



Minutes of Mentmore Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors, Peter Brazier, Jonathan Langley, Elizabeth Dack, Iain Butler
County Councillor A Davies
Maxine Hayes – Clerk to the Council

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor P Cooper.

Annual Report from the Council

Councillor P Brazier gave a report to the meeting, a copy of which will be held in the minute book.

Report from County and District Councillors

Councillor A Davies gave a report to the meeting, a copy of which will be held in the minute book.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20th May 2015

It was PROPOSED SECONDED and approved that the minutes were a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

Open Forum

No Questions

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Minutes of Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at the Village Hall, Mentmore at 8pm.

Present: Councillors, Peter Brazier, Jonathan Langley, Elizabeth Dack, Iain Butler
County Councillor A Davies
Maxine Hayes – Clerk to the Council

265. Chairman's items and welcomes

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

266. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Peter Cooper and Rob Fletcher.

**267. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda
Councillors to declare any interests.**

Councillor J Langley declared an interest in agenda item 15 and 16 as he had bills for payment under item 15 and a quotation for works to the playground under agenda item 16.

268. Co option for Casual Vacancy

No Applications received.

Signed By Chairman.....

269. Register of Interests

Not applicable due to no applications.

270. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Not applicable due to no applications.

271. Public Question Time (10 minutes)

To receive any questions from members of the public.

No questions.

**272. To approve minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th April 2016
Copies previously circulated.**

Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2016 and they were signed by the Chairman.

273. Police Matters

No report. Concerns were expressed over the continuing speeding traffic through the village which had increased since the Cheddington bridge closure. Although the bridge was now open the traffic had not ceased. Discussion took place over the use of the Sentinel to record the traffic and Councillor Brazier was continuing to chase the Police regarding the request for the speed van to come to the parish.

274. To receive reports from District and County Councillors

Councillor Davies had given a report under the Annual Meeting Agenda Item, a copy would be held in the minute book

275. Village Hall

(a) A report on the work of the committee over the past year had been circulated, a copy would be held in the minute book.

(b) It was reported that a grant of £10,000 had been paid to the Parish Council.

(c) It was reported that building works were expected to commence in 3 weeks but no firm date had yet been agreed.

276. Planning

(i) Planning application decisions - None

(ii) Planning applications 16/01927/APP – 11 Rowden Farm Barns – single storey rear extension and new windows to replace existing windows in side elevation – the Parish Council had no comments.

(iii) Update on Red House planning breach – this was being dealt with by the AVDC enforcement team. Parish Council had made comments about the principle of retrospective approval and setting a precedent.

277. Progress report from Pedestrian/Road Safety working group

Councillor Brazier continued to chase the County Council regarding the potholes on Stag Hill. He had been informed that repairs would take place mid June.

278. Devolution update

The maps still needed to be finalised. Because it had been an unusual Spring 3 cuts had been required in April instead of 2. This would balance out later in the year. The tender documentation would be reviewed in 2017. It was agreed that a review of the area in Ledburn towards the railway bridge would be required. The weed spraying was already over budget and this was partly due to the cost of the spraying licence.

279. Finance

To discuss and approve report from internal auditor relating to account year ended 31st March 2016 – this had been circulated to all councillors and it was PROPOSED SECONDED and APPROVED to accept this report.

To discuss and approve the Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2016 which had been circulated. It was PROPOSED SECONDED and APPROVED to sign the Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement for year ending 31st March 2016.

Signed By Chairman.....

The following expenditure was approved by the Council.

Accounts update including expenses for payment and balances. The Spreadsheets had been forwarded to Councillors before meeting.

Eon	Village Hall Electricity	£ 68.00
Playsafety (ROSPA)	Annual pg inspection	£ 79.80
Maxine Hayes	Clerks salary/expenses April 16	£ 223.00
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HMRC	PAYE April	£ 52.00
HMRC	PAYE May	£ 52.00
Anglian Water	Water Village Hall	£ 22.00
St Mary the Virgin	Churchyard donation	£ 945.20
Christine Jensen	Internal Audit	£ 85.00
Limited Odd Jobs	MPC General Maintenance	£ 30.00
Limited Odd Jobs	MPC Devolution 5	£ 475.00
Limited Odd Jobs	MPC Village Grasscutting	£600.00
Limited Odd Jobs	MPC Village Hall maint	£182.98

Income

AVDC 1/2 year budget	£6,520.00
Community Chest Grant VH	£10,000.00

S106 Spend Project – Nothing further to report.

280. To receive Clerk’s Report

Parish Council Vacancy – As the Parish Council had not received any applications for the vacancy it would need to be re advertised and deferred to the August PC meeting.

Emails Received and Actioned

- Email from Mr & Mrs Nolan re concerns over reinstatement after flood alleviation works – this was forwarded to Greenford and a response had been received.
- Invoice for MVAS hinged post @ £192. - There is a query over this invoice from the County Council from January 2015 which was being investigated
- Query from resident over street light near Church Cottage not working – Councillor Langley would check the light to see if it was a bulb that required replacing and approach the nearest resident to see if they would like to take it over.

281. Rights of Way

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Councillor Dack and Brazier had attended a meeting in Aylesbury regarding Rights of Way. They had been given info about how to look for where old paths used to run, how to apply to have them reinstated and an opportunity to look at Bucks Parish records. They had decided that it would be useful to go to Bucks records office to research Mentmore paths. The letter that had been sent regarding this initiative had been very confusing and Councillor Brazier would ask them to re send the letter. They would be investigating 3 missing paths 5, 9, 14 and 2 paths lost when the Golf course was constructed. The footbridge over railway at Sears crossing had also disappeared. In 2026 any forgotten or lost paths will be considered permanently lost.

282. Date August Meeting

It was confirmed that the date had been changed to Wednesday 10th August at 8pm.

283. Litter Picking

Councillor Dack reported that the litter pick in April had been very successful with 20 volunteers. A further litter pick would be organised for October. The majority of the rubbish collected had been drinks bottles and alcohol. A large number of the litter pickers were involved at different times and there were not enough tools and Councillor Dack requested permission to purchase additional equipment at a cost of £108.54 so that there would be sufficient tools for the next litter pick where she hoped to involve more people. It was PROPOSED SECONDED and APPROVED to instruct the Clerk to order this equipment. AVDC had agreed to collect the bags if advanced notice was given. There had been several instances of fly tipping in the Parish and Councillor Dack had contacted AVDC. Some of it had been collected.

Councillor Dack requested that dog fouling was added to the August agenda for discussion. She asked the Council to consider installing a dog bin on the Green. It was agreed councillors would come back to the August meeting with suggestions for a suitable location and colour of bin.

284. Playground Report

This has been circulated and the Parish Council would need to action those items highlighted by the inspector. It was PROPOSED SECONDED and APPROVED to accept the quotation from Limited Odd Jobs of £250 to undertake the recommended work to the playground.

Meeting finished at 9.25pm.

Signed By Chairman.....