

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on
Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT:

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

Mentmore Parish Clerk Mrs B Knight.

Buckinghamshire Councillors P Cooper and A Wight.

One member of the public present.

C/087/20. Chairman's items and welcome.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and explained that Councillor Dack has resigned.

C/088/20. Attendance and Apologies.

None.

C/89/20. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.

Councillor Langley declared an interest as he has submitted invoices for approval for payment.

C/090/20. 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 7th October 2020 were correct and the minutes will be signed at a future meeting when possible.

C/091/20. Public Question Time.

None.

C/092/20. Police Matters.

Not present.

C/093/20. Reports from Bucks Councillors.

Bucks Councillor A Wight reported about Bucks Coronavirus Tier Two Status and Covid Grants available from Buckinghamshire Council. Buckinghamshire are organising online gifts for looked after Children in Bucks, residents are encouraged to donate if possible.

Bucks Councillor P Cooper reported that anyone that is self-employed can apply for a Covid grant. Bucks Council budget is being set at £1.2billion, reserves of £48 million with council tax being increased by 1.99%. Savings have been made through unitary. Bucks Council are responsible for distributing the Covid vaccines locally. There will be two big centres one in Aylesbury and one in High Wycombe that will be able to mass vaccinate in February.

C/094/20. Village Hall, Village Green and Parish Events.

The Arts Festival is planned for May, although this is under review.

Mentmore play area equipment – the Community Board has agreed to match fund the project. Mentmore Parish Council will be submitting a planning application for this and anticipate that play equipment can be installed in the Spring.

C/095/20. Planning.

New this agenda:

20/03288/APP – Conversion of unused double stable to a summer house – Saffron House, Crafton Lodge Road, Crafton, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QL.

No comment PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Langley and carried unanimously.

Previously consulted:

20/03080/ALB – Erection of 6ft timber fence (retrospective), Mentmore Towers, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire, LU7 9QH.

20/03099/AAD – Two Traditional Pub Signs both swing and fixed plus three small car park disclaimer signs – The Stag PH, The Green, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire, LU7 0QF.

APP/J0405/W/19/3243093 - Abacus Acres, Mentmore, LU7 0QD.

Mentmore Parish Council will submit a response to the planning appeal which will be sent to Bucks Council and the Planning Inspectorate.

20/02014/APP - The Stag Ph The Green Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QF. Voluntary additional conditions.

20/02368/ACL | Existing use of land for the stationing of a static caravan for residential purposes continuously for over 10 years. | Oakwood Farm Ledburn Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QD

20/02014/APP | Demolition of some wall below windows on the rear elevation, New glazed doors and new windows in larger openings on rear elevation, New external steps, ramp and alteration of levels in Garden, New pub sign and new lantern light to match existing. | The Stag Ph The Green Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QF

20/01163/APP | Change of use of part of the existing agricultural building to B1 office use and farm Office (retrospective) | Amos House Rowden Farm Lane Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QD.

C/096/20. Footpaths and Bridleways.

Mentmore – Cheddington Cycleway – Cheddington Parish Council have decided not to share the cost of the feasibility study. Cllr Cooper suggested the same engineers who undertake the other cycleway feasibility studies in Wingrave and Whitchurch could work on this project also to reduce costs where possible.

MEN/8/1 is in a very poor condition and this will be reported to Bucks Rights of Way.

Lower Crafton – Cllr Fletcher suggested that Lime trees could be planted in Lower Crafton and he is seeking views of Crafton residents and the Mentmore Chairman will seek Bucks Highway's views.

C/097/20. Vacancy for Mentmore Parish Councillor.

Following the resignation from Cllr Dack there is a vacancy, one person has expressed an interest.

C/098/20. Finance and Budget/Precept for 2021/22.

The precept for 2021/22 was set at £14,030 unchanged from this year. PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Langley and carried unanimously.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payee	Amount
Wave/Anglian Water	£1.56
Octopus Energy	£76.02

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Clerk Office Allowance & Expenses	£15.00
PE Meal (Christmas Tree)	£228.00
Clerk Office Allowance	£15.00
Bucks Pensions	£113.96
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HMRC	£81.80
HMRC	£82.00
Anglo Dutch	£36.00
Microsoft Office Licence	£59.99
Eon	£144.86
Ivinghoe PC - reimburse Clerk's training	£25.00
Ltd Odd Jobs - grass cutting	£225.00
Ltd Odd Jobs - devolution	£285.00

C/099/20. Next meeting dates:

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

The meeting closed at 8.42pm