

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on
Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT:

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

Mentmore Parish Clerk Mrs B Knight.

Buckinghamshire Councillors P Cooper and A Wight.

One member of the public present.

C/019/21. Chairman's items and welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the final meeting of this Parish Council's term of office.

C/020/21. Attendance and Apologies.

None.

C/021/21. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.

Chairman Councillor Brazier declared an interest in The Stag Public House as a Director.

C/022/21. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier, SECONDED BY Councillor Langley and APPROVED and carried unanimously that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 3rd February 2021 were correct and the minutes will be signed at a future meeting when possible.

C/023/21. Public Question Time.

None.

C/024/21. Reports from Bucks Councillors.

Bucks Councillor A Wight report covered:

Councillor Wright stated she is not standing for election for personal reasons. Councillor Wight has enjoyed working with Mentmore Parish Council and hopes to attend the parish social events when they resume. There will be one final full council meeting of Buckinghamshire Council in April. The Ivinghoe Freight Strategy Consultation will take place during the end of May/early June and she encouraged everyone to participate in this important local consultation.

Bucks Councillor P Cooper report covered:

Councillor Cooper stated he will be standing for the Wing Ward and will not cover Ivinghoe if he is elected again, but would continue to be involved with the Community Boards.

Councillor Cooper stated Bucks Council will be launching a new service which will share information about enforcement cases with parish councils which will improve communication. Councillors Cooper and Wight attended a planning meeting today and stated some members complained about enforcement, but he stated that Mentmore Parish Council has had some enforcement success recently and he expects enforcement to improve.

Councillor Cooper reminded everyone that legislation to allow online meetings will end on 7th May when Councils must hold physical meetings.

The Mentmore Chairman and Mentmore Councillors thanked Councillors Wight and Cooper for their assistance and support over the past few years and wished them both good luck for the future.

C/025/21. Village Hall, Village Green and Parish Events.

The new playground equipment will be installed from the 3rd May and the company will liaise with Councillor Langley.

C/026/21. Planning.

New this agenda:

21/0087/APP Erection of first floor balcony to side of dwelling. Spinney Barn, Crafton Lodge Road, Crafton, Mentmore, Bucks LU7 0QJ.

No comment PROPOSED by Councillor Brazier and SECONDED by Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.

C/027/21. Footpaths and Bridleways.

Mentmore – Cheddington Cycleway – no update.

Community Litter Pick has been arranged for 10th and 11th April.

C/028/21. Local Council Elections.

The Local Council Elections are planned for the 6th May 2021, the Mentmore Clerk has nomination forms and further information for candidates, the deadline for submitting applications is tomorrow.

C/029/21. Clerk's Report.

This was circulated prior to the meeting and there were no further questions.

C/030/21. Accounts for Payment and Finance.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payee	Amount
Anglian Water Business	£10.58
Anglo Dutch Ltd - Payroll	£36.00
B Knight - reimburse expenses	£57.70
BALC - Councillor Training	£38.00
Bucks Council Pensions	£113.96
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Clerk's office allowance	£15.00
Firelec Controls Ltd	£118.80
Hallmaster	£224.40
HMRC Cumbernauld	£82.00
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Octopus Energy	£64.51
Royal Images	£187.20

C/031/21. Next meeting dates:

5th May (online Annual Meeting). In Mentmore Village Hall: 19th May, 2nd June, 4th August, 6th October and 1st December 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm