

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at Mentmore Village Hall at 8pm.

PRESENT:

Mentmore Parish Council Chairman Councillor P Brazier, Mentmore Parish Council Vice Chairman Councillor J Langley, Mentmore Parish Council Councillor E Dack and Mentmore Parish Council Councillor R Fletcher.

Mentmore Parish Clerk Mrs B Knight.

One member of the public.

C/01/18. Chairman's items and welcomes

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

C/02/18. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from AVDC District Councillor Cooper and Bucks County Councillor Wight and Duncan Harris-Smith.

C/03/18. 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, he declared an interest in the Crafton verge damage and the repair of the Village Green damaged railing.

C/04/18. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 6th December 2017 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

C/05/18. Public Question Time.

The poor condition of the village roads including verges and potholes was raised. The Chairman confirmed these have been report to Transport for Bucks and urged members of the community to also report these direct to Transport for Bucks.

Bucks Best Village – the council has received a request to enter the Bucks Best Village this will be added to the next agenda, the deadline for entries is 30th April and the cost is £25.

C/06/18. Police Matters.

Thames Valley Police submitted a report prior to the meeting and confirmed that during the period of 01/01/17 – 05/02/18 there have been two reports of criminal damage and two reports of other thefts.

C/07/18. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.

Aylesbury Vale District Council Councillor Cooper and Buckinghamshire County Council Councillor Wight were not present. Both Councillors emailed their reports which will be filed with the minutes.

C/08/18. Village Hall.

The Village Hall Committee minutes will be filed with these minutes.

The following was agreed and was PROPOSED by Councillor Brazier and SECONDED by Councillor Langley and carried unanimously:

New kitchen to be fitted by Ciaran Delapp at a cost of £6181 including VAT.

Purchase of 16 new blue chairs at a cost of £356.

The Village Hall Committee would like to create a paved pathway leading from the front of the Village Hall to the building at the rear. This will be added to a future agenda when there is further information.

C/09/18. Planning:

18/00119/APP – The Forge, Mentmore.

Variation of condition 3 (no windows shall be inserted other than those expressly authorised by this permission) on planning application 16/034373/APP – to allow the insertion of a fixed light strip window in the west elevation of the approved new house.

No comment.

17/04756/ACL – Bridge Farm, Rowden Lane, Mentmore.

Erection of garage/workshop.

C/10/18. Devolution update.

There are 5 parishes (Mentmore, Waddesdon, Amersham, Gerrards Cross and Princes Risborough) who are taking part in a trial scheme. They will be given a budget to maintain the quiet residential roads. The Deputy Transport Member Paul Irwin is very keen on the concept. Mentmore would have the opportunity to fix potholes before they become deeper and we could respond quicker to local issues.

The chairman said that the liability of pothole damage would remain Transport for Bucks responsibility, Mentmore would just undertake the work and become a statutory undertaker for Bucks County Council.

C/11/18. Footpaths: Investigation into historic footpaths.

Mentmore 10 has up-growth and the entrance to Mentmore 8 is very muddy, possibly caused by vehicles crossing the footpath. Councillor Langley to speak to the landowner regarding these issues.

C/12/18 Church grass cutting maintenance.

The existing contractor has left, the church is looking for another contractor.

C/13/18. Litter Picking.

Councillor Dack reported the main litter pick has taken place and was very successful. The chairman thanked Councillor Dack and the team of volunteers.

C/14/18. Village Events

- Plant Sale – 21st April 2018.
- Arts Festival – 26th May – 28th May 2018.

C/15/18. Painting of village railings.

It was agreed for Councillor Langley will repair a railing post at a cost of £80. JBS will paint the railings at a cost of £665 PROPOSED by Brazier Councillor and SECONDED by Councillor Dack and agreed by all Councillors apart from Councillor Langley who did not take part in the vote.

C/16/18. 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
Astrobe	Grass Cutting Dec 17	£203.97
Bridget Knight	Clerk Salary & Expenses Jan 18	£332.36
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Bucks CC	Clerks Pension - Dec 17	£73.21
Eon	Electricity - Jan 18	£103.24
Jonathan Langley	General Invoice 10	£200.00
Jonathan Langley	Village Hall Painting	£640.00
Wingrave and Rowsham PC	MVAS Contribution	£70.00
PE Mead and Son	Christmas Tree	£234.00
Fortem Digital	Website Hosting Fee	£74.40
Metro	Bank Charges - per month ongoing	£25.00

C/16/18. Future Spending/Budget Earmarking.

A discussion took place about LED street lighting which would cost approx. £200 per light, all the lights would be of the same design and more economical and it is estimated that the council would recover the cost of the initial purchase by savings in energy bills within 5 years.

Councillor Dack suggested having a new noticeboard at Rowden.

C/17/18. To receive/discuss Chairman and Clerk's Report.

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

The meeting closed at 9.22pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 3rd April 2018 at 8pm.