

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 7th June 2023 at 7.10pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors Robert Fletcher (Chairman), Jonathan Langley (Vice Chairman), Peter Brazier (Mentmore and Buckinghamshire Council), Caroline Horgan and Tracey Waring-Mundy.

Mentmore Parish Clerk Bridget Knight.

Three members of the public.

C/042/23 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/043/23 Apologies and Attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Butler and Wrathall.

C/044/23 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.

Councillor Brazier declared he is a shareholder of The Stag Public House.

C/045/23 To approve the minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on the 3d May 2023.

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

C/046/23 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Councillor Town had submitted a report prior to the meeting and there were no further comments. Councillor Brazier reported that Mentmore Towers has been surveyed by Buckinghamshire Council with further update and he stated that planning permission for a hotel is still in place.

The Chairman raised the matter of the poor condition of the roads in Mentmore and Councillor Brazier stated the Head of Highways will visit the parish next week to review.

The 60MPH zone grass require cutting and Councillor Horgan will report using Fix My Street.

C/047/23 Public Question Time.

None.

C/048/22 Planning Applications:

None.

C/049/23 Village Hall, Village Green and Mentmore Parish Events.

Accessible toilet – the Chairman has given the plans to a builder to quote. Councillor Brazier will enquire if planning permission is required.

C/050/23 Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds.

Crafton Verges – Buckinghamshire Enforcement team are in contact with the landowner.

It was agreed for the hedge by Mentmore Towers to be cut at a cost of approximately £60.

Golf Course – a fallen tree continues to obstruct the bridleway and the Clerk will write to the Golf Course liquidators. A badger sett is making the footpath very uneven and unsafe, the Clerk will contact the landowner about this matter.

It was agreed to purchase temporary warning signs to be used during community litter picks.

C/051/23 Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported the Community Board has granted Mentmore Parish Council funding for three Coronation trees and they will be an English Oak, Quince and Horse Chestnut (red) to be delivered in the autumn.

C/052/23 Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 – Section 1.

This was read and signed.

C/053/23 Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 – Section 2.

This was read and signed.

C/054/23 Dates of the period for the exercise of public rights: 12th June – 21st July 2023.

C/055/23 Accounts for Payment and Balances.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payee:		Amount
Midland Flags	Coronation Flag	£12.98
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MC2 Electrical	VH AV Installation	£1,050.00
T Beeches	Internal Audit	£95.00
B Knight	Clerk Expenses	£33.00
Octopus Energy	April invoice	£76.73
Shine Mart Ltd	VH Projector Mount	£19.99
Amazon	VH AV Cables	£16.84
Ivinghoe PC	Phone Share - June	£15.00
Gear IT	VH AV Cables	£30.99
Amazon	VH AV Speaker Plugs	£8.99

Received:		
Novus	VH Rent	£108.00
SutherChamber	VH Rent	£25.00
St Mary's Mentmore	Reimburse flag (net)	£10.82
Dens	VH Rent	£84.00
Bucks Council	Devolved payment	£1,187.83

Balances:		
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Mentmore PC Current Account		£17,491.72
Mentmore VH Current Account		£19,286.37
Total:		£36,778.09

C/056/23 Meeting Dates 2023:
2nd August, 4th October and 6th December.

The meeting closed 8.12pm.