

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of Mentmore Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th December 2018 at Mentmore Village Hall at 8pm.

Present:

Councillors: Peter Brazier (Chair), Jonathan Langley (Vice Chair), Liz Dack and Robert Fletcher.

Bridget Knight – Clerk to the Council.

Five members of the public.

C/130/18. Chairman's items and welcomes

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

C/131/18. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Iain Butler.

C/132/18. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.

Cllr Langley declared a pecuniary interest in the following agenda items: accounts for payment, LED lighting work, devolved services re-tendering, Village Hall redecoration and application of wood preservative in the parish.

C/133/18. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Dack, SECONDED BY Cllr Langley and APPROVED and carried unanimously that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 3rd October 2018 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

C/134/18. Public Question Time.

Ledburn – two members of the Ledburn community reported the area's BT home phone service is very poor and unreliable and with no mobile phone signal and recently the BT public phone box has been removed. AVDC District Councillor offered to take this matter to BT as he has been dealing with BT on issues in his village.

Lower Crafton – a local resident will be applying to cut back hedges 4.5m from the edge of the road, he is looking for volunteers to assist with the project. The Chairman said MPC will support this idea but are not a consultee for tree work applications. The resident said road maintenance is shocking with cracks in the road surface, the Chairman asked the resident to take photographs and report on Bucks CC website through their Fix My Street portal.

C/135/18. Police Matters.

The police were not present at the meeting.

C/136/18. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.

AVDC District Councillor P Cooper gave his report about unitary and the alternatives the Secretary of State has proposed with possibly 2 or 3 members per division. AVDC recommendation is for 3 members per district but he personally prefers the County's recommendation for 2 members per District which would be a total of 98. All 5 District Councils have asked to delay the Divisional and Parish council elections.

Bucks County Councillor Wight gave her report which included unitary and recommendations for the number of Councillors for the wards. The boundary review is likely to happen in 2024 and be based on the number of new homes planned in the area. The Brownlow bridge will have a 18.5 tonne weight limit.

Cllr Fletcher spoke about the lack of enforcement of HGVs travelling from Cheddington airfield and the damage caused to the verges in the parish.

C/137/18. Village Hall.

Cllr Dack distributed the minutes of the Village Hall committee prior to the meeting. The floor refurbishment and redecoration will be starting on the 7th January. Quotations have been received to replace the hedge and replant the hedge for £550 and cut back the beech hedge for £150 it was agreed PROPOSED BY Cllr Dack and SECONDED by Cllr Brazier Cllr Langley took no part in the discussion.

A working party will be formed to cut back the Lime tree suckers on the village green. The committee want to waterproof the joints in the kitchen which will cost between £150-£200.

The Chairman is going to investigate options to install central heating into the Village Hall and £4000 will be allocated in the budget for this.

It was agreed to renew the licence for Hallmaster at £137.

C/138/18. Planning:

New this meeting:

18/037030/APP – 3 The Cottage, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QG.

Single storey flat roofed side extension.

No objections and support comments submitted to AVDC by neighbour Mr Mulray available on the AVDC planning portal. PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Fletcher and carried unanimously.

Ongoing:

18/02809/APP – 15 Rowden Farm Barns, Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore, Bucks LU7 0QD.

Installation of 2 polytunnels. Update: further information received from applicant.

Mentmore Parish Council to submit a further comment to AVDC to ask for a condition to be made to restrict the gardening so that this does not become a business enterprise as neighbours are concerned.

Update: Approved by AVDC with conditions.

18/02615/ACL – Rowden Farm, Rowden Lane, Mentmore, Bucks.

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing dwelling. No update.

18/02617/APP – Rowden Farm, Rowden Lane, Mentmore, Bucks.

Agricultural building. No update.

18/02618/APP – 11 The Green, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QD.

Erection of a new shed/summerhouse (part retrospective).

No update.

18/02476/ADP – Oakwood Farm, Ledburn, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QD.

Approval of reserved matters pursuant to outline permission 17/02465/AOP for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of a development with access included for a mixed use development of B8 and B2 units comprising up to 2090 sq. m. in total floor area (equal to the combined floor space of the previously approved permissions 05/00240, 05/00241, 05/00242, 05/00243 and 05/00244) with all other matters reserved for future determination (layout, appearance, scale and landscaping). No update.

18/02468/AOP – Amos House, Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QD.

Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling. No update.

18/02406/APP – Old Vicarage Cottage, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QG.

Single storey side extension with accommodation in the roof, garage conversion, alterations to existing porch and existing fenestration, part demolition of existing roof and replacement with altered roof containing habitable accommodation. New vehicular access to public highway and removal of trees, boundary walls and single storey extension.

Update: AVDC approved.

18/02408/APP – 17 The Green, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 9QF.

Installation of new oil boiler externally at the rear of the property and install an extractor fan in the bathroom. Update: Aylesbury Vale District Council Approved.

18/02409/ALB – 17 The Green, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 9QF. Installation of new oil boiler externally at the rear of the property and install an extractor fan in the bathroom.

Update: Approved.

18/01479/APP – Helsthorpe Farm Barn, Crafton, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QL.

Conversion and alterations of existing barn to create 3 dwellings.

Update: No update.

C/139/18. Devolvement update.

Due to the single unitary council to be established in 2020 Bucks County Council have only offered a one-year devolved services contract. Therefore, it was agreed that the current contractor Jonathan Langley will continue with grass cutting and other devolved works for a further year until the new council offer is available for future years.

A road-maintenance meeting has taken place between the Chairman and the contractor and the Chairman said MPC can afford two days a month work and the priorities are Ledburn to the bridge opposite The Cottage and Stag Hill. Cllr Dack asked whether a failed road surface sign can be erected, and the Chairman will write to Bucks about this.

C/140/18. Footpaths and Bridleways.

Cllr Dack has completed a survey of the footpaths and her report will be forwarded to rRipple to raise with Bucks Rights of Way team.

C/141/18. Donation to rRipple.

It was agreed to contribute £125 towards the cost of replacing the old stile at Rosebery Mews with a new gate. PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Langley and carried unanimously.

C/142/18. Litter Picking & Fly Tipping.

There are concerns over a possible increase in litter through the parish when the new fast food take-away restaurants open in Leighton Buzzard.

The trailer that was fly tipped in Mentmore has been removed.

Cllr Dack reported there will be a community litter pick in April.

The Clerk will contact AVDC to request their contractor includes Ledburn in the monthly litter pick.

C/143/18. Application of wood preservative on wooden assets of parish.

Jonathan Langley to supply a quotation for the works.

C/144/18. Village Events

- Plant Sale - 27th April 2019.
- Art Show (not a MPC event) May Bank Holiday.

C/145/18. 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
Anglian Water Business	VH Water Bill	£21.58
AVDC	Dog Bins Apr 18 - Mar 19	£148.01
Bridget Knight	Clerks's Salary, Allowance & Exp	£774.08
Bucks CC	Invoice from 2015 MVAS	£192.00
Bucks CC Pensions	Clerk's Pension	£166.58
Eon	Streetlights Oct 18	£117.33
HMRC	PAYE	£26.00
Liz Dack	Reimburse Village Hall Expenses	£12.17
Jonathan Langley	4 Invoices	£1,263.62
Metro Bank	Banking Fees	£40.00
Octopus Energy	VH Electricity Oct, Nov & Dec 18	£451.71
Royal British Legion	Donation - poppy wreath	£90.00
rRipple	Donation - gate	£125.00

Precept: It was agreed to set the precept for 2019-20 at a slight increase to £13,708.

C/146/18. LED Streetlighting.

No update.

C/147/18. Electric Vehicle Charging Point.

An application has been made to Bucks for a funding point to be located on The Green, Mentmore.

C/148/18. MVAS – renewal of maintenance contract for 2019.

It was agreed to contribute £73.33 towards to the maintenance of the MVAS.

C/149/18. Luton Airport.

No update.

C/150/18. Mentmore Christmas Tree.

Cllr Langley is investigating the options for future years, in the meantime the parish has an 18ft Christmas Tree in place for this year.

C/151/18. Stag Public House.

It was agreed for MPC to start the process to register Stag PH as an Asset of Community Value PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Langley and carried unanimously.

C/152/18. To receive/discuss Chairman and Clerk's Report.

No comments.

C/153/18. Dates of next meeting:

13th February in the Village Hall at 8pm.

Future meetings: 3rd April, 8th May (Annual Meeting of MPC and Annual Parish Meeting), 4th June, 7th August, 2nd October and 4th December 2019 all in Mentmore Village Hall at 8pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.