

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Mentmore Parish Council Chairman and Buckinghamshire Councillor P Brazier, Vice Chairman Councillor J Langley, Councillor R Fletcher, Councillor T Mundy and Councillor H Wrathall and Buckinghamshire Councillor C Poll. Mentmore Parish Clerk Mrs B Knight.

Nine members of the public.

C/023/22 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/024/22 Apologies and Attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Butler and Truscott.

C/025/22 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.

Councillor Langley declared an interest in item C/030/22.

C/026/22 To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on the 23rd March 2022.

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

C/027/22 Public Question Time.

- A member of the public questioned the number of enforcement notices in the parish. The Chairman replied he is only aware of the notice issued on land adjacent to the Vicarage, Mentmore. Following the Buckinghamshire Council and English Heritage six hour inspection of Mentmore Towers enforcement notices are expected including urgent repairs required to the roof.
- Oakwood Farm Festival – a copy of the comments submitted to the Licensing Officer will be sent to the two residents who requested these.
- A member of the public commented there has been an increase in HGVs and asked about the Ivinghoe Freight Strategy Zone. Councillor Poll explained this is expected in the next few months, following a few delays.
- A member of the public raised concerns over the newly created track in the field next to Vicarage Cottage. The Chairman informed the Council the Buckinghamshire Council Enforcement Team are addressing this.
- Alison Philips DL – updated the council on the progress of the Queen's Green Canopy with over 5,008 trees planted in Buckinghamshire. The nearest Beacon to be lit in in Wing and communities are encouraged to have street parties, picnics and trees are available through Buckinghamshire Council for community groups. The road closure fees have been waived for street parties.

C/028/22 To receive reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Buckinghamshire Councillor Poll reported that there is a campaign to nominate your favourite tree by social media or emailing seventytrees@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

The government have given Buckinghamshire Council a grant of £580,000 for a pilot project to convert a ten-year-old Dennis refuse lorry to electric, the grant will cover the conversion and maintenance.

C/029/22 Planning.

None.

C/030/22 Village Hall, Village Green and Mentmore Parish Events.

- Village Hall Sound Proofing – it was agreed to purchase sound proofing at a cost of £1091.16 plus VAT PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Mundy and carried unanimously.
- Hall Master – it was agreed to renew the village hall booking system £187 plus VAT PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Mundy and carried unanimously.
- Bucks Best Kept Village – It was agreed to enter the competition PROPOSED BY Councillor Wrathall and SECONDED BY Councillor Mundy and carried unanimously.
- Soft Play Equipment – this was deferred to the next meeting.
- Village Green Railings – Councillor Langley did not take part in the discussion. It was agreed for Jonathan Langley to undertake the work with a budget of £800 PROPOSED BY Councillor Mundy and SECONDED BY Councillor Wrathall and carried unanimously.

C/031/22 Scribe Software.

The Chairman explained the benefits of the software and it was agreed to purchase the Scribe software cost £187 plus VAT. PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Mundy and carried unanimously.

C/032/22 Footpaths/Bridleway and Roads.

Councillor Fletcher explained that a meeting took place with the Buckinghamshire Council Local Area Technician, Mentmore Parish Clerk, Councillor Fletcher and a Crafton resident to discuss the Crafton highways. The LAT agreed to allow the verges to be dug to create a trench and a local resident will undertake this who has his own public liability insurance. It was agreed to investigate installing new white gates in Crafton and Mentmore and Ledburn and quotations will be obtained. The Parish Clerk will contact the Local Technician for advice about street furniture in a conservation area.

Mentmore Crossroads – new signage was discussed to warn motorists of the low bridge in Ledburn. The Chairman will check on the progress of this.

C/033/22 Short-, Medium and Long-Term Plans.

Mentmore Wildflowers – Councillor Langley has the wildflower seeds and planting will be arranged soon.

Possible access only signs for The Green.

C/034/22 Clerk's Report

This was circulated prior to the meeting with no further comments.

C/035/22 Accounts for Payment – previously circulated.

Payee	Amount
Go Interiors - VH Sound Proofing	£1,309.39
Ivinghoe PC - Clerk Training	£25.00
Mrs C Gates - reimburse Xmas event expenses	£50.50
Clerk expenses - Mar 22	£30.55
Buckinghamshire Council - dog bin	£315.00
Starboard Systems - software	£229.20
Almar Tring - Office supplies	£78.92
Firelec Controls Ltd - VH fire protection	£155.80
Hall Master - VH Booking system	£224.90
Boston Seeds - wildflower seeds	£24.99
Npower – streetlight electricity	£243.57
Octopus Energy - VH electricity	£115.92
Information Commissioner - Data Protection Reg	£35.00
Clerk expenses - Feb 22	£18.60
Wave - VH water	£46.59

Received:

Rental income - VH	£400.00
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Balances:

Current Account	£19,107.34
Village Hall Account	£16,690.10

£35,797.44**C/036/22 Meeting Dates for 2022:**4th May (Annual Meetings), 1st June, 3rd August, 5th October and 7th December 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.