

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on
Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT:

Mentmore Parish Chairman Councillor P Brazier, 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.

Three members of the public present.

C/001/21. Chairman's items and welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/002/21. Attendance and Apologies.

Councillor Butler sent his apologies, which were accepted.

C/003/21. Co-Opt Councillor to Mentmore Parish Council.

Hannah Wrathall was co-opted to Mentmore Parish Council and signed the declaration of interest.

C/004/21. 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 Shareholder and Director.

C/005/21. 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 2nd December 2020 were correct and the minutes will be signed at a future meeting when possible.

C/006/21. Public Question Time.

A local resident gave gratitude to Councillor Liz Dack for her service as a Councillor and her work for the community, the Chairman confirmed the sentiment and appreciation is shared by everyone.

C/007/21. Reports from Bucks Councillors.

Bucks Councillor A Wight report covered:

Flood Emergency Contacts, Bucks Additional Restrictions Grant, The Helping Hand Service, Live Well Stay Well Campaign, Bucks Business First Support for local businesses, SEALR (South East Aylesbury Link Road) Consultation and support for key workers on St Valentine's Day. The next full Bucks Council meeting will be held on 24th February.

Bucks Councillor P Cooper report covered:

Increase in potholes in the area in particular the B418 and B413 roads, he asked residents to be patient as Bucks will repair those in due course.

Residents are encouraged to download the Fix My Street App to report defects in the Highways.

Elections – there are issues with social distancing during the count, the elections could be delayed until October due to Coronavirus.

Councillor Wrathall asked about the update of Coronavirus vaccines, Councillor Cooper confirmed there has been a 90% vaccine rate.

Councillor Fletcher asked about light pollution from the businesses in Aston Clinton. Cllr Cooper stated this has not been addressed recently.

C/008/21. Village Hall, Village Green and Parish Events.

The Mentmore Plant Sale could be held in September, subject to Covid regulations.

The new playground equipment planning application has been approved and the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Wrathall and place the order.

A report was received prior to the meeting from the Village Hall Committee, the Village Hall remains closed but is being maintained.

C/009/21. Crafton Sewage.

A Crafton resident explained that the current systems in place for four dwellings is out of date and not acceptable to the Environment Agency, there are problems with a lack of suitable location for a soak away. Councillor Cooper gave some advice. The resident has applied to Anglian Water to obtain advice and is waiting for a response. Whilst this is not a Parish Council matter the Parish Council will assist if possible.

C/010/21. Planning.

New this agenda:

20/03303/APP New Agricultural Building (resubmission of approved application ref: 19/0329/APP – Mentmore Park Farm, Mentmore, Bucks LU7 0QN.
No comment.

C/011/21. Footpaths and Bridleways.

Mentmore – Cheddington Cycleway – the feasibility study is expected soon.

11th April 2021 – Icknield Road Club Cycle Time Trial will be holding a time trial through Mentmore.

C/012/21. Parish Charter.

The Bucks Parish Charter was circulated to the Councillors to review, Mentmore Parish Council will prepare a response.

C/013/21. 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.

C/014/21. Internal Auditor.

It was agreed that Trevor Beeches will be the internal auditor for 2020/21.

C/015/21. Clerk's Report.

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

C/016/21. Accounts for Payment and Finance.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payee	Amount
Web Genie	£74.40
ICO Data Protection	£40.00
Amazon - inks	£45.98
HMRC - Jan	£81.80
Bucks Council Pensions - Dec	£113.96
HMRC - Dec	£82.00
Bucks Council Pensions - Jan	£113.96
B Knight - office allowance - Dec	£15.00
B Knight - office allowance - Jan	£15.00
P Brazier reimburse VH planning application	£142.00
E On Jan 21	£144.86
Octopus VH Elec	£104.26
Bucks Council - Dog Bins	£151.85

C/017/21. Banking.

It was agreed to update the signatories for Mentmore Parish Council and add Cllr Wrathall.

C/018/21. Next meeting dates:

7th April, 19th May, 3rd June, 4th August, 6th October and 1st December 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm