

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd September 2019 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT:

Mentmore Parish Council Chairman Councillor P Brazier, Mentmore Parish Council Vice Chairman Councillor J Langley and Mentmore Parish Council Councillor E Dack.

Mentmore Parish Clerk B Knight.

1 member of the public present.

C/278/19. Chairman's items and welcome.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

C/279/19. Attendance and Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from AVDC District Councillor Peter Cooper, Bucks County Councillor Anne Wight and Cllr Iain Butler.

C/280/19. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.

Cllr Langley declared an interest in Devolution.

C/281/19. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier, SECONDED BY Cllr Dack and APPROVED and carried unanimously that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 7th August 2019 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

C/282/19. Public Question Time.

None.

C/283/19. Police Matters.

The police were not present.

C/284/19. Reports from District and County Councillors.

Not present. Bucks County Councillor A Wight has submitted her monthly report which will be held with the minutes.

C/285/19. Village Hall & Village Green.

AVDC New Homes Bonus Application grant awarded £15,000 for new heating system.

John Hunt – Lathwell Estates was appointed as Project Manager for VH new heating project at a fee of £1,140.00.

It was agreed to accept the quotation to dead wood 13 lime trees on the village green at a cost of £1,880.00. PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Langley and carried unanimously.

C/286/19. Planning:

19/03226/COUAR - Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of an agricultural building into one dwelling (Class Q(a)) and in relation to design and external appearance of the building (Class Q(b)). Abacus Acres Rowden Farm Rowden Farm Lane Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QD.

Objection PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Dack and carried unanimously.

19/01900/APP - Retention of the existing barn and the operation of a dog home boarding and day care business from parts of the site (Retrospective) - 16A Crafton Lodge Road Crafton Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QL.

Mentmore PC to submit the presentation notes to AVDC development control.

18/02617/APP - Agricultural Building, Rowden Farm, Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire.

Objection PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Langley and carried unanimously.

19/03164/APP - Proposed single storey rear extension. Maze House, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire, LU7 0QG.

No Objections PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Dack and carried unanimously.

C/287/19. Devolution.

It was agreed to accept the (shadow) Buckinghamshire Council devolved services offer which will be until 2022. PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Dack and carried unanimously.

Cllr Dack raised the question about Rights of Way and the Chairman explained who is responsible for the Right of Ways and it was agreed to monitor the hedge cutting and maintenance of footpaths in the parish.

C/288/19. Footpaths and Bridleways.

LAF application for a Bucks County Council feasibility study for a footpath/cycle way from Mentmore Village to Cheddington. PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Langley and carried unanimously.

C/289/19. Village events.

The litter pick was successful there has been a decrease in litter in the village.

C/290/19. The Stag Public House – Asset of Community Value Application.

The Chairman explained that he is organising the community to prepare evidence of value to the community.

C/291/19 Finance.

The NALC new Model Financial Regulations 2019 were adopted.

It was resolved to make the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount
Staff	Payroll and expenses	£597.70
Bucks CC Pensions	Pension Contributions	£177.32
HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE	£135.20
J & S Contractors	Devolved Road Maintenance	£8,916.00
Anglian Water	VH Water	£21.84
Four Seasons Tree Care	Tree Survey	£420.00
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit Fee	£240.00
Metro Bank	Bank fees	£40.00

C/292/19. LED Streetlighting.

The Clerk to speak to the contractor about the lighting issues.

C/293/19. Clerk & Chairman's Report.

The Clerk informed the council that she has contacted High Command Productions Ltd who are filming at Mentmore Towers and they have offered a £2,500 donation to the community.

C/294/19 Clerk's Annual Review.

It was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary by £1.50 per hour PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Dack and carried unanimously.

Bank Balances:

Metro Community Account: £2,745.51
Metro Savings Account: £19,103.93
Metro Village Hall Account: £10,896.63
Total: £32,746.07

C/295/19. The meeting closed at 8.50pm.