

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors Robert Fletcher (Chairman), Peter Brazier (also Buckinghamshire Councillor) and Caroline Horgan.

Mentmore Parish Clerk Bridget Knight.

Two members of the public.

C/016/24 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/017/24 Apologies and Attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Tracey Waring-Mundy (Vice Chairman).

C/018/24 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.

Councillor Brazier declared an interest as a shareholder and Director of The Stag Public House.

C/019/24 To approve the minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on 7th February 2024.

It was agreed that the minutes were true and accurate. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

C/020/24 Public Question Time.

A member of the public asked whether he should leave the room to when the tender is discussed, he was permitted to remain at that point of the meeting.

C/021/24 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

A report was submitted by Councillor Town and there were no questions. The Chairman raised the matter of potholes on the Mentmore straight, frustrating that some are marked for repair and whilst others remain. Buckinghamshire Council have an extra £10M for patch and repairs and Councillor Brazier explained roads in Cheddington are being resurfaced to a very high standard.

C/022/24 Planning Applications:

Planning Appeal:

Enforcement Ref: NC/23/00200/COU Appeal Ref: 23/00106/ENFNOT

Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/J0405/C/23/3335798

Site Address: Rowden Farm Rowden Farm Lane Mentmore Buckinghamshire

Breach: Appeal against without planning permission, the material change of use of the Land from a mixed use of agriculture and equestrian to an educational/therapy farm (sui generis).

It was agreed to submit an Objection PROPOSED BY Councillor Fletcher and SECONDED BY Councillor Brazier and carried unanimously.

C/023/24 Village Hall, Village Green and Mentmore Parish Events.

The Chairman will contact Tencer Ltd about the ineffective heating system.

C/024/24 Footpaths, Bridleways, Roads including Speedwatch.

Councillor Waring-Mundy and volunteers have undertaken speedwatch in Ledburn.

The belt footpath in the golf course is flooded and track in poor condition.

It was agreed to plant 30 oak saplings along the road in lower Crafton, the Clerk will inform the Local Area Technician.

C/025/24 Devolved Servies and Parish Council Grass Cutting.

Stile by cricket pitch – no update to the installation due to the extreme rain.

Rumble strips and signage at Mentmore crossroads – Councillor Brazier has met with the Local Area Technician and there have been no developments. Concerns have been raised about HGVs travelling through villages and Ledburn bridge, despite raising this with Buckinghamshire Council this continues. A discussion took place about horse riders and pedestrians in the parish and the Clerk will speak to the Local Area Technician about the lack of signs and the Chairman will supply a map showing the locations for the signs in particular in Crafton.

Devolved services offer from Buckinghamshire Council remains the same as last year, it was agreed to accept the offer PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Horgan and carried unanimously.

It was agreed to accept the tender quotation from Limited Odd Jobs, with the condition of monthly invoicing, gate cleaning is not required and for the village hall grass to be invoiced directly to the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed for the Village Hall hedge to be cut.

C/026/24 Finance and Accounts for Payment.

It was agreed for the Chairman to have an allowance of £500. The asset register was reviewed and is correct.

The following payments were approved for payment:

Payee:		Amount
Starboard Systems	Scribe Software	£207.36
Hallmaster	VH Booking System	£265.00
Buckinghamshire Council	Dog bins	£227.84
Clerk	Reimburse expenses	£24.99
Octopus Energy	VH Elec	£58.00
RML Services	Village Green Tree Maintenance	£1,152.00
Colin Chambers	Mentmore Tree Survey	£180.00
Hugo Fox	Website -March 24	£23.99
Lloyds Bank	Monthly Fee	£3.00
Received:		
Rowden Farm Mgt Co	VH Rent	£20.00
Caroline Van Praag	VH Rent	£40.00
J Collier	VH Rent	£12.00
DENS	VH Rent	£78.00

Book sales	Donation	£10.00
J Collier	VH Rent	£12.00
J Collier	VH Rent	£48.00
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Balances at 29/2/24:		
Mentmore PC Current Account		£9,313.97
Mentmore PC VH Account		£18,818.16
		£28,132.13

C/027/24 Clerk's Report

Annual Meetings – 15th May 2024 it was agreed to ask Diane Armson if she could be available to talk about Mentmore local history group and for the Parish Council to provide refreshments.

Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition – it was agreed not to enter.

C/028/24 Meeting Dates

Please note there will not be a meeting in April, unless there is any urgent business. Please check the website for meeting dates.

2024: 15th May (Annual Meetings), 5th June, 7th August, 2nd October and 4th December.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.