



Minutes of Mentmore Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 15th April 2020 at 8pm virtual online meeting.

Present: Cllr Peter Brazier (Chair), Cllr Jonathan Langley (Vice Chair), Cllr Iain Butler, Cllr Robert Fletcher and Cllr Liz Dack.

Bucks Unitary Cllrs Anne Wight and Peter Cooper.

Bridget Knight – Clerk to the Council.

No members of the public.

C/020/20. Chairman's items and welcome.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

C/021/20. Attendance and Apologies.

None.

C/022/20. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.

Cllr Langley declared an interest in invoices submitted for authorisation.

C/023/20. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED BY Cllr Langley, SECONDED BY Cllr Dack and APPROVED and carried unanimously that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 12th February 2020 were correct and the minutes will be signed at a future meeting when possible.

C/024/20. Public Question Time.

None.

C/025/20. Coronavirus.

The Chairman reported that the community is coping well and one resident in Ledburn required help and the parish council was able to assist quickly.

C/026/20. Police Matters.

Not present.

C/027/20. Reports from Bucks Unitary Councillors.

Cllr Cooper submitted his report prior to the meeting which will be filed with the minutes. Cllr Cooper stated there could be changes to the Council Wards next year and Mentmore could be in the Wing Ward, with three Bucks Councillors in each ward of Ivinghoe and Mentmore. This year is different with so many Councillors and Cllr Wight and Cllr Cooper will continue to represent Mentmore Parish.

Cllr Cooper mentioned that Susan Kitchener will be responsible for the planning in this area, her team has not been confirmed yet. Cllr Cooper will update Mentmore Parish Council with news as it develops, and he spoke positively about the new Buckinghamshire Unitary website.

Cllr Wight asked for all correspondence to be copied to both Unitary Councillors, sent to her first and copied to Cllr Cooper.

C/028/20. Village Hall and Village Green.

The Village Hall is closed, and all bookings have been cancelled. The heating project is continuing with installation expected to start during the first week in May. The Village Hall windows have been repaired and painted well.

Cllr Dack reported the Lime Suckers have been removed and thanked the Clerk for organising this. There is no update about the new play equipment ideas.

C/029/20. Planning.

20/00881/AOP | Outline planning permission for the erection of a dwelling with some matters reserved | Land Adjacent The Coach House, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire LU7 0QG.

OBJECTION PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Fletcher and carried unanimously. Mentmore Parish Council supports the reports from the Ecology, Heritage Officer and Highway Officer.

20/00582/APP | Construction of a timber carport utilising the existing garden wall and the existing driveway/parking area, with the addition of an electric vehicle charging point | 10 Rowden Farm Barns, Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire LU7 0QD.

Mentmore Parish Council will remain neutral and submit comments to Bucks Council PROPOSED BY Cllr Langley and SECONDED BY Cllr Brazier and carried unanimously.

20/00516/APP | Replace old timber windows and french doors with new timber windows and french doors. Alter 1 timber window to a french door. | 5 Rosebery Mews, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire LU7 0UE.
No Objection.

20/01163/APP | Change of use of part of the existing agricultural building to B1 office use and farm Office (retrospective) | Amos House, Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire LU7 0QD.

OBJECTON PROPOSED BY Cllr Brazier and SECONDED BY Cllr Langley and carried unanimously.

C/030/20. Footpaths and Bridleways.

Cllr Langley mentioned that badgers are on the MEN/10 footpath. The Chairman mentioned that the footpaths are getting well used by local people for daily exercise during lockdown. Mentmore Parish Council had received an anonymous complaint concerning the stile near Kissing Gate Cottage with concerns it had been closed. The Chairman has investigated and reported there is not a problem.

C/031/20. Potholes.

Cllr Langley has reported potholes five times to Bucks Council with no success, one pothole is 5 inches deep, Cllr Langley will forward the confirmation number to Cllr Wight and Cllr Cooper will investigate further and ask the Local Area Technician for an update. Cllr Langley asked whether the pothole money could be used by the Parish Council to repair the potