



**Minutes of Mentmore Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at the Village Hall, Mentmore at 8pm.**

**Present: Councillors: Peter Brazier (Chair), Jonathan Langley (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Dack, Robert Fletcher.**

**1 member of the public.**

**C/89/17. Chairman's items and welcomes**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**C/90/17. Attendance and Apologies**

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

**C/91/17. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.**

Councillor Langley declared an interest in the invoices he has submitted for authorisation.

**C/92/19. Minutes from previous meeting.**

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

**C/93/17. Public Question Time.**

A local resident asked about the devolution of services and opportunities to take on more responsibility. The parishioner asked what progress had been made as many local people have equipment which could be used in the village. This was covered later in the meeting.

**C/94/17. Police Matters.**

The Chairman attended a Local Police Forum with TVP recently. TVP are running a project where members of the public can set the priorities in the area for the next 3 months. The priority had been burglaries from vehicles, the new priority is visibility. The PCSO vehicle is not very visible and the livery could be improved at a cost of £400. This will be discussed at the LAF for possible funding.

A resident spoke about a recent meeting he had attended with the police regarding hare coursing. The email with the details of the police contacts will be sent to the Chairman. The police have started using quad bikes to access the fields and continue to crush vehicles they impound. In Bedfordshire the police have started to seize the valuable dogs.

**C/95/17. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.**

AVDC District Councillor Cooper was not present.

Bucks County Councillor Wight gave her report which included:

- Remembrance Day Services
- Station Road, Cheddington Diversions
- Dacorum local plan.
- Bucks Budget Consultation.
- Avril Davies being made an Honorary Alderman of the Council at Bucks CC.
- Winter Preparedness
- Adult Social Care Consultation
- Bucks County Council Appeal for Presents for Vulnerable Children
- Christmas wishes.

**C/96/17. Village Hall.**

The Village Hall meeting has been postponed due to holidays. Work in the garden continues. The yoga sessions have been cancelled until the 20<sup>th</sup> January. The NCT have cancelled all their sessions. The Village Hall painting has been arranged and the electrician has carried out a lot of work and has been asked to undertake more work, he will also do the annual tests of the electrics which will be in the summer.

**C/97/17. Planning:**

**17/03567/APP – Bridge Farm, Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore.**

Erection of a garage/workshop. Update: Refused by AVDC.

**17/04376/APP – Wing Village Recreation Ground.**

Construction of a floodlit Muga, alterations to site fencing and hedgerow, extension to car park and provision of replacement pavilion building. No comment.

**17/03758/APP – Woodlands Cottage, Crafton Lodge, Crafton, Mentmore.**

Single storey side and rear extensions to semi-detached annex building. Driveway and access alterations and installation of a free-standing car port structure. No comment.

**C/98/17. Devolution update.**

The chairman has been discussing devolvement issues with Bucks CC and has had two meetings one with Martin Tett and one with Paul Irvine and Mark Averill. There are 5 other parishes who are interested in taking over more services. There is an opportunity to save money and discussions continue.

Crafton Stud Farm – the trees need to be trimmed. Councillor Langley to make some enquiries before a letter is sent.

**C/99/17. Footpaths: Investigation into historic footpaths.**

Mentmore 13 footpath has been reopened successfully. The footpath has been opened in the original location which pre-dates the 1960s.

**C/100/17. Litter Picking.**

Councillor Dack reported the main litter pick was postponed because of the road diversion and extra traffic. Some smaller litter picks have taken place. There are plans to do a full litter pick in the New Year.

**C/101/17. Christmas Tree**

Councillor Langley has ordered a Christmas Tree and Councillor Dack will kindly supply the electricity. The chairman will research the location for a possible planted Christmas Tree on the village green for next year.

**C/102/17. Data Protection Manager.**

The clerk was appointed Data Protection Manager Proposed by Councillor Brazier and Seconded by Councillor Langley. Councillor Fletcher will assist the Clerk.

**C/103/17. Finance**

The accounts to date including payments and receipts had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Authorisations and payments were signed during the meeting.

Payee	Description	Amount
Astrope Ltd	Church Grass Cutting Nov 17	£203.97
Astrope Ltd	Church Grass Cutting Dec 17	£203.97
AVDC	Dog Bins	£83.09
Bridget Knight	Clerk Salary & Expenses Oct 17	£414.94
Bridget Knight	Clerk Salary & Expenses Nov 17	£342.88
Bucks CC	Clerk Pension - Oct 17	£59.03
Bucks CC	Clerk Pension - Nov 17	£76.61
Eon	Electricity - Oct 17	£205.35
Eon	Electricity - Nov 17	£149.00
Ivinghoe PC	Reimburse 1/2 Clerk's Training	£74.12
Jonathan Langley	Village Hall Work Invoice 12	£225.00
Jonathan Langley	Village Green Grass Cutting Invoice 55	£600.00
Jonathan Langley	Playground Repairs 9	£10.00
Jonathan Langley	Mower maintenance Invoice 1	£90.00
Jonathan Langley	Devolution Invoice 11	£330.00
MC2 Electrical	Streetlight Repair	£204.00
MC2 Electrical	Repair to cable at VH	£60.00
MC2 Electrical 15823	Alter Alarm System to meet regs	£950.40
MC2 Electrical 15824	Alter Emergency Lights to meet regs	£391.20
MC2 Electrical 15825	Supply & fit electronic timer	£218.40
MC2 Electrical 15826	Fit and mount defibrillator	£160.20
Peter Brazier	Reimburse expenses - traffic calming	£36.97

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Donation for Remembrance Sunday	£80.00
WEL Medical	Defibrillator	£1,639.50

**C/104/17. Approval of draft budget for 2018/19.**

The budget was circulated prior to the meeting and was approved by the Councillors.

**C/105/17. Precept for 2018/19.**

It was agreed to keep the Band D the same and the precept was set at £13,594.

**C/106/17. Future Spending/Budget Earmarking.**

The level of reserves was discussed, the Councillors talked about some initial ideas for future spending. This will be discussed further in the next meeting.

**C/107/17. To receive/discuss Chairman and Clerk's Report.**

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

The meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 8pm.