



MENTMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Mentmore Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at the Village Hall, Mentmore at 7.45pm

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Present: Councillors Marc Sharman, Jonathan Langley and Simon O'Shea

District Councillor Peter Cooper

2 PCSOs

Mrs L Byrom Clerk to the Council

5 members of the public

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

**2. To approve minutes of the APM held on Wednesday 15th May 2013**

It was PROPOSED SECONDED and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. To Elect the Chairman of the Council**

It was PROPOSED SOCONDED and RESOLVED to elect Councillor Jonathan Langley as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

The declaration of office was signed and witnessed.

**4. To Elect the Vice Chairman of the Council**

It was PROPOSED SECONDED and RESOLVED that Councillor Simon O'Shea be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for the forthcoming year.

**5. (a) Cllr Resignation;**

It was reported that Amanda Longhurst had resigned as a Councillor.

**(b) Appointment of New Councillor(s)**

It was PROPOSED SOCONDED and RESOLVED to appoint Peter Brazier as a new Councillor.

(c) Cllr Marc Sharman tendered his resignation from the Council forthwith.

Cllr Langley thanked Cllr Sharman for taking on the Chairmanship of the Council and for delivering it to its current state. The Clerk would contact Aylesbury Vale District Council and arrange for notices to be put up advertising the vacancy.

## **6. To Elect representatives to outside bodies**

All members of the Parish Council would be members of the Village Hall Committee.

## **7. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman gave the following report to the meeting:

“At its precept meeting in January, the Council had agreed to keep the increase to 2% which was in line with the increases by Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council.

Throughout the year, improvement works and decorating of the Village Hall had taken place. The Chairman thanked the volunteers for their continued hard work in keeping the Village Hall running.

New signs had been designed and put up on the village green and the new dog bins were now in situ and being used by dog owners.

The annual plant fair fundraising event had taken place and was a great success with proceeds going to the Village Hall fund.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their work over the year and new Councillors were needed as one had moved out of the area and another had resigned.”

Councillor Sharman thanked all the councillors for their hard work over the past year

## **8. Public Question Time**

Two local PCSOs attended the meeting to give an update for the previous year. The new inspector for the area was James Davies and there was a new PC Phil Duthie.

The Neighbourhood Priorities for the area were burglary, rural crime, ASB, violence against the person, and engagement with different communities such as the Elderly and vulnerable.

Crime figures for the area remained very low and were as follows:-

- Violence against the person remained at no reported offences for the year;
- Burglary in a dwelling remained at no reported offences for the year;
- Burglary non dwelling remained at no reported offences for the year;
- Theft from motor vehicles remained at no reported offences for the year.
- Criminal damage remained at no reported offence for the year; and
- Drug offences increased by 1 with 1 reported offence.

The Thames Valley Alert remained a free service which provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information about what the police and their partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour. To subscribe to the service visit [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk).