



**Minutes of Mentmore Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the Village Hall, Mentmore at 8pm.**

Present: Councillors, Peter Brazier (Chair), Jonathan Langley (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Dack, Robert Fletcher and Iain Butler.

AVDC District Councillor Peter Cooper.  
Bucks County Councillor Anne Wight.

No members of the public.

Bridget Knight – Clerk to the Council.

**C/35/17. To appoint Chairman and Vice-Chairman.**

Councillor Peter Brazier was re-elected as Chairman PROPOSED by Councillor Langley and SECONDED by Councillor Dack carried unanimously.  
Councillor Jonathan Langley was re-elected as Vice Chairman PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED by Councillor Fletcher carried unanimously.

Both Councillors signed the declaration of office.

**C/36/17. Chairman's items and welcomes**

The chairman opened the meeting and welcome everyone.

**C/37/17. Attendance and Apologies**

**C/38/17. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.**

Councillor Langley declared he has submitted invoices for approval.

**C/39/19. Minutes from previous meeting.**

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

**C/40/17. Public Question Time.**

None.

**C/41/17. Police Matters.**

Thames Valley Police were not present but the Chairman reported that Thames Valley Police have reduced the number of PC's by two with 5 PCSO's in the Great Brick Hill and Ivinghoe area.

## **C/42/17. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.**

AVDC District Councillor Cooper talked about planning and how MPC are represented. Councillor Cooper will be able to join the AVDC planning committee. Councillor Cooper said that he will not be able to comment on ordinary planning applications. Councillor Cooper can continue to advise on planning where he feels it will improve the situation with a non-political view.

There is increasing evidence of staff leaving AVDC especially in development control, this is causing problems in processing applications and enforcement. The council has been using consultant planning officers which are expensive but very good. District Councillor Cooper expects the local plan to come into operation during December/January time. District Councillor Cooper reported that more houses are being built in Aylesbury than anywhere else in country.

Bucks County Councillor Anne Wight report:

For those of you whom I haven't yet met while out campaigning, I'm your recently elected County Councillor, Anne Wight. I look forward very much to representing you at Buckinghamshire County Council. I hope to attend as many parish council meetings as possible, although I will also provide a summary of key county decisions each month to keep you well informed regarding issues which may affect our local area.

Due to the general election, the last county council meeting on 18 May was held during Purdah. Consequently, there was a limited session as no political debates were able to take place. The next county council meeting will take place on 13 July and will be webcast.

**Road Conditions** Since many residents have already contacted me regarding road conditions, potholes, and repairs in their local area, I will be inspecting all villages in Ivinghoe Division with our BCC local area technician personally over the next few weeks.

It is also possible to upload your pictures of potholes and road surfaces directly to the BCC website. On the main webpage click "Tell Us About A Problem", and then follow through to "Report a Pothole", "Report Street Lighting", "Report a Right of Way", or "Tell TfB" for any other highway issue. This allows BCC to log potholes and other issues and provide you with a tracking reference number so that you can see what progress is being made on the issue you reported. The website address for this is below:

<https://www.bucksc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/report-a-problem/tell-us-about-a-highways-problem/>

### **Marsworth Airfield**

The Development Control hearing to discuss the retrospective planning application for a change from empty skip storage to waste processing on the Marsworth Airfield site is scheduled for 19th June. The additional HGV and large skip lorry vehicle movements which have already resulted from this change is naturally of great concern across the villages, and objections and comments have now been

submitted. I hope to be able to speak at that hearing on behalf of residents, and will report back as soon as any decision has been taken.

### **Freight Strategy**

Since many residents have also expressed concerns in general at the increasing number of HGVs and lorries associated with housing construction and industry across our local area, BCC has refreshed its Freight Strategy initiatives and are in consultation with the communities to develop an effective strategy which will ensure a balance between industry needs and resident concerns. Paul Irwin, Deputy Cabinet Member for Transportation, is heading up the initiatives, and a full public consultation is planned for the coming months.

### **Meet and Greet Sessions**

I am hoping to hold some Meet and Greet drop-in sessions in the autumn so that residents can come to have a chat about anything they might want to discuss, or simply pop in to meet me and your district councillors while having a cup of tea and a biscuit. The dates and locations for these sessions will be forthcoming.

