

# Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at 7.00pm.

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## PRESENT:

Chairman and Buckinghamshire Councillor P Brazier, Vice Chairman Councillor J Langley, Councillor I Butler, Councillor R Fletcher and Councillor H Wrathall.

Mentmore Parish Clerk Mrs B Knight.

24 members of the public.

### **C/015/22 Chairman's Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **C/016/22 Apologies and Attendance.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Truscott and Mundy.

### **C/017/22 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.**

None.

### **C/018/22 To approve the minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.**

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

### **C/019/22 Public Question Time.**

None.

### **C/020/22 To receive reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).**

No update.

### **C/021/22 Buckinghamshire Council Licence Application Ref: PR202203-266958 Oakwood Farm, Ledburn, Mentmore, Bucks LU7 0QD. Licence application for a two-day music festival on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022.**

The landowner explained the reasons for the festival and the organiser explained the event is aimed at families and people aged 25 plus. The plan is to have four big tops including a children's area and the other three big tops will be club promoters and the main stage with commercial bands attending such as Simply Red. The event will be a daytime event with ex-police officials involved with the security and organisation of the event. The Chairman thanked the landowner and organiser for the presentation and the following questions were raised by members of the public:

- Concerns over litter in the parish.
- Concerns that the venue will be used more regularly for events.
- Questions over animal welfare of nearby horses, sheep and the landowners flock of 30,000 hens.
- A statement was read with concerns from the local charity Horses Helping People.
- Concerns over festival attendees accessing nearby properties and trespassing.
- Concerns over potential anti-social behaviour.
- A local resident questioned the level of insurance the organiser and landowner would have.
- Concerns over traffic and road closures, will vets be able to access the nearby animals if detrimental effects from the festival and noise.
- Questions over the carbon footprint of the event.

- Concerns over adequate security to protect nearby properties and discourage people from wandering across the parish and possible criminal activity.

A member of the public welcomed the event and expressed concerns for the events industry through the pandemic.

The representatives for the festival stated a Vet could be on-site and specific security for those properties closest and most concerned.

The Chairman thanked the landowner, organiser and residents for attending the meeting.

It was agreed to write to the Licensing Officer with concerns PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Butler and carried unanimously.

**C/022/22 Meeting Dates for 2022:**

6<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Meetings), 1<sup>st</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 5<sup>th</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm.