

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors Robert Fletcher (Chairman), Jonathan Langley (Vice Chairman), Peter Brazier (Mentmore and Buckinghamshire Council), Tracey Mundy and Hannah Wrathall.

Mentmore Parish Clerk Mrs Bridget Knight.

No members of the public.

C/93/22 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/94/22 Apologies and Attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Iain Butler and Bucks Councillor Derek Town.

C/95/22 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.

Councillor Brazier declared an interest in planning application 22/03262/APP and he is a shareholder and Director of The Stag Public House. Councillor Langley declared he has invoices submitted for approval.

C/96/22 To approve the minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on the 5th October 2022.

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

C/97/22 Public Question Time.

None.

C/98/22 Planning.

22/03262/APP | Installation of ground mounted solar panels | The Stud House Ledburn Road Ledburn Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QE. Councillor Brazier did not take part in the discussion or decision. No Comment PROPOSED BY Councillor Fletcher and SECONDED BY Councillor Mundy and carried unanimously.

22/03632/APP | Change of use of building to tearoom and farm shop (Retrospective) | Bridge Farm Rowden Farm Lane Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QD No Comment PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.

22/03908/APP | New vehicular access road (Retrospective) | 16A Crafton Lodge Road Crafton Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QL. Objection PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Mundy and carried unanimously.

C/099/22 To receive reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Councillor Brazier reported the Proud of Bucks Awards will be open in January to recognise outstanding contribution to the community and nominations will be welcomed for individuals, individuals under 21 years old and community groups. It was agreed to nominate Stephanie Johnston for her community volunteering including Mentmore based hygiene bank which serves the whole of Buckinghamshire.

Freight Strategy – Councillor Brazier reported the phase one signs have been delivered and are with the construction team to be installed. The first stage is to put the signs up and the second stage is conversations with haulage companies including the airfield businesses. A resident had asked for an update and Councillor Brazier will reply to her.

C/100/22 Village Hall, Village Green and Mentmore Parish Events.

Village Hall BBQ – it was agreed to purchase a BBQ for the Village Hall and apply for 50% Community Board funding.

The Vice Chairman explained about the Audio-Visual project including projector, speakers and Blu-ray player the cost is expected to be up to £5,000 and funding will be applied for to the Community Board for 50% match funding. Councillor Langley will send the details to the Parish Clerk to make the application.

PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Fletcher and carried unanimously.

Three trees are leaning on the Village Green and it was agreed to install support to straighten the trees.

A discussion took place about the Village Hall windows and the Chairman will obtain quotes for potential new windows to remove the need for secondary glazing.

C/101/22 Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds.

Speed Indicative Devices – it was agreed to purchase two devices and apply for 50% funding through the Community Board. PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Langley and carried unanimously.

It was agreed to write to two landowners about their overhanging hedge, they have been written to once and a second letter will be issued.

Buckinghamshire Council has informed Mentmore Parish Council that the feasibility study for the Cheddington-Mentmore cycleway will be undertaken before 31st March 2022.

C/102/22 Clerk's Report.

No comments.

C/103/22 Mentmore Parish Council Budget and Precept Demand.

This was deferred to January because the information required from Buckinghamshire Council was delayed.

C/104/22 Accounts for Payment.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

| Payee | Amount |
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| Ivinghoe PC - Clerk training & office phone | £36.00 |
| Office expenses | £24.85 |
| Octopus Energy - VH Elec Oct 22 | £126.26 |
| Octopus Energy - VH Elec Sept 22 | £176.20 |

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| N Power - Streetlight Elec Oct 22 | £179.75 |
| Octopus Energy - VH Elec Nov 22 | £140.42 |
| Microsoft Licence | £59.99 |
| Royal British Legion Donation | £90.00 |
| Office expenses. | £13.05 |
| Unity Trust - Bank Fees | £50.00 |
| BALC - Training | £70.00 |
| N Power - Streetlight Elec Sept 22 | £179.75 |
| Anglo Dutch - payroll services | £36.00 |
| Limited Odd Jobs - General Maintenance | £277.00 |
| Limited Odd Jobs - Devolved Services | £245.00 |
| Limited Odd Jobs - Grounds Maintenance | £482.00 |

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| Received: | |
| VH Rent | £160.00 |

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| Balances: | |
| Mentmore PC Current Account | £18,037.73 |
| Mentmore VH Current Account | £26,501.79 |
| Total: | £44,539.52 |

C/105/22 Meeting Dates.

1st February 2023 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.