



**Minutes of Mentmore Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at the Village Hall, Mentmore at 8pm.**

**Present: Councillors: Peter Brazier (Chair), Jonathan Langley (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Dack, Robert Fletcher, Iain Butler and AVDC District Councillor Peter Cooper and Bucks County Councillor Anne Wight.**

**2 members of the public.**

**C/72/17. Chairman's items and welcomes**

The chairman opened the meeting and welcome everyone.

**C/73/17. Attendance and Apologies**

None.

**C/74/17. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.**

Councillor Langley declared an interest in a quotation for Odd Jobs Ltd to do work at the Village Hall and accounts for payment.

**C/75/19. Minutes from previous meeting.**

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

**C/76/17. Public Question Time.**

A member of the public asked if there was any update regarding the Horton Road closure. The Chair stated Mentmore have had an increase in traffic, but less than expected because the road closure in Ivinghoe is not being fully enforced.

**C/77/17. Police Matters.**

Police were not present.

**C/78/17. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.**

AVDC District Councillor Cooper reported:

The chairman asked AVDC District Councillor Cooper questions about Kissingate Barn and Mentmore Towers and there was an update:

Kissingate Barn – the deadline is the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, AVDC will not take any action under that date.

Mentmore Towers – the Chairman has spoken to English Heritage about the Towers and they are in discussion with the Towers owner and English Heritage will work with AVDC and it is the decision of the district council to decide what action to take, the district council can take ownership of Mentmore Towers as a last resort.

The final draft of the VALP is now available online and it going to cabinet in 2 weeks. The way the numbers are allocated has changed and Mentmore parish is considered a small village with no required allocation of houses. When future planning applications are submitted to development control they will refer to the rules of the VALP document.

AVDC District Councillor spoke about the benefits of a NDP and how Slapton's plan is almost complete. The VALP is expected to be approved end of 2018. The government has warned that the allocation for Aylesbury Vale is currently 27,400 dwellings, if the plan is not complete by March there is a risk this could increase by 50%. The VALP is still available for public comment.

AVDC put forward 100 hectares for industrial usage which was too much, AVDC require 40 hectares.

Bucks County Councillor Wight reported:

### **Roadworks in Ivinghoe Division**

I have been made aware of several road closures in our division over the next four weeks. It is worth pointing out that most of them should not be simultaneous from the latest information which TfB have provided me. However, there may be some days when there may be heavier traffic than usual through some villages due to diversions in other areas.

If you have specific questions, TfB have provided an email address and so are very happy to answer your queries. That email address is: [roadclosures@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:roadclosures@buckscc.gov.uk).

There is a map attached to this report of the diversions which are currently projected to be in place during the Horton Road roadworks.

1). 29 September to 1st October - Ivinghoe Beacon B489

This is a filming project, which will only be required for 1 day [from 29/09/17 to 01/10/17](#) with traffic signals within that timeframe. It is on B489

beneath Ivinghoe Beacon necessitating traffic lights on both the B489 and the main road down into Ivinghoe Aston.

2) 2 October to 18 October - B488 at Horton

Roadworks on B488 at Horton. FROM SLAPTON BRIDGE LANE TO 100MTR PAST STATION ROAD. CMP - CONVENTIONAL SURFACING WORKS (24 HOUR CLOSURE). This road will be closed 24 hrs a day, commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> October for carriageway reconstruction works, then for resurfacing through the village section there will be night time closures only, on 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October [19:00hrs to 06:00hrs]

3) After 18 October some time (date to be announced) - Marsworth Bridge Road closure at Marsworth Bridge with diversionary route via B489 to Ivinghoe and thence B488 to Tring and finally via Drayton Beauchamp. We have not received our programme dates for these works and these works will commence after the 18<sup>th</sup> October or maybe later. This road closure is only required for 5-10 days.

4) 9<sup>th</sup> October - Beacon Road Ivinghoe

TTRO <https://apps.roadworks.org/downloads/tm/ttro-special-event-new-182729-3068368.pdf> for filming work. This road closure is required for 1 day and the diversion route will be: B489, B440 and Rignall Road. They will be using symbolised signs so there is no confusion for the road closure on Horton Road, Horton.

### **Mentmore Barn Dance**

I was very happy to have been able to attend the Mentmore Barn Dance this year! It was a fantastic event with an amazing band and I very much enjoyed the music and the whole event. I am putting it in my diary for next year, and just thought I should mention to the organizers that they did a splendid job on the whole thing.

### **Aircraft Noise**

After the one report from a Pitstone resident and his wife of excessive aircraft noise last month, I broached the topic at my other parish council meetings and two other residents from Dagnall and Marsworth came forward to say that they had also had a similar experience which resulted in some distress to them and their families. As a result, I took it forward and contacted the officer at BCC who deals with airspace consultation and have now got officer support for the London Luton Airport Consultative Committee on the BCC side. I am delighted with his proactive approach and councillor support, particularly as this is a time of change as Luton passenger numbers grow and we have challenges from the changes at Heathrow airport as well. He will be supporting the local members at LLACC meetings, the next of which is later this month. If anyone has any further experience of distress or concerns from aircraft noise, do please get in touch via my email ([awight@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:awight@buckscc.gov.uk)) so that I can pass any information from residents on to him.

### **David Bowie Statue in Aylesbury**

David Bowie fans will be pleased to hear that the council approved a statue of David Bowie to be erected in Aylesbury in his honour. It seems that David Bowie championed Aylesbury as a touring stop during his early career, choosing the town to debut his Hunky Dory and Ziggy Stardust albums and referenced Aylesbury in his song Five Years, and encouraged other acts to play, including Iggy Pop

Councillor Dack asked for an update regarding unitary, there was no update but Bucks County Councillor reported that Dorset has been decided who were in front of Bucks.

