pointed out that whichever volunteers used the kitchen facilities would strictly speaking be required to have a 'DBS' check as this would be for joint use (AV already has a 'DBS' check). AV suggested advertising for volunteers immediately. It was agreed that appeals should be made via the Abbey Hill website and Facebook links for a prospective meeting next Thursday January 19th at 7.30pm at the Church. AV promised to send details of a leaflet distributor who would also carry out basic leaflet design and printing, for the opening of the venue in a fortnight's time. Proposed text to be sent to the Clerk immediately. **AV/CLK**
Natasha Cheriyan reported that the previously overhanging shrubs in Kercroft had grown back and were causing an obstruction. Clerk to re-report. Ms Cheriyan proposed February as a suitable month for her litter-pick. Councillors offered their support; the Clerk would make arrangements for the sacks to be collected at the time. N Cheriyan to liaise with the Clerk for her chosen date and time.
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. **December 2022 Meeting Minutes Approval** - previously circulated, were unanimously approved. Proposer Cllr A Pant, seconder Cllr P Blyth.
 - 4.2. **Matters Arising from those Minutes**
 - 4.2.1. **MK Springers grant request** - The level of grant support for the Bridge Project had been agreed in between meetings at 7 places (£503.72). Clerk to add to Payments List. **CLK**
 - 4.2.2. **Xmas Lights** - Several positive comments had been received. A request to have the lights on in the early morning had also been received. This was agreed for next year.
5. **Communications**
 - 5.1. **Feedback from the Community** - Clerk to check whether visitors to the website could make suggestions about what they would like to see in the parish. [*post meeting note: visitors are not specifically encouraged to make suggestions but they are free to make any comments they wish*]
 - 5.2. **Website** - The Chair reported that the parish boundary map is no longer showing - only the interactive Google Map was showing. Clerk to report to provider. **CLK**
 - 5.3. **Social Media** - Facebook (Fb) and Twitter: Nothing of concern to report.
6. **Environment**
 - 6.1. **Monitoring MKCC contractor's work** - in the light of the reports to MKCC of poor workmanship on some parts of the post and rail, by councillors and Clerk, it was agreed to note in the minutes the MKCC response of 23 December 2022: "...will replace all of the defected rails, outside Radcote Lodge and outside the school.... Awaiting parts delivery from manufacturers... and will ensure that extra screws are put in. This will be done in January 2023".
 - 6.2. **'Warm Places' funding** - In light of the above it was agreed that the funds be applied for straightaway. [*post meeting note: the grant was applied for the day following the meeting - 13th January 2023*] **CLK**
 - 6.3. **Flower Planters** - both MKCC Highways and Landscaping departments responded saying that planters were "problematic" for both when it came to maintenance. However they did not rule

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them out. It was agreed to postpone a decision until the next meeting.

6.4. Proposed Defibrillator - On a site-visit to One Stop Shop the Clerk noted the sidewall was not even, being punctuated by brick columns, making sight of anything on the flat wall difficult. Across the road on the side wall of the Bargain Booze Shop there was a better location. The Clerk asked the shopkeeper if this wall belonged to the shop and if he had any objection to a defibrillator box being located there. He had no objection and offered to raise the issue with the landlord. **CLK**

6.5. Christmas Tree Green railing repair - It was agreed to postpone a decision until the next meeting. Site meeting proposed.

6.6. Project and Fault Log Update - 25 items: 4 projects and 21 faults ongoing. Items reviewed.

6.6.1. Redway fencing collapse (Log Item 156) - on the steep stream bank on the culvert near Kiln Farm and the Golf Course - It was noted that the condition of this fencing, subject to a temporary repair, had again worsened and was now dangerous. Clerk to re-report. **CLK**

7. Finance

7.1. Budget Approval - the draft budget was approved. Proposer K Ryan, seconder A Evans. Unanimous.

7.2. Precept Approval

7.2.1. The 1st Proposal for 0% increase in precept was not carried - Proposer D Simpson, seconder A Evans - For: 2 Against: 2 Abstain: 1.

7.2.2. The 2nd Proposal for 2.9% increase in precept was approved - Proposer K Ryan, seconder A. Pant - For: 3 Against: 2

7.3. Payments for authorisation & Balances

 - since the December meeting:

Clerk's salary & expenses (period 10) £1,209.50; Lamps & Tubes (Xmas Lights) £965.04; TMA School (Spring term room hire) £170.00; MK Springers (Grant) £503.72. Payments were approved unanimously.

Available funds (bank reconciliation of main account) at 31st December 2022: £83,715. (plus reserves £38,466).

8. Planning Applications

8.1. Previous

22/00898/FUL **45 Shorham Rise** Two Mile Ash, Construction of extended block-paved driveway and dropped kerb. *Permitted*

22/02216/FUL Transport House Brick Close **Kiln Farm**, Change of Use from warehouse (class B2) to Model Car Museum (class F1), erection of 2 storey extension to side of building including erection of open aspect canopy / coach shelter and internal alterations. *Pending*

22/02394/HOU **12 The Approach** Two Mile Ash, The demolition of the existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension, a first floor front extension with additional room in the loft space, rooflights to the side roofslope, additional solar panels to the side roofslope and render to existing dwelling and extension at first floor level. *Permitted*

22/02727/HOU **29 Thornccliffe** Two Mile Ash, The erection of a single storey side extension with roof lights. New areas of paving and new landscaping. *Awaiting Decision*

22/02948/HOU **21 Church Hill** Two Mile Ash, Erection of a single storey porch extension and single storey rear extension with conversion of part of the house to granny annexe. *Pending*

8.2. New

22/02921/HOU **18 The High Street** Two Mile Ash, The erection of a front porch with enclosed balcony terrace. No objections

23/00011/NMA **5 Cherleton** Two Mile Ash, Non-material amendment to permission ref. 22/00101/FUL seeking the substitution of the box bay window to flush French doors on front elevation relating to the ground floor and first floor side and rear extensions, and internal alterations. No objections

9. Grants and Correspondence - None.

10. Other Meetings and New Matters - None

11. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 9th February 2023. To be held at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm
The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed

date