

ABBEY HILL PARISH COUNCIL



Draft MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 12th October 2023 at 7.30pm at Holy Cross Church

Present: Cllrs D. Simpson (Chairman), A. Pant, K. Ryan (Vice Chairman), Dr A Evans; Ward Cllr Mr Rex Exon (MKCC), PCSO Maxey, PCSO Shaw, Anne Vine (Community Projects volunteer coordinator)

Residents: Mr Ray Cristoe (Community Garden), Ms V Thame.

Note-taker: Cllr A Evans.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr P Blyth, Clerk J Vischer. These were accepted.
2. **Open Forum** -
 - 2.1. **PCSO's regarding noisy motorbike issue** - PCSO's request intelligence so they can identify and catch the people responsible. The PCSO's describe an incident involving a car on the large field by Downland. They are currently liaising with MKCC for a solution to stop unauthorised vehicle trespassing. They state that it probably only involves a small number of culprits. Residents and Parish Cllrs feedback their experiences. Some discussion follows about CCTV and 'crimewave' cameras.
PCSOs to send a weblink for reporting motorbike and similar incidents. PCSOs also to provide AHPC with .pdf documents and some leaflets.
 - 2.2. **Community Speedwatch** - Parish Cllr Ryan introduced the subject and a brief discussion followed.
 - 2.3. **Vicky Thame addressed the meeting about the car park at the back of her flat.** The ownership of the land - North side of the High St near the xmas tree behind numbers 21/23 The High St - Ward Cllr Bradburn had yet to verify. The condition of the surface and the numbering of bays was discussed. Ward Cllr Exon was asked to provide a 'residents only' sign on behalf of MKCC.
 - 2.4. **Mr Ray Cristoe (Community Garden)** - Asked for bulbs and volunteers for Community Garden. 400 tulip bulbs in all to be provided by next weekend. Mr Cristoe talked about lack of remedial work on the broken walls in the community garden. *{first reported on AHPC Environment Log July 2021}*. In his opinion some of the walls pose a health and safety issue. Photos to be re-sent to Ward Cllrs and Cllr Casework. **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. **Minutes approval July 2023 Meeting** - unanimously approved subject to ratification at the next clerk'ed meeting. Proposer Cllr Evans, seconder Cllr Pant.
 - 4.2. **Matters Arising from previous Minutes** other than those listed on the agenda
 - 4.2.1. **MK Play Association reports had been received** - The Chair proposed that the average attendance rate of 80 children per session represented a successful outcome. Report to be shared on website. Detail to be discussed at la ater meeting. **CHR**
 - 4.3. Note - September meeting had been cancelled.
5. **Communications**
 - 5.1. **Community projects**
 - 5.1.1. **October Half-term Play Session** - this will have a Halloween theme and take place in the Church of the Holy Cross. Parents will have to book. Date of session: Wednesday 25 October. AHPC and Anne Vine to advertise via social media and website. **AV/CHR**
 - 5.1.2. **Coffee Morning sessions** - 14-15 people regularly attending plus drop-ins. A brief discussion of craft ideas and a proposal for a "party/buffet" at Christmas for one of the 'coffee mornings' was discussed. A "grant" of £250 was unanimously approved. Proposer Cllr Ryans, seconder Cllr Simpson. Anne Vine asked for AHPC support with Reverend Adedayo to ensure Coffee Morning continues to run even if proposed new Pre-school uses the Church. A brief discussion of lack of invoices from the Church to cover hall rental followed. Clerk to contact Reverend Adedayo with

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reminders.

CLK

5.1.3. Evaluation of change of meeting venue to Holy Cross Church - delayed until this meeting [*post meeting note*: initial reaction: successful and provided flexibility for more attendees]

5.2. Social Media/Website - no pressing concerns at present.

6. Environment

6.1. Dog Bin request (no.15, Blue Bell Walk) - An objection to the proposed location at the end of Bluebell Walk had been lodged by Two Mile Ash Environmental Group (TMAEG). A new location was proposed on the grass verge opposite the Walk on the far side of the High St. Cllr Simpson to inform the Clerk to liaise with the contractor and to prepare a diagram of the required location. **CHR**

6.2. Transformation maps - No new points raised.

6.3. Allotments -

6.3.1. Cllr Ryan confirmed that the draft Agreement had been sent to the Allotment Association (AA). AHPC received a brief letter from AA with a signed "tenancy agreement". It was agreed to invite the AA to a meeting at the Church when the Clerk was back.

