



**Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Mentmore.**

Present: Councillors, Peter Brazier (Chair), Jonathan Langley (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Dack, Robert Fletcher and Iain Butler.

AVDC District Councillor Peter Cooper.  
Bucks County Councillor Anne Wight.

2 members of the public.

Bridget Knight – Clerk to the Council.

**Minutes of Annual Meeting of Mentmore Parish Council held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at 7.50pm at the Village Hall, Mentmore.**

**C/34/18. Appointment of Chairman.**

Cllr Peter Brazier was re-appointed as Chairman PROPOSED by Cllr Langley and SECONDED by Cllr Dack. Cllr Jonathan Langley was re-appointed as Vice Chairman of Mentmore Parish Council PROPOSED By Cllr Fletcher and SECONDED by Cllr Dack.

**C/35/18. Attendance and Apologies.**

None received.

**C/36/18. To receive declarations of interest pertaining to this agenda from the Councillors.**

None received.

**C/37/18. Questions from members of the public.**

None.

**C/38/18. Minutes from previous meeting.**

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Chairman. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes from the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

### **C/39/18. Statement from the Chairman**

The chairman gave the following report:

At our meeting in February, the Council agreed to keep the precept at the same level with no increase as there was no justification to increase it. Mentmore continues to enjoy one of the lowest Band D equivalents in our local area.

Finishing touches are being put to the Village Hall extension. A new kitchen has been fitted and the electrics and safety equipment has been brought up to date. The hall is now a much more useful resource for the parish to enjoy. I'd like to thank the Village Hall Committee for their hard work in getting all this done.

This year we continue to support the maintenance of the church yard via our grant. I continue to seek further devolved services for the parish to enable us to do more maintenance ourselves. We are close to being part of an experiment which will allow us to carry out minor road maintenance we will receive a small budget to go with this exciting opportunity.

Once again, I would like to thank Liz Dack for organising the litter picking teams who have made a very noticeable difference throughout the entire parish. It's an example of how this parish can come together in great numbers to get something done we all believe in.

The annual plant sale was a great success this year helped by the superb weather. This raises funds for the village hall and I thank the entire team for running it again. Last year we saw the revival of the fete and the barn dance. Despite being late in the season it did really well and was enjoyed by many people. Plans are being laid for another fete this year on the 4<sup>th</sup> August.

We are about to see the 10<sup>th</sup> running of the Arts Festival in the parish again. This is a significant event which helps raise significant amounts for good causes. I want to thank the councillors for their continued work over the year and I would like to thank Bridget who is having to deal with new regulations including GDPR

### **C/40/18. Police Matters.**

None. PC Phil Duthie is moving to TVP traffic. The PCSOs attended the plant fair.

### **C/41/18. Reports from District and County Councillors.**

AVDC District Cllr Cooper reported about the major infrastructure HS2 and developments and East-West Rail and Oxford-Cambridge Arc and Expressway. The Aylesbury Vale local plan has been submitted and the final number is 28,500 homes, by November the plan should be approved. AVDC are looking towards the next plan for 2030. The Express way is scheduled to be open by 2022.

AVDC District Cllr Cooper explained about Unitary and the future Bucks councils, he explained AVDC's views of this and urged people to share their views by email or writing to the Secretary of State for Communities before the 25<sup>th</sup> May.

Bucks County Councillor Wight reported about the committees she is a member of. Cllr Wight gave report which included Potholes, Freight Strategy and Maternal Health. A copy of her full report will be filed with the minutes.

Cllr Fletcher asked a question about pot hole repair warranties, Cllr Wight confirmed it is a year guarantee. The Chairman spoke about new legislation for highway repairs, the councils sub-contractor gives a 1 year guarantee on repairs but the main contractor does not appear to have to give any guarantee.

The Chairman stated that next month MPC will have further devolvement and a budget to maintain roads in the parish. MPC are waiting for the Memorandum of Understanding from Bucks. The Chairman wants to establish a new sub-committee to manage the budget approx £6000-£9000 and management of road repairs, so far Duncan Harris-Smith has offered.

#### **C/42/18. Village Hall.**

The Village Hall report was provided by Cllr Dack.

The VH Committee proposed to buy a shed for £1139 inc VAT including installation. It was agreed to purchase a new shed PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Langley and agreed unanimously.

Proposal to tile the VH Kitchen – the committee have received three quotes it was agreed for the VH committee to spend up to £920 on this. PROPOSED by Cllr Fletcher and SECONDED by Cllr Langley and carried unanimously.

Re-painting the Village Hall – deferred to a future meeting.

Post Box – the Village Hall committee will look at options for the position of the post box to be located at the Village Hall.

#### **C/43/18. Planning**

18/01040/APP - Oakwood Farm Ledburn Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QD. The permanent siting of a mobile home as a residential dwelling on an agricultural unit. No comment.

#### **C/44/18. Devolution Update**

No update.

#### **C/45/18. Finance**

The following payments were approved for payment at the meeting:

Payee	Description	Amount
Almar Tring Ltd	Printing inks	£43.80
Bridget Knight	Allowance & Expenses April	£22.87

Bridget Knight	Clerk's Salary	£308.36
Bucks CC Pensions	Clerk's Pension	£78.26
Delapp	Village Hall Kitchen Fitting	£1,600.00
Eon	April Street Light Electricity	£100.99
HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE	£9.00
Ivinghoe Parish Council	Half Clerk's SLCC annual subs	£98.50
Metro Bank	Monthly banking charges	£25.00
Peter Brazier	Reimburse VH Patio & Shelf	£1,140.29
Peter Brazier	Reimburse for MPC Post Box	£29.83
St Mary The Virgin, Mentmore	Donation - grass cutting	£900.00

**C/46/18. Internal Auditor**

The clerk will make enquiries about an alternative as the appointed auditor is unwell.

**C/47/18. GDPR Privacy Policy.**

Councillor Butler will review, then this will be distributed to the council.

**The meeting closed at 9.15pm.**

**Date of Next Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 8pm.**