### **The Next LAF meeting**

Due to a conflict with another meeting a new date will be set for the next LAF meeting. Details will follow.

### **Sign on B488 south of junction with A4146**

The sign, which refers to the A505, was reported by a resident because the A505 has been redesignated as the A4146 and the corresponding sign across the border in South Bedfordshire refers to the A4146. The resident was concerned that this is misleading. Our local area technician reports that the sign is being replaced as part of the de-trunking works for the A4146 due to the new A5 link road.

### **C/43/17. Village Hall.**

Minutes from the Village Hall Committee meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> May were circulated prior to the meeting. Councillor Langley requested that money be released to pay for repairing and repainting the white railings on the village green. Councillor Langley to obtain quotes for this work and enquire whether qualified volunteers could assist.

### **C/44/17. Planning.**

**17/01696/APP – Barn to the west of Rowden Farm, Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore. Addition of three open porches and two balanced flues for solid fuel burning stoves. No comment.**

**17/00742/APP – Kissing Gate Barn, Ledburn, Mentmore. Installation of Hard Standing for storing of materials and implements pursuant to Agriculture (Retrospective) Update – Refused.**

**CM/17/17 – Change of use from parking of empty skips to waste storage and sorting. Marsworth Airfield North Site, Cheddington Lane.  
Update: Bucks County Councillor to speak to committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

**17/0155/APP – Removal of glazed back door, glazed double doors and pier between, to rear elevation and provision of folding sliding doors. 10 Crafton Lodge Road, Crafton, Mentmore. No comment.**

**17/01822/ACL – Land to West of Rowden Farm, Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore. Application for certificate of lawfulness for existing B8 – storage or distribution use.**

**OBJECTED PROPOSED by Councillor Brazier SECONDED by Councillor Langley carried unanimously. MPC comments will be submitted to AVDC.**

**C/45/17. Relocation of post box in Ledburn.**

There are two options and these will be displayed on the Ledburn noticeboard by Councillor Butler and comments welcomed from the community. A decision will be taken next meeting.

**C/46/17. Footpaths**

Investigations into historic footpaths continue by the Chairman and Councillor Dack.

**C/47/17. Review of playground inspection.**

Councillor Langley reported the tyre swing requires maintenance and replacement wooden supports are needed. Councillor Langley will organise for the repair to take place at the end of July.

**C/48/17. Risk assessment.**

The risk assessment was adopted by MPC.

**C/49/17. Report from Mentmore Arts Festival.**

Very successful event, final figures were not available.

**C/50/17. Forthcoming Events in Mentmore**

Mentmore Barn Dance and Fete – 16<sup>th</sup> September.

**C/51/17. Finance**

The accounts to date including payments and receipts had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

It was PROPOSED SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to pay the expenses and accounts and that the balances were a correct record. The following expenditure and expenses were approved by the Council.

Payee	Description	Amount
Playdale Playgrounds	Playframe Rope Replacement	£61.31
Astrope Ltd	Church Grass Cutting 1st June 17	£203.97
Mike Armson	Expenses for Village Hall Plant Sale	£29.40
Bridget Knight	Clerk Salary	£255.94
Bridget Knight	Office Expenses	£39.26

Bucks CC Pensions	Clerk's Pension (EE & ER Contributions)	£60.38
RoSPA Playsafe Ltd	Annual Playground Inspection	£79.80
Eon	Electricity May 17	£68.00

**C/52/17. Annual Audit**

The end of year accounts and governance statement for 2016-17 were signed by the Chairman ready for inspection by the external auditor Mazars.

**C/53/17. To receive Chairman and Clerk's Report**

The Clerk will reply to AVDC regarding the Emergency Plan Review Accommodation and let AVDC know that the Village Hall could accommodate 50 people and the emergency contact is Councillor Langley.

The Clerk has applied to BALC for Transparency Code Funding.

A discussion took place regarding the benefits of buying a defibrillator for MPC at a cost of circa £1,300. AVDC District Councillor Cooper who is also a First Responder will assist MPC with researching defibrillator choices. It was decided to purchase a defibrillator PROPOSED by Councillor Langley and SECONDED by Councillor Brazier carried unanimously.

**C/54/17. Councillors Roles and Responsibilities**

The roles and responsibilities will be uploaded on the MPC website.

**The meeting closed at 9.30pm.**

**Date of Next Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 at 8pm.**