### **C/79/17. Village Hall.**

Minutes from the Village Hall Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September and were circulated prior to the meeting. No comments. A quote has been received for minor

maintenance work by Limited Odd Jobs for £205. Councillor Langley took no part in this discussion. It was agreed to accept the quotation and proceed with the work also for Limited Odd Jobs to trim the Lime Trees.

**C/80/17. Planning:**

17/03567/APP – Bridge Farm, Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore.  
Erection of garage/workshop.

OBJECTED PROPOSED by Councillor Brazier and SECONDED by Councillor Langley carried unanimously. Comments will be sent to AVDC.

17/03102/APP – Honeysuckle Lodge, Crafton Lodge Road, Crafton, Mentmore.  
New detached garage/car port with storage accommodation over.  
No comments.

17/03101/APP – Woodlands Barn, Crafton Lodge Road, Crafton, Mentmore.  
Conversion of agricultural building into dwelling.  
Mentmore PC to request further information.

17/03472/APP – 3 Rosebery Mews, Mentmore.  
Change of window to French doors.  
No comments.

17/02465/AOP - Oakwood Farm, Ledburn, Mentmore.  
Outline planning application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for development of five buildings for either storage and distribution (use class B8) or general or industrial (use class B2) use involving minor alterations to previously approved and implemented agricultural buildings (planning applications reference 05/00240, 241, 242, 243 and 244), retention of existing hardstanding, access, parking and ancillary external works

The applicant has published an updated traffic control document.  
SUPPORT PROPOSED by Councillor Brazier and SECONDED by Councillor Butler and carried unanimously. Mentmore PC will submit comments to AVDC.

17/01822/ACL – Land to West of Rowden Farm Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore.  
Application for certificate of lawfulness for existing B8 – Storage or Distribution use.  
Update from AVDC District Councillor Cooper: it will not go to the development control committee because it's a certificate of lawfulness application.

**C/81/17. Relocation of post box in Ledburn.**

Councillor Dack reported this is planned for next week.

**C/82/17. Defibrillator.**

At the last meeting with was decided to purchase a defibrillator for Mentmore and the council has received a quote from WEL Medical for £1366.25 + VAT. The Chairman asked AVDC District Councillor Cooper for further information about ongoing maintenance and he advised that there should be a responsible person to regularly inspect the defibrillator is operational. Batteries last approx. 3 years and cost £80 to

replace, it requires electricity to operate and the pads once used will need to be replaced which cost £40, the pads have a use by date of 3 years.

St Johns Ambulance are willing to train people for free and sessions will be planned to be held at the Village Hall. The Clerk will order the defibrillator.

**C/83/17. Devolution update.**

The chairman has been having discussions with Bucks about devolution. The devolution funding will end next year and the Chair is in discussion about what happens after this date.

**C/84/17. Footpaths: Investigation into historic footpaths.**

No update

**C/85/17. Litter Picking.**

Councillor Dack will re-arrange the date of the litter pick because of the increase in traffic during the Horton Road closure. AVDC District Councillor confirmed he understands the AVDC will not charge for collecting litter collected after the litter pick.

**C/86/17. Review of Mentmore Barn Dance & Village Fete 16<sup>th</sup> September**

The barn dance and the fete were very successful and a donation of £3,750 will be made to the church. £450 has been retained for the float for next year's event. This year there have been lots of events including the plant sale, historic exhibition and arts festival. Councillor Langley reported that the village green is very rutted, Councillor Brazier will contact the cricket club to ask for help.

**C/87/17. Finance**

The accounts to date including payments and receipts had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Authorisations and payments were signed during the meeting.

Payee	Description	Amount
Astrope Ltd	Church Grass Cutting 1 <sup>st</sup> June	£203.97
Astrope Ltd	Church Grass Cutting 1 <sup>st</sup> July	£203.97
Astrope Ltd	Church Grass Cutting 1 <sup>st</sup> August	£203.97
Astrope Ltd	Church Grass Cutting 1st Sept	£203.97
Astrope Ltd	Church Grass Cutting 1st Oct	£203.97
AVALC	AVALC Donation	£20.00
Bridget Knight	Clerk Salary & Expenses June 17	£315.80
Bridget Knight	Clerk Salary & Expenses July 17	£270.94
Bridget Knight	Clerk Salary & Expenses Aug 17	£270.94
Bridget Knight	Clerk Salary & Expenses Sept 17	£270.94
Bucks CC	Clerks Pension - June 17	£60.38
Bucks CC	Clerks Pension - July 17	£60.38
Bucks CC	Clerks Pension - August 17	£53.33
Bucks CC	Clerks Pension - Sept 17	£56.03

Bucks CC	Clerks Pension Oct 17	£56.03
Christine Jensen	Internal Audit	£85.00
Eon	Electricity - July 17	£102.11
Jonathan Langley	MPC General Maintenance 8	£519.78
Jonathan Langley	MPC Devolution 10	£284.00
Jonathan Langley	MPC Village Green Grass 54	£545.00
Jonathan Langley	MPC Village Hall 11	£886.22
Little Diggers	Works at Village Hall	£300.00
Mazars	External Annual Audit	£360.00
Playdale Playgrounds	Playground Equipment	£61.31
RoSPA	Playground Inspection	£79.80
Royal British Legion	Donation	£80.00
Zurich Insurance	Fete Insurance	£56.00
Zurich Insurance	Insurance Renewal	£486.47

**C/88/17. To receive Chairman and Clerk's Report**

The reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

Mentmore has commented on Minerals and Waste plans.

The Chairman reported that the fly tipping of paints that was reported last autumn has led to a prosecution and fine of £3,500.

The Chairman congratulated the Clerk on completing the SLCC CiLCA qualification.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 8pm.