

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors Robert Fletcher (Chairman), Jonathan Langley (Vice Chairman), Iain Butler, Peter Brazier (Mentmore and Buckinghamshire Council), Caroline Horgan and Hannah Wrathall.

Mentmore Parish Clerk Bridget Knight.

Eight members of the public.

C/015/23 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/016/23 Apologies and Attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Tracey Waring-Mundy.

C/017/23 Mentmore Parish Council Vacancy.

Caroline Horgan was co-opted as Parish Councillor and signed the Declaration of Office.

C/018/23 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.

Councillor Brazier declared an interest in planning application number 23/00246/APP and left the meeting for the discussion and decision.

C/019/23 To approve the minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on the 25th January 2023.

It was agreed that the minutes were true and accurate. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

C/020/23 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Councillor Brazier mentioned the budget was passed last week and the council tax will increase by 4.99%. Buckinghamshire Council will have a deficit of £30M, but will be able to balance the books. The Ivinghoe Freight Strategy with 7.5 tonne limit access only is now in force. Buckinghamshire Council will liaise with Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Councils about signage. Monitoring and ANPR will be introduced with fines of £1,000.

C/021/23 Public Question Time.

None.

C/022/22 Planning Applications:

23/00246/APP | Householder application for demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension | The Stud House Ledburn Road
Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QE

No comment.

23/00512/APP | New vehicular access road (Retrospective) | 16A Crafton Lodge Road Crafton Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QL
A discussion took place between the applicants and the Parish Councillors.
No comment.

C/023/23 Local Plan for Buckinghamshire – Infrastructure Baseline.

A separate meeting will be arranged to discuss this.

C/024/23 Village Hall, Village Green and Mentmore Parish Events.

Accessible toilet – it was agreed to get a quotation for the building work and Councillor Waring-Mundy will be asked to organise this.

Coronation – it was agreed to allow an event on the 7th May 2023.

Village Green for temporary car parking for 20-30 vehicles was permitted. This is an exceptional special occasion of a local family wedding and the organisers will ensure proper management to protect the Village Green as much as possible.

C/025/23 Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds.

Village Gates – it was agreed to purchase the Village Gates at a cost of £9,089.34 for 11 gates PROPOSED BY Councillor Fletcher and SECONDED BY Councillor Brazier and carried, Councillor Langley objected on grounds of cost. Councillor Wrathall will write an article for the newsletter to let the residents know.

Mentmore – Cheddington footpath/cycleway – no update.

C/026/23 Clerk's Report.

A discussion took place about Bucks Best Kept Village and it was agreed to enter and it was agreed to establish a Best Kept Village Competition Committee.

C/027/23 To appoint Internal Auditor and End of Year Health Check.

It was agreed to appoint Trevor Beeches as internal auditor and to arrange for Scribe Software to undertake an End of Year Health Check £39.

C/028/23 Accounts for Payment and Balances.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payee	Amount
Ivinghoe PC - Phone Share	£15.00
Starboard Systems - Scribe End of Year Check	£46.80
Starboard Systems - Scribe Subs	£207.36
BALC - training	£140.00
Buckinghamshire Council - SIDS	£4,942.50
Octopus Energy - VH Electric	£301.09
Wave - VH Water	£15.42
Buckinghamshire Council - Dog Bins	£241.67

Received:	
Book sales Oct - Nov	£50.00
Book sales Dec - Jan	£25.00

Table Tennis VH Rent	£100.00
Strickland VH Rent	£60.00
Fountain VH Rent	£120.00
Johnson VH Rent	£20.00
NCT VH Rent	£66.00
Butler VH Rent	£90.00
Dubery VH Rent	£20.00

Balances:	
Mentmore PC Current Account	£18,042.78
Mentmore VH Current Account	£19,322.40
Total:	£37,365.18

C/029/23 Meeting Dates 2023:

3rd May (Parish Council Meeting & Annual Meetings), 7th June, 2nd August, 4th October and 6th December.

The meeting closed 8.16pm.