

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT:

Mentmore Parish Council Chairman Councillor P Brazier, Mentmore Parish Council Vice Chairman Councillor J Langley, Mentmore Parish Council Councillor I Butler, Mentmore Parish Council Councillor E Dack, Mentmore Parish Council Councillor R Fletcher.

Mentmore Parish Clerk B Knight.

Aylesbury Vale District Council Councillor P Cooper.
Buckinghamshire County Council Councillor A Wight.

No members of the public present.

C/296/19. Chairman's items and welcome.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

C/297/19. Attendance and Apologies.

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

C/298/19. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.

Councillor Langley declared an interest in invoice submitted for payment.

C/299/19. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier, SECONDED BY Councillor Dack and APPROVED and carried unanimously that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 23rd September 2019 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

C/300/19. Public Question Time.

None.

C/301/19. Police Matters.

The police report was received before the meeting and shared with Councillors.

C/302/19. Reports from District and County Councillors.

Not present. Buckinghamshire County Councillor A Wight and Aylesbury Vale District Council Councillor P Cooper submitted their reports prior to the meeting, there were no comments.

C/303/19. Village Hall.

Councillor Dack had circulated the minutes before the meeting. The Lime tree suckers need to be removed by a professional company. The clerk will contact Rod Wilson for a revised quotation.

The lobby floor is being done by prep and lay and will be completed by Friday afternoon. The Village Hall committee will agree the top covering. The cost of the work in the lobby is £1048 plus VAT PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Fletcher and carried unanimously.

C/304/19. High Command Production donation of £2,500 to Mentmore Parish Council.

It was agreed for the Village Hall Committee to investigate the options to install a good Audio-Visual system in the Village Hall, this will be used by the community booking the hall, the cost will be approx. £1,000. Councillor Langley will research the costs and feasibility of a new slide for the playground. The other suggested option is a donation towards the VE Day Celebrations next year which will be discussed at the next meeting.

C/305/19. Church Christmas Tree.

The Chairman PROPOSED by Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Dack and carried unanimously to purchase an 8ft artificial tree for the Church at a cost of £118.30 inc VAT.

C/306/19. Planning.

19/01900/APP - Retention of the existing barn (to include alterations and re-positioning from that approved under 13/00373/APP) along with the use of the barn for dog day care and ancillary accommodation, use of part of the dwelling (Little Chapel Stables) for dog boarding and the mixed use of land for agricultural, equestrian, grazing and the exercising of dogs. 16A Crafton Lodge Road Crafton Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QL.
No update.

19/04070/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 agricultural barn into dwelling house (Class Q(a)) and in relation to design and external appearance of the building (Class Q(b)). Barn at Oakwood Farm Ledburn Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QD.
No comment.

C/307/19. Footpaths and Bridleways.

Councillor Dack reported MEN/10 has had the footpath cut back but not the hedges, Councillor Fletcher will investigate the options.

Mentmore Parish Council has applied with the Local Area Forum for a cycle way. However, with the LAF disbanding due to the new Buckinghamshire Council formation there is some uncertainty.

C/308/19. Village events 2020:

25th April – Plant Sale
23 to 25 May – Arts Festival
28th June – Mentmore Fete

C/309/19. Mentmore Conservation Area Review – Consultation.

The Chairman explained that some landowners have submitted objections to the conservation area review.

Councillor Dack asked whether the Crafton conservation area will be reviewed, the Chairman explained the Crafton conservation area is quite recent and the reason for the Mentmore review is because of the condition of Mentmore Towers.

C/310/19 Luton Airport Consultation.

No comment.

C/311/19 Finance.

It was agreed to make the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount
Clerk	Salary, Expenses & Allowance	£693.51
Anglo Dutch	Payroll Services	£36.00
Roderwick Wilson	Village Green Tree Work	£2,256.00
Eon	Street Light Electricity	£144.86
Firelec Controls	Village Hall Fire Alarm Inspection	£118.80
E Dack	Reimburse Litter pick expenses	£135.96
R Shaw	Village Hall booking refund - cheque	£30.00
Bucks CC Pensions	Pension Contributions	£193.44
HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE & NI	£141.20
Paula Boston	Village Hall booking refund - cheque	£84.00
Diane Armson	Reimburse Christmas Tree Church & Village Hall	£275.55
Limited Odd Jobs	Invoice 16 Devolution	£375.00
Limited Odd Jobs	Invoice 18 Village Hall	£218.00
Limited Odd Jobs	Invoice 61 Grass Cutting	£785.00
Limited Odd Jobs	Invoice 15 General Maintenance	£42.00
AVDC	Dog Bins	£151.85
Anglian Water	Village Hall Water	£21.84
Metro Bank	Bank Fees	£40.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal Donation - cheque	£90.00

C/312/19 Royal British Legion Donation.

It was agreed to donate £90 to the Poppy Appeal and a cheque will be raised.

C/313/19. LED Streetlighting.

The contractor has agreed to swap the lantern of the village green light with the light at Cornfield Cottage free of charge. The council thanked the contractor.

C/314/19. Clerk & Chairman's Report.

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

C/315/19. The meeting closed at 8.36pm.

The next meeting will be held on 12th February 2020.