

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT:

Mentmore Parish Council Chairman Councillor P Brazier, Mentmore Parish Council Vice Chairman Councillor J Langley, Mentmore Parish Council Councillor I Butler, Mentmore Parish Council Councillor E Dack, Mentmore Parish Council Councillor R Fletcher.

Mentmore Parish Clerk B Knight.

Buckinghamshire County Councillor A Wight and Aylesbury Vale District Councillor P Cooper.

Four members of the public present.

C/001/20. Chairman's items and welcome.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

C/002/20. Attendance and Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Bucks County Councillor Anne Wight and Councillor Iain Butler.

C/003/20. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.

Councillor Langley declared an interest in an invoice submitted for payment and a quotation to repair the Village Green bench.

C/004/20. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED BY Councillor Langley, SECONDED BY Councillor Dack and APPROVED and carried unanimously that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 4th December 2019 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

C/005/20. Public Question Time.

A resident thanked the council in particular the Chairman and Councillor Fletcher for their work on the council with a planning matter.

C/006/20. Police Matters.

Not present.

C/007/20. Reports from District and County Councillors.

Bucks County Councillor circulated her report prior to the meeting which covered Unitary and the process for reporting illegal encampments. The report will be kept with the minutes.

AVDC District Councillor Cooper gave his report about the new Buckinghamshire Council. Buckinghamshire Council Scrutiny Committee had the opportunity to interview the Leader and Exec of the shadow council and to review the budget for the first three years of the five-year term of the new Council. The recommendations from the committee will go to the full council and a budget will be approved at the full council meeting. The new Buckinghamshire Council have prepared a business plan which is available on the website. The scrutiny committee has recommended that climate control is included and has a budget.

Council tax needs to be harmonised across the county, AVDC is currently in the middle.

C/008/20. Village Hall and Village Green.

The Chairman invited a member of the public to speak. The resident explained that a few parents have requested play equipment for smaller children and a discussion took place. The resident and Councillor Langley will carry out some research and prepare a proposal.

It was agreed to repair the oldest bench on Mentmore Green at a cost of £60.

It was agreed to accept the quotation from MK Flooring for £490 plus VAT.

It was agreed to renew the Performing Rights Licence for the Village Hall at a cost of £173.83 plus VAT.

It was agreed to accept the revised quotation for the audio-visual system is higher than expected and will cost £1057 plus installation approx. £400.

It was agreed to spend up to £2,300 plus VAT to repair two Village Hall windows by DLS Carpentry and for the windows to be painted when the repairs are complete.

C/009/20. High Command Production donation of £2,500 to Mentmore Parish Council.

The donation will cover the audio-visual equipment for Mentmore Village Hall and be used towards the new play equipment.

C/010/20. Planning.

20/00091/ALB – The Old Laundry, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QD. Install gravity drain and create access to boiler room.
No objections.

19/00090/REF - Amos House, Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QD
Notification from AVDC of appeal lodged with the Secretary of State against AVDC's decision.
Noted.

20/00325/COUAR – Oakwood Farm, Ledburn, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QD. Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of agricultural barn into dwelling house (Class Q(a)) and in relation to design and external appearance of the building (Class Q(b)).
Support PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Dack and carried unanimously.

C/011/20. Footpaths and Bridleways.

The Chairman has reported to Bucks County Council Rights of Way the bridleway in The Golf Course has an open manhole.

C/012/20. Village events 2020:

It was agreed to allocate £1,000 towards the VE Day Celebrations.

C/013/20. Mentmore Conservation Area Review – Consultation.

Mentmore Parish Council will submit a response to AVDC.

C/014/20. Finance.

It was agreed to set the precept at £14,030.

The Unity Trust Bank Forms were signed by the Councillors present, only Councillor Butler's signature is required.

It was agreed to make the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount
Limited Odd Jobs/JL	Mentmore Village Hall	£347.44

ICO	Registration	£35.00
MK Flooring	Mentmore Village Hall - Flooring	£588.00
Almar Tring	Office Supplies	£4.00
B Knight	Reimburse Expenses and allowance	£54.62
Bucks CC Pensions	Pension Costs	£96.72
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HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE	£73.80
Anglo Dutch	Payroll	£36.00
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D Armson	Reimburse VILLAGE HALL Expenses	£53.05
Web Genie	Web Hosting Fee	£74.40
Eon	Streetlights - Oct - Dec 19	£289.72
Prepnlay Industrial Flooring	Mentmore Village Hall Pre & Lay Flooring	£1,257.60
Metro Bank	Bank Fees	£40.00

C/015/20. Report from meeting with Bucks County Council above devolved pothole pilot project.

The Chairman and Clerk attended the meeting and the Chairman reported that the project was successful.

C/016/20. Mentmore Parish Council Devolved Services Agreement 2020.

The devolved services agreement was signed, the Clerk will return to Bucks County Council.

C/017/20. LED Streetlighting.

The parish council has received a complaint from a resident that the Ledburn light is too dim, Councillor Langley has visited the resident and explained that the new light is effective and is not intended to illuminate private gardens.

C/018/20. Clerk & Chairman's Report.

This was circulated prior to the meeting and there were no questions.

C/019/20. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

The next meeting will be held on 1st April 2020.