



Minutes of the Annual Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2014 at the Village Hall, Mentmore at 8pm.

Present: Councillors Jonathan Langley, Simon O’Shea, Peter Brazier and Frank Falcon
 District Councillor Peter Cooper
 Mrs L Byrom, Clerk to the Council

24. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies were received from Christina Pringle of Thames Valley Police.

25. Appointment of New Councillor

The Chairman reported that he had received interest from two potential Councillors. One was very keen and the other less keen. The Chairman had asked both potential candidates to email their CVs to the Council.

26. Public Question Time (10 minutes)

There were no members of the public present.

27. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda

There were none.

28. (i) To approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th June 2014

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2014 were approved as a correct record, subject to renumbering, and signed by the Chairman.

(ii) To approve in principle the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on 20th May 2014

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2014 should be approved in principle.

29. Village Hall

Cllr Langley had nothing to report.

30. Neighbourhood Action Group/Police Matters

There was nothing to report.

31. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillor Peter Cooper reported that changes to Electoral Registration had come into effect on 1st June 2014. The onus was on new home owners to register their change of details and there was currently a television campaign advertising the changes.

Cllr Cooper reported that the GAP report had released money to spend on infrastructure, in particular to improve links from the M1 to the roundabout at the end of the Leighton Buzzard bypass

and there were also plans to improve the A418 into Aylesbury. The Council did not need to do anything at this stage but should be aware of the position.

In relation to the planning application for the Solar Farm at Oakwood Farm, the matter should have been discussed by the Planning Committee at Aylesbury Vale District Council at its meeting on 9th July, however it was unlikely that it would be discussed as at 6pm they were still discussing the application for a crematorium at Rowsham. Cllr Cooper also reported that an application for a solar farm in Hertfordshire, just north of North Marston had been submitted, but no details were available. It was unclear as to whether this application would have an impact on the Mentmore application.

Cllr Cooper reported that he was likely to be a member of the Planning Committee when it next met, but there may be a possible legal problem on the basis that he has already objected to the Solar Farm application which would be on the agenda for the next AVDC Planning Committee Meeting.

Cllr Cooper would speak to the Councillors at the end of the meeting to discuss the speech that they proposed to make at the AVDC Planning Committee Meeting.

32. To receive

- **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that the Play Area Safety Inspection Report had been received from RoSPA. Cllr Langley had looked at the report and no action was required.

- **Items for Action**

- **Correspondence**

(i) A Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order had been received from Buckinghamshire County Council relating to the temporary closure of Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore comprising the railway bridge and the carriageway 20 metres either side of the said bridge. The work would commence on 14th July for approximately 10 days.

(ii) Town and Council Devolution Programme by Buckinghamshire County Council. Stewkley, together with 4 other parishes were currently taking part in a pilot scheme to trial the devolution of services from BCC, which would include grass cutting etc. Concerns were raised by the Councillors as to whether the scheme would be workable. It was proposed by Cllr Falcon and seconded by Cllr Langley that the Council take no further action at this stage.

(iii) NALC – Practitioners Guide. The Clerk reported that this document was now available if any of the Councillors were interested.

(iv) AVDC – Review of Polling Districts. The Clerk reported that the documentation had been received.

(v) Cycle Sportive through Mentmore on 7th September 2014. Cllr Langley reported that the organisers had already booked the Village Hall facilities on that day.

(vi) Buckinghamshire County Council – Programme to treat flood-hit roads. The Clerk reported that the County Council were starting a programme of works on flood-hit roads commencing in July 2014.

(vii) Lights Out. The Clerk reported that communities were being encouraged to turn out lights between 10pm-11pm on Monday 4th August as part of the WWI commemorative events.

(viii) NHS Parking. The Clerk reported that documentation had been received encouraging people to sign a petition to get ANPR parking removed from hospitals. It was considered that this was not something that the Council should get involved with.

33. Finance

- **Accounts and Expenses for Payment**

The accounts were agreed.

- **Balances**

- **Cheque Signatories**

The Clerk would obtain a new signature mandate from HSBC bank so that the new Clerk could arrange for the new Councillors to be added as signatories.

34. Insurance

Details of the renewal of the insurance had been circulated to all Councillors. Quotations for different providers would be obtained before the policy was renewed at the end of August.

35. Appointment of New Clerk

The Chairman reported that Deborah Martin had agreed to take on the position but was not able to start the role until the beginning of August.

36. Planning

(i) To receive details of planning applications received and decisions received.

No new applications received at the time of writing the Agenda.

(ii) 14/00615/APP - Solar Farm, Oakwood Farm, Ledburn– To discuss comments to be made to Aylesbury Vale District Council at Committee.

This had previously been discussed in the meeting with Cllr Peter Cooper.

37. Items for Discussion

(a) MVAS Units and Speeding

Cllr Langley reported that data was still being obtained.

(b) Section 106 Monies.

The Council would need to consider the options for using the Section 106 monies.

(c) Repairs for Notice Board for Ledburn.

Cllr Langley reported that the notice board could be repaired, which was preferable to purchasing a new board.

38. Consultation Documents

The Clerk reported that no consultation documents had been received.

39. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting had originally been set for Wednesday 10th September 2014, but it was agreed that this would be changed to Thursday 4th September 2014.