

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village 19th June 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 R Fletcher.

Mentmore Parish Clerk B Knight.

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

Four members of the public present.

C/243/19. Chairman's items and welcome.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

C/244/19. Attendance and Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Iain Butler and Councillor Liz Dack.

C/245/19. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.

Councillor Langley declared an interest in Village Hall invoices submitted for approval.

C/246/19. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED BY Councillor Langley, SECONDED BY Councillor Fletcher and APPROVED and carried unanimously that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 21st May 2019 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

C/247/19. Public Question Time.

A member of the public raised the issue of dog waste discarded in a heap in a field near a public footpath.

C/248/19. Police Matters.

The police were not present.

C/249/19. Reports from District and County Councillors.

AVDC District Councillor P Cooper gave his report which covered:

- Shadow Unitary authority.
- This has been formed with the new executive in place. The Scrutiny and overview committee will be formed with first meeting being held 8th July. Councillor Cooper has a place on the new committee. The new council has a zero budget and the services continue to be delivered by the existing 5 authorities until May 2020.
- Planning.
- AVDC planning is improving and there are 15 outstanding cases in Mentmore parish.

Bucks County Councillor A Wight gave her report which covered:

- VAHT stopped cutting the grass which effected Pitstone mainly. Bucks CC will adopt the grass cutting in those areas, but the cuts will be reduced from 16 to 4 cuts a year.

- The Brownlow bridge is still being used by some HGVs, this is a policing issue and Ivinghoe and Slapton PC's are working with the police.
- CM/00/18/19 - The airfield planning application is going to committee on the 1st July 2019. The residents are encouraged to submit any comments to Bucks CC planning dept.

C/250/19. Village Hall.

The minutes of the latest Village Hall meeting were distributed to the Councillors prior to the meeting, there were no questions.

C/251/19. Planning:

19/01769/APP – 16A Crafton Lodge Road, Crafton, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire, LU7 0QL. New vehicular access road.

Object PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.

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

Object PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Fletcher and carried unanimously.

C/252/19. Footpaths and Bridleways.

Councillor Dack was absent and there were no issues raised.

C/253/19. Village events.

- Village fete & parish picnic in the evening – 21st July 2019.
- 75th Anniversary of VE Day – 8th May 2020.
- The Village Green has permission to have a road closure and the council agreed to earmark £500 towards the parish event.

C/254/19. Mentmore Village Green.

Tree Survey – not available yet.

Village Green heritage signs – further information required.

C/255/19. Finance.

It was resolved to make the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount
Be Safe Fire Protection	Village Hall	£57.60
Clerk	Clerk's salary, allowance & expenses	£297.39
Bucks CC Pensions	Pension	£88.66
HMRC	PAYE	£67.70
Limited Odd Jobs	Invoice 17 - Mentmore Village Hall Work	£1,628.44
RoSPA	Playground Inspection	£82.20
Metro Bank	Bank fees	£20.00

Bank Balances:

Metro Bank Community Account: £2,620.62
Metro Bank Village Hall Account: £10,907.68
Metro Bank Savings Account: £35,103.93
Total: £48,632.23

C/256/19. LED Streetlighting.

The new street light poles are in place but the lamps need to be replaced.

C/257/19. Clerk & Chairman's Report.

The playground report was circulated prior to the meeting. The tyre swing will be modified as recommended by Wicksteed. ~~There are a few minor issues which need attention a discussion took place. It was agreed that Cllr Langley alter and improve~~

C/258/19. The meeting closed at 8.50pm.