

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 9th February 2023 at 7.30pm at Two Mile Ash School

Present: Cllrs D. Simpson (in the Chair), P. Blyth, A Evans, A. Pant, K. Ryan. Three members of the public, Anne Vine, Celia Keeh, Natasha Cheriyan.

1. **Apologies** – None.
2. **Open Forum** - Anne Vine (AV) reported back on the progress of the Warm Places initiative. The opening day (27th January) saw the attendance of one member of the public, whilst 4 volunteers were present. However at this stage none of the leaflets had yet been delivered. Last Friday (3rd Feb) there were 3 members of the public and 4 volunteers plus the presence of Reverend Adebiyi. Leaflets had been delivered over half of the estate. Mid-week this week saw the completion of leaflet delivery. AV reported that further DBS checks had been completed and volunteers also needed some support. Weekly updates by email were requested from AV. **AV**
Celia Keeh, also a volunteer for the program, proposed the setting-up of a sewing-cum-Craft Group principally with the aim of passing on skills for darning and adjustments to clothing to the next generation. This was warmly welcomed by councillors. The proposal would be to time this group's activities to coincide with the Friday Warm Places sessions. It was agreed that AHPC would advertise the proposal on the website and social media. Clerk to see if website provider would provide tailored email accounts for volunteers. **CLK**
Natasha Cheriyan had proposed February 19th as a suitable day for her litter-pick, following circulation to councillors. She had prepared a poster which had also been circulated. This was agreed with minor adjustments. Clerk to publish on website. MKCC had agreed to provide sacks and TMAEG had offered the use of a half-dozen of their litter-picks and hoops etc. Clerk to arrange pick-up location for filled sacks with MKCC. **CLK**
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. **January 2023 Meeting Minutes Approval** - previously circulated, were unanimously approved.
Proposer Cllr P Blyth, seconder Cllr A Pant.
 - 4.2. **Matters Arising from those Minutes** - none
5. **Communications**
 - 5.1. **Social Media/Website** Feedback from the Community - it was noted that the recent accidents at the new traffic light junction on the V4 was of concern. The difficulties of the 'right turn' without a filter light and the poor visibility of signals were contributory factors. Clerk to report and copy in Ward Cllrs. **CLK**
6. **Environment**
 - 6.1. **'Warm Places' funding** - *see Open Forum*
 - 6.2. **Path clearer/sweeper** - It was agreed that this was not part of the Parish Council's role.
 - 6.3. **Flower Planters** - In the light of MKCC Highways and Landscaping departments negative response it was agreed to shelve the initiative.
 - 6.4. **Proposed Defibrillator** - The Clerk had ascertained a ready source for a defibrillator and box within the budgeted price range. The Bargain Booze shop landlord had not yet responded. Clerk to pursue. **CLK**
 - 6.5. **Christmas Tree Green railing repair** - a site meeting had not yet been convened. Cllr Ryan to retrieve the stored railing from the allotment site. **KR**
 - 6.6. **Project and Fault Log Update** - 26 items: 6 projects and 20 faults ongoing. Items reviewed.

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7. Finance

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

Clerk's salary & expenses (period 11) £950.04; Marcus Young (bins emptying, annual) £3,594.24; Warm Places expenditure (printing, leaflets etc) £366.84; MKCC (post and rail phase 3) £13,900.01; Warm Places expenditure (expenses) £61.00; Warm Places expenditure (expenses) £69.04; SLCC (subscription, annual) £177.00. 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

22/02216/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*

22/02727/HOU **29 Thornclyffe** 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. *Permitted*

22/02921/HOU **18 The High Street** Two Mile Ash, The erection of a front porch with enclosed balcony terrace. *Pending*

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. *Permitted*

8.2. New

23/00058/HOU 40 Astlethorpe Two Mile Ash, The erection of a proposed two storey rear extension with rear gables, new side windows and extended block paved driveway. No objections.

9. Grants and Correspondence - None.

10. Other Meetings and New Matters

10.1. Bins on Tour Events - It was agreed to invite the presentation team to visit a Warm Places Friday get-together. **CLK**

10.2. Sight of new MKCC Landscaping contract - it was agreed to compose a formal letter requesting sight of the new contract for the provision of services to Milton Keynes with particular reference to Landscaping Services, Waste Services, Street Cleaning, Path Cleaning and other services that have been awarded to SUEZ. It was noted that the Clerk had made a verbal request for this at the most recent two-monthly landscape monitoring meeting. **AP/CLK**

10.3. MKCC parish walkabout - Cllr Blyth raised this for consideration. **CLLRS**

10.4. EV Chargers project - Clerk to request any update from MKCC. **CLK**

10.5. Xmas Tree Lights - It was agreed to investigate options and costs for further lighting. **CLK**

10.6. MK Springers grant - councillors requested an update from the organisation. **CLK**

11. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 9th March 2023. To be held at Two Mile Ash School at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed

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