



Minutes of Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th April 2017 at the Village Hall, Mentmore at 8pm.

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

District Councillor Peter Cooper.
Bucks County Councillor Avril Davies.
Thames Valley PCSO Frank Callaghan.

2 members of the public.
1 candidate for the Bucks County Councillor Elections.

Bridget Knight – Clerk to the Council.

C-1-17. Chairman’s items and welcomes

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

C-2-17. Attendance and Apologies

None.

C-3-17. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda

Councillors to declare any interests.

Councillor Langley mentioned he has submitted accounts to be authorised for payment.

C-4-17. To approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st February and 1st March 2017.

Copies previously circulated.

Councillors approved the minutes of the meetings held on 1st February and 1st March 2017 and they were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

C-5-17. Public Question Time

None.

C-6-17. Police Matters

PCSO Frank Callaghan gave a report about crime in the parish over the last 12 months, there have been 14 crimes reported in the parish since April 2016. He also showed the council a photograph of a PCSO vehicle with it’s new livery. It was generally thought that it was not suitable for a police vehicle and almost disrespectful.

C-7-17. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillor Peter Cooper reported about the reorganisation at AVDC and reduction in staff in development control and enforcement which has an impact on the parishes. AVDC initially wanted everyone to use the electronic services, if any members of the community are unable to

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access online services AVDC staff will assist by telephone such issues as council tax changes, fly tipping etc. AVDC are waiting for the decision about unitary, this was expected before the County Councillor elections, but has been delayed. The local plan continues to be delayed and AVDC does not expect a decision until next year. Neighbourhood Plans have proved to be enforceable in Winslow, Wingrave and Great Horwood where they exist. A resident in Ledburn has reported that HGVs often attempt to enter the bridge at Ledburn, this causes problems when they are forced to turn around and causes congestion. Both District Councillor Cooper and Bucks County Councillor Davies will inform Highways.

District Cooper asked whether Mentmore PC are considering installing a defibrillator. He explained the potential benefits to members of the community and the financial costs. It was agreed this will be added to the next agenda.

C-8-17. Village Hall

The minutes of the recent Village Hall Committee Meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Chairman will make enquires to find a surveyor who can revalue the Village Hall now the extension is complete. Councillor Langley will contact the insurers to ask about maximum capacities and check on insurance cover to include the extension.

During storm Doris the marquee that was temporarily erected in the Village Hall garden to store items from the village hall during the extension works was lifted by the exceptional gales and caused damage to two vehicles parked near The Stag. The parish council insurer Zurich has said they cannot defend the claim and suggest they settle and Mentmore PC pay the £100 excess. It was agreed to do this.

C-9-17. Planning

17/00759/AGN Land at Bridge Farm, Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore, Bucks. Erection of new agricultural building for storage of hay, straw-feed and machinery.
No objections.

17/00742/APP Kissing Gate Barn, Ledburn, Mentmore, Bucks. Installation of Hard standing for storing of materials and implements pursuant to Agriculture (Retrospective).
OBJECTION. PROPOSED by Councillor Langley and SECONDED by Councillor Brazier and carried unanimously.

CM/17/17 Change of use from parking of empty skips to waste storage and sorting. Marsworth Airfield North Site, Cheddington Lane.
OBJECTION. PROPOSED by Councillor Langley and SECONDED by Councillor Brazier and carried unanimously.

C-10-17. Relocation of Ledburn Post Box

The council will get opinions from residents on where they would like the post box located so that Royal Mail can be given some suggested options.

C-11-17. Progress report from Pedestrian/Road Safety working group

The cones which were very effective on Stag Hill have been stolen. The council will consider suitable alternatives to replace the cones.

C-12-17. Devolution Update

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The Chairman reported there has been some progress and was happy to report that Mentmore has been selected along with Amersham to undertake more devolution in a special trial under section 278 agreement, there is no additional funding from Bucks but this decision empowers Mentmore PC further. Councillor Langley stated that it is becoming increasingly dangerous cutting the verges.

C-13-17. Clerk’s Pension Scheme

It was agreed that Mentmore Parish Council will join the Bucks County Council Pension Scheme (LGPS) for the Clerk’s pension.

C-14-17. BALC Course Annual Audit Training for the Clerk

It was agreed to pay for half the fee of the BALC course on Annual Audit Training. The council agreed to pay half the costs of the Clerk’s training with Ivinghoe PC paying half because the Clerk is employed by both councils.

C-15-17. Footpaths

Investigation into historic footpaths - no update.

Proposed new Kissing Gate – so far £125 has been received, Mentmore PC can now proceed with ordering the new gate which will be wooden.

C-16-17. Bucks Best Kept Village Competition

It was decided not to enter the competition this year.

C-17-17. Forthcoming Events in Mentmore

Mentmore Plant Sale – 22nd April.

Mentmore Arts Festival 26-29th May – Councillor Langley sending booking form to organisers.

Mentmore Barn Dance and Fete – 16th September.

C-18-17. Annual Meeting of the Council – 3rd May 2017

Possibly have an evening to thank the volunteers.

C-19-17. Mentmore Parish Council Bank Accounts

The signatories are being set-up for the new accounts. The payments will be raised by the Clerk and authorised by one of the Councillor’s as authorised signatory.

C-20-17. Finance

The accounts

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

It was PROPOSED SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to pay the expenses and accounts and that the balances were a correct record. The following expenditure and expenses were approved by the Council.

Payee	Description	Amount
Anglian Water	Village Hall Water (Nov - Jan)	£23.62
AVDC	Dog Waste Service 2016-Apr 2017	£63.02
BALC	Annual Audit Training for Clerk	£31.85
BALC	Subs for 2017/18	£76.10
Bridget Knight	Clerk Salary Mar 17	£270.83
Bridget Knight	Clerk Expenses Mar 17	£19.05

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Bridget Knight	Clerk Salary Apr 17	£270.83
Bridget Knight	Clerk Expenses Feb 17	£50.60
Hall Master	Hallmaster Standard Licence	£130.00
Jonathan Langley	Village Hall Invoice 8	£254.67
Jonathan Langley	Village Hall Grass Invoice 51	£150.00
Jonathan Langley	Council Devolution Invoice 7	£475.00
Jonathan Langley	Council Maintenance Invoice 5	£109.99
Morgan Fire Protection Ltd	Village Hall	£49.20
Morgan Fire Protection Ltd	Village Hall	£330.00
Peter Brazier	Parish Council Expenses	£252.28
Wingrave & Rowsham PC	Mentmore Share MVAS	£70.00
Ziglat Builders	Project Management Fee	£2,000.00

Bank Balances at 03/04/2017

BMM Account	£16,967.40
Mentmore Community	£4,081.19
Mentmore VI	£13,984.88
	£35,033.47

C-21-17. To receive Chairman and Clerk's Report
As circulated.

C-22-17. Litter Picking/Fly Tipping Update

Councillor Dack has organised a forthcoming litter pick and will report any flytipping.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 7.30pm.

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