6.3.2. The manhole cover was discussed. The received quote contained no itemised bill of work. It was agreed to seek an additional quote or see if the AA will do the work themselves. AHPC willing to fund the cost of materials. **KR/CLK**

6.4. Xmas Lights - New lights delivered to Cllr Simpson via the Clerk. 4 x 100m strands of coloured lights for the 6 trees nearest the Christmas tree. Some 4000 lights in all. The contractor will install in November and will remove old lights. AHPC currently waiting on an installation date. **CHR**

6.5. Proposed Defibrillator - Additional cost of a lockable cabinet was unanimously approved. Proposer Cllr Pant, seconder Cllr Simpson. Clerk to purchase. Clerk to liaise with the school caretaker regarding installation by the school's electrical contractor. **CLK**

6.6. Project and Fault Log Update - No new Log had been issued prior to the meeting.

6.6.1. Strimmer and other equipment - A brief discussion of the poor environmental state of TMA followed. Cllr Evans proposed buying some battery powered equipment for volunteers to use to improve the area. A budget of £500 was unanimously approved. Proposer Cllr Pant, seconder Cllr Simpson.. A strimmer and hedge trimmer would be sourced by Cllr Evans. **AE**

7. Finance

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

Clerk's salary & expenses (period 07) - £920.80 & £20) £940.80; Warm Places/Coffee Morning expenditure refund (supplies) £16.53; PKF External Auditor fees £378.00; Defibrillator and Box (inc.VAT) £1,986.00.

Payments had been approved prior to the meeting. As per previous minutes: subject to ratification. (Income August: precept 2: £35,450)

Available funds at 30 September 2023 (bank reconciliation of main account): £115,225.

Reserves (21 Sep): £38,682.

8. Planning Applications

8.1. Previous

22/02717/FUL **Kiln Farm Sports And Social Club**, Keller Close, Kiln Farm, Increase the height of the boundary fencing with concrete posts and bases (*retrospective*). *Awaiting Decision*

23/00954/HOU **9 Thornccliffe Two Mile Ash**, The erection of a single storey side extension. *Permitted*

23/01086/CLUP **2 Garston Two Mile Ash**, Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed loft conversion with dormer extension to side roofslope and rooflights. *Awaiting Decision*

23/01303/HOU **5 Pyke Hayes Two Mile Ash**, The erection of x2 single storey side extensions to connect garage to house. New rear door to main house, garage conversion including associated internal and external alterations and erection of a rear timber gazebo.

8.2. New - None.

9. Grants and Correspondence - None

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10. Other Meetings and New Matters

10.1.Cllr Blyth - Cllr Blyth had been absent from meetings since March 2023 - although not from email circulation and discussion. He is expected to return at the next meeting. His letter explaining absence for health reasons was unanimously accepted.

10.2.New request for a dog bin on Stone Hill - the resident had been invited to the meeting but was not present. Request put on hold. Clarification required.

10.3. Bulb Planting - A Plan showing where bulbs will be planted was accepted. Additional volunteers required. Volunteers on AHPC List to be contacted by the Clerk. Mr Cristoe to approach Radecote Lodge for bulb planting help in Community Garden.

10.4. Condition of the estate - Mr Chris Banfield, resident, had written in to complain about the road junctions being overgrown and potentially dangerous. In the opinion of the PCSOs the Church Hill/ High St junction was indeed dangerous. Ward Cllr Exon informed. Cllr Evans to write to Ward Cllr Bradburn on AHPC's behalf. Clerk to respond to Mr Banfield.

11. Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 9th November 2023 at Holy Cross Church at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.29pm.

Signed

date