

**BRADWELL ABBEY NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP
MEETING 11TH JANUARY 2016**

Present:

Cllr Pamela Johnstone (Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council) (Chair of the meeting) (PJ),
PC Jon Brett (JB), Michael Allen (minutes) (MA)

Apologies: Lydia Selby (Chair of the NAG),

Cllr Ansar Hussain (Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council)

Distribution (in addition to the above):

Cllr Dave Lewis (Bradwell Ward, Abbey Hill Parish Council),

Cllr Rex Exon (Bradwell Ward, Bradwell Parish Council),

Cllr Robin Bradburn (Bradwell Ward), Glenys Downes, NAG Support (Milton Keynes Council),

Rob Ward (Milton Keynes Council), Colin Wilderspin (Milton Keynes Council),

Susi Jensen (Parks Trust), Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council, Abbey Hill Parish Council,
Bradwell Parish Council, Environmental Services at Milton Keynes Council

- Lydia Selby's apologies were presented. MA thanked Cllr Pamela Johnstone for chairing the meeting.
- Approval of the December minutes was deferred to the next meeting, as no one attending then (other than MA) was present at this meeting.

Chair's Report

MA reported on the bulb planting session held on 11th November in Two Mile Ash. 7.5 kilograms of the daffodil bulbs donated by Dobbies were planted where the Ash Brook runs under Clay Hill, on the upstream side of the road. Two 12-metre rows were planted roughly parallel to the Ash Brook on the north-west side of the stream. MA apologised for not reporting this at the last meeting.

The next EVA was arranged for Wednesday 20th January in Two Mile Ash, starting at 10:30 a.m. from Lydia Selby's house. We intend to look at the area around Norrington and Haldene. PJ and MA hope to attend. JB will find out whether a PCSO is available.

In the absence of the NAG Chair, the meeting agreed to defer discussion of the NAG's focus for 2016 to the next meeting.

Thames Valley Police Update: PC Jon Brett

JB stated that there was nothing significant to bring to the NAG's attention.

PJ noted a reduction in certain anti-social behaviour during the evening and early hours of the morning outside the shop in Hodge Lea over Christmas, and cited the shop's Christmas lights as a possible reason. JB advised reporting such ASB on 101 at the time of any incident. PJ stated that two of the street-lamps nearby were not working, and MA suggested that PJ reported this to Milton Keynes Council.

JB agreed to compile a review of recorded crime in Hodge Lea for the next meeting, time permitting.

Milton Keynes Council and Parishes Update: Cllr Pamela Johnstone

PJ reported that youths were playing ‘chicken’ outside Frederick Smith Court in Hodge Lea, and using abusive language against motorists. JB advised phoning 101 to report this at the time of any incident.

Litter and Dog Fouling

- a) Provision of litter- and dog-bins in Two Mile Ash: At the June meeting, Cllr Dave Lewis reported that Abbey Hill Parish Council was looking afresh at this matter. At the September meeting it was suggested that a future EVA could check whether a bin was still needed in front of Bargain Booze at the junction of Clay Hill and The High Street in Two Mile Ash.

Traffic and Parking

- a) Damage to the verge in Clay Hill opposite the junction with The Approach in Two Mile Ash: At the October 2014 meeting, Cllr Dave Lewis reported that he had taken Lydia Selby’s suggestion of a verge parking order to Abbey Hill Parish Council, and the clerk had then written to Milton Keynes Council asking for guidance. At the April meeting MA stated that he believed there was no need to provide a monthly update unless there was any change.
- b) Proposal for an extension of parking restrictions in Hodge Lea, in Brookside near the shop and at the bend in Brookside near the junction with Calvie Croft: To illustrate the need to extend parking restrictions near Calvie Croft, at the July meeting Cllr Pamela Johnstone cited an instance in which two buses were unable to pass each other because of parked cars. One of the buses had to mount the kerb, with a potential to cause damage.

Damage to infrastructure

- a) The poor state of some road signs, such as the “Two Mile Ash” sign at the junction of Clay Hill with the V5 (on the Wymbush side): After the September meeting, MA requested an update from Milton Keynes Council on this sign. (The poor condition of the sign was reported following the March EVA.)

Other Environmental issues

- a) Large unused steel frame near the junction of Heathfield and Briar Hill (Stacey Bushes): At the October meeting Cllr Dave Lewis agreed to visit the site.

Other Business

There was no other business.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday 8th February at Wolverton Police Station. The meeting finished at 7:37 p.m.