



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

held at The Church of the Holy Cross
on Thursday 9 January 2025 at 7.30pm

Present – Councillors Blyth (Chair), Ryan (Vice Chair), Evans, Pant, Vine and Parish Clerk

Apologies – none

Item		Action
1/25	Apologies No apologies were received.	
2/25	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were declared.	
	<p>Public Forum</p> <p>Two members of the public attended to raise the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted planning application reference number PLN/2024/2352 relating to a micro-energy storage facility on land off Stone Hill, which had subsequently been withdrawn and discussed ways in which land could be protected and given a designation. It was suggested that residents could put forward suggestions for naming these parcels of land in the Parish. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had started to look at ways that it could protect this area of land, and others like it within the Parish. - Noted the levels of pollution in the Parish and the distances children were travelling to school which exacerbated this. The Chair and Councillors advised that such concerns were put to Chris Curtis MP either by email or by attending his surgery. - It was reported that the Two Mile Ash Environmental Group wished to resume their environmental programme and would appreciate a donation from the Parish Council for this week. The Clerk would send out the relevant application form for completion so the grant could be reviewed by the Parish Council at its next meeting. 	
3/25	Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2024 The minutes were resolved to be approved.	

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4/25	Discuss matters arising not already on the Agenda No items were agreed.	
Parish Council Matters		
5/25	Planning Annual Parish Meeting The Parish Council discussed holding an event on a Saturday afternoon, either 10 or 17 May, from the hours of 1-4 or 2-5pm. A survey would be sent out to gauge interest from community. It was suggested that Gardeners SOS from Great Holm could be contacted to be part of it, to see if there was interest to replicate similar could in the Parish. The Parish Council agreed that leafleting would be required prior to the event to raise awareness.	Clerk
6/25	Determining areas of individual Councillor responsibility The Parish Council agreed to assigned areas of individual Councillor responsibility and the Clerk would circulate a list of areas and Councillors would volunteer accordingly.	Clerk
7/25	Councillor Training The Parish Council discussed preferred dates to have a group training session which the Clerk would take back to BMKALC.	Clerk
Community Projects		
8/25	Update on Coffee Mornings Cllr Vine reported that the Coffee Mornings Christmas Event had gone well with 23 attendees. A dedicated webpage for the Coffee Mornings was discussed and considered a good idea which the Clerk would action.	Clerk
9/25	Update on MKPA sessions in 2025 The Clerk reported that a session had been booked for the morning of 19 February during the half term holidays and it would shortly be advertised. The Clerk agreed to circulate the spreadsheet of planned MKPA events through the year in accordance with the budget.	Clerk Clerk
Finance		



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10/25	<p>Consider reports on the financial position for the month ending 30 December 2024, retrospectively approve payments made in December and approve upcoming payments in January</p> <p>The Parish Council noted the financial position for the month ending 31 December 2024 and resolved to approve the payment made on 23 December to Anderson Catering for £358.75. It also approved the upcoming payment to Cllr Anne Vine for Coffee Morning Expenses of £47.09. The Parish Council also resolved to approved salary and salary-related payments to the Clerk.</p> <p>The Parish Council noted transfers between bank accounts and that the end of the quarter reconciliation would take place once the paper statements had been received by Charity Bank.</p> <p>The Clerk noted difficulties in obtaining a Barclaycard and the Parish Council resolved to agree the delegation of an alternative to the Clerk, including the transfer of the current account from Lloyds to another institution to facilitate a charge card as an alternative to a credit card.</p>	
Policies		
11/25	<p>Adopt Investments Policy The Parish Council resolved to adopt the policy as written.</p>	
12/25	<p>Adopt Reserves Policy The Parish Council resolved to adopt the policy as written.</p>	
Planning		
13/25	<p>Note status of previous Planning Applications considered by the Parish Council:</p> <p>The Parish Council noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 24/01803/FUL - 101 Downland, Two Mile Ash – under consultation - 24/01375/HOU - 44 Denmead, Two Mile Ash – approved - 24/01711/HOU - 26 Fairways, Two Mile Ash – under consultation - 24/01527/PRIOR Proposal: Volkswagen Group, Garamonde Drive, Wymbush - under consultation - 24/01946/PRIOR – Brioche Pasquier – under consultation - PLN/2024/2352 - Land off Stone Hill - withdrawn - PLN/2024/2534 – Unit K1, Pitfield, Kiln Farm – under consultation - PLN/2024/2362 - Volkswagen Group, Wymbush – under consultation 	



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	- PLN/2024/2489 - Verge adjacent to the Church Of The Latterday Saints, The High Street, Two Mile Ash – under consultation	
14/25	<p>Consider the following Planning Applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PLN/2024/2334 - 20 Shorham Rise, Two Mile Ash – the Parish Council resolved to object to this application on the grounds that this would exacerbate the already difficult parking situation in the area, especially being on a bend. - PLN/2024/2753 – 33 Milesmere, Two Mile Ash – no objection. - PLN/2024/2556 – DF Crash Repairs, Kiln Farm – no objection. 	Clerk
Communications		
15/25	<p>Update on a Hiring Agreement with Watling Valley Partnership Creation of the new Hiring Agreement was still in the hands of Watling Valley Partnership.</p> <p>A number of recent issues with the hire of the Church premises had also been sent to the Chair of the Partnership for which they had apologised. The Parish Council remained concerned that the systemic issues would continue to be unresolved.</p>	
16/25	<p>Update on the Allotments, including the cutting back of perimeter shrubbery and trees The Clerk reported that three quotes had nearly been obtained for the hedge and tree cutting in the allotments. It was now a question of obtaining agreement from residents as technically the contractors would be on their land in order to complete the work. The work would have to take place before early March.</p>	
17/25	<p>Update on Website and Social Media Cllr Ryan reported a slight seasonal decline of traffic on the website which was to be expected.</p>	
Environment		
18/25	<p>Update on MKCC Landscaping The Clerk and Cllr Blyth reported that while quotations had been received from MKCC for the regeneration of the verge outside of Ashbrook School they were higher than expected and MKCC were looking to other sub-contractors to price.</p>	
19/25	Consider Fault Log Update	



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	The Parish Council noted there was a caravan on Haldene which had been burnt out and requiring reporting.	Clerk
	It was agreed to invite the new Cllr Bradburn to a Coffee Morning.	Clerk
Meetings		
20/25	Clerk and Councillors Reports on meetings attended The Clerk and Cllr Blyth reported they had met with the MKCC Transport Planner regarding the Redway signage and the Parish Council project to regenerate them. As part of the project it would be necessary to replace the posts as well given that the new signage was much heavier. The existing signage would be plotted by the Clerk and Cllrs so MKCC could take this away for a desktop exercise to price with their contractors.	
21/25	Discussion topics for meeting with Chris Curtis MP (date TBC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ASB, particularly on Redways - Abandonment of bikes and e-scooters - Crime and policing - Warm Spaces and fuel allowance - Academy schools and impact on parking and traffic - Infill buildings - Flooding, particularly relating to the park - 	
22/25	Receive and consider items for the next agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parish Vision – survey for residents - Annual Parish Meeting - Grant to TMAEG 	
23/25	Date of next meeting Thursday 13 February 2025 at 7.30pm	
24/25	Confidential discussion, if required No confidential items were required to be discussed.	
Meeting ended at 21.28		

Signed: _____

Chair

Date: _____

Chairs Initials: