

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 7.10pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors Robert Fletcher (Chairman), Jonathan Langley (Vice Chairman), Peter Brazier (Mentmore and Buckinghamshire Council), Caroline Horgan and Hannah Wrathall.

Mentmore Parish Clerk Bridget Knight.

One member of the public.

C/030/23 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/031/23 Apologies and Attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Butler.

C/032/23 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.

Councillor Langley disclosed he has invoices for approval.

C/033/23 To approve the minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st March 2023.

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

C/034/23 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Councillor Brazier reported about the dementia bus visiting the parishes there are spaces available. Councillor Brazier reported the solar panel company preparing a planning application in Ledburn will be holding a public consultation in the Village Hall between 12 – 9 pm on 1st June 2023.

Councillor Brazier reported a team entered Mentmore Towers today to undertake a survey of the building.

C/035/23 Public Question Time.

None.

C/036/22 Planning Applications:

None.

C/037/23 Village Hall, Village Green and Mentmore Parish Events.

Accessible toilet – Councillors will speak to the Village Hall Committee members about the proposal to seek their views.

Coronation – Big Lunch events are being organised by residents in Crafton, Ledburn and Mentmore.

Parish Council apple trees – permission was granted to the Village Hall neighbour to allow pruning of the Village Hall apple trees. It was noted in future more advanced notice would be appreciated.

C/038/23 Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds.

The Chairman met with a representative from the gate company and the locations were measured and the positions were agreed. It was resolved not to have the village name on the Crafton signs and the Ledburn and Mentmore signs will be located by the 30MPH signs.

The Parish Council has received complaints about branches obstructing the verges in Crafton, it was agreed to write to request these are cleared.

Councillor Waring-Mundy reported Speedwatch will be starting in Ledburn and it was agreed to purchase three Speedwatch signs at a cost of £150.

Stile at the bottom of the cricket pitch – it was agreed to write to Ascott Estates to ask whether the stile can be replaced by a kissing gate.

Drains outside of 9 The Green and The Stud House, Mentmore have been reported to Buckinghamshire Council by Councillor Brazier.

C/039/23 Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported the Community Board has granted Mentmore Parish Council funding for three Coronation trees and it was agreed to order the trees which will be planted in Crafton.

C/040/23 Accounts for Payment and Balances.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payee		Amount
Anglo Dutch Payroll Services	Payroll Services Jan - March 23	£36.00
N Power	Streetlight Electricity	£153.25
Midland Flags	Coronation Flag - Church	£12.98
Colfuline Technology Ltd	Banana Plugs	£7.49
Buckinghamshire Council	Cycleway Feasibility Study Contribution	£3,956.00
BALC	Subs	£69.36
Firelec Controls	VH Inspection	£125.40
BALC	Training	£40.00
Lloyds Bank	Monthly Fee	£3.00
Hallmaster	VH Booking System	£238.80
Amazon	Office supplies	£17.15
B Knight	Allowance & expenses	£20.17
Octopus Energy	VH Electricity - 6 March 23	£135.26
Octopus Energy	VH Elect 6 April 23	£153.37
Midland Flags	Coronation Flag - VH	£12.99
Limited Odd Jobs	Invoice 22 Village Hall	£678.00
Limited Odd Jobs	Invoice 74 Mentmore PC	£905.00
Limited Odd Jobs	Invoice 23 Mentmore PC General Maintenance	£180.00
Limited Odd Jobs	Invoice 29 Mentmore PC Devolution	£245.00
Bucks Best Kept Village	Entry fee	£25.00
B Knight	Allowance & expenses - March 23	£18.15
Tring Garden Centre	BBQ	£749.00
AV.com	Banana Plugs	£7.78
Richer Sounds	AV Equipment	£1,279.99

Godirectinc.com	AV Equipment	£25.82
Ivinghoe PC	Office Phone Share - April & May	£30.00

Received:		
Bucks Council CB	BBQ	£624.17
HMRC	VAT refund	£232.79
G Scott	VH Rent	£50.00
Bucks Council	Precept	£7,631.50
G Fountain	VH Rent	£120.00

Balances:		
Mentmore PC Current Account		£18,509.48
Mentmore VH Current Account		£19,843.35
Total:		£38,352.83

C/041/23 Meeting Dates 2023:
7th June, 2nd August, 4th October and 6th December.

The meeting closed 8.00pm.