

# Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held at  
Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.00pm.

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## **PRESENT:**

Councillors Robert Fletcher (Chairman), Tracey Waring-Mundy (Vice Chairman) Caroline Horgan, and Hannah Wrathall.

Mentmore Parish Clerk Bridget Knight.

One member of the public.

### **C/057/23 Chairman's Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **C/058/23 Apologies and Attendance.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Butler, Brazier and Town.

### **C/059/23 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.**

None.

### **C/060/23 To approve the minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

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

### **C/061/23 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).**

None were present.

### **C/062/23 Public Question Time.**

A Crafton resident asked about the verges and gates for the villages and the Chairman and Councillor Horgan spoke about the location of the gates. It was agreed that the Chairman and the resident will meet to discuss Crafton ditches and verges, and this will be added to the next meeting agenda.

### **C/063/23 Casual Vacancy following retirement of Jonathan Langley.**

The Chairman on behalf of Mentmore Parish Council expressed gratitude to Jonathan Langley for his years of service as a Councillor including his time as a Chairman and Vice Chairman. Jonathan's contribution to the local community has made a significant impact and the parish council wishes Jonathan the very best for the future.

### **C/064/23 Appointment of Vice Chairman.**

Tracey Waring-Mundy was appointed Vice Chairman PROPOSED BY Councillor Horgan and SECONDED BY Councillor Wrathall and carried unanimously.

### **C/065/22 Planning Applications:**

None.

### **C/066/23 Village Hall, Village Green and Mentmore Parish Events.**

Planters for Village Hall, Church and in front of The Stag Public House, Mentmore – the cost of £480 plus VAT approved PROPOSED BY Councillor Horgan and SECONDED BY Councillor Waring-Mundy and carried unanimously. There have numerous positive comments from residents about the planters and members of the community have been water the planters.

Village Green litter bin emptying – a discussion took place and it was agreed in principal to pay someone to empty to bins weekly, in the meantime Councillor Horgan will empty the bin weekly.

It was agreed to arrange quarterly inspections with Wicksteed for the play area.

Accessible toilet – no update.

### **C/067/23 Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds.**

Coronation Trees, Crafton – it was agreed to pay for the trees and reclaim the funds from the Community Board.

Village Gates – discussed earlier in the meeting.

Woodland Trust saplings – the 210 saplings are due to arrive in November 2023.

Litter picking foldable signs – it was agreed to purchase two signs £86.50 plus VAT each or four if funding is granted by the Community Board. PROPOSED BY Councillor Waring-Mundy and SECONDED BY Councillor Wrathall and carried unanimously.

Footpath/bridleway on the golf course – three trees are down across the bridleway and the Chairman will contact the Security Manager at the Towers about removing these.

### **C/068/23 Devolved Services inc Grass Cutting Tender.**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

### **C/069/23 Finance and Accounts for Payment.**

The following payments were approved for payment:

<b>Payee:</b>		Amount
Chiltern View Nursery	Plants for parish	£550.00
Play Safety Ltd	Play Area Inspection	£90.00
Be Safe	VH Fire Inspection	£133.80
Majestic Trees	Coronation Trees	£870.00
Clerk	Allowance & Expenses June	£32.15
<b>Received:</b>		
Table Tennis Group	VH Rent	£135.00
Bucks Council	AV Equip Grant	£1,088.94

<b>Balances:</b>		
Mentmore PC Current Account		£16,248.80
Mentmore VH Current Account		£19,622.94
Total:		<b>£35,871.74</b>

**C/070/23      Update Bank Signatories.**

It was agreed to remove Jonathan Langley and add Councillor Horgan and Waring-Mundy.

**C/071/23      Clerk's Report.**

The Parish Clerk will submit the invoice to the Community Board for the Coronation trees.

**C/072/23      Meeting Dates:**

4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The August meeting will be cancelled, this will be held if any significant planning applications or other urgent items arise.

The meeting closed 7.56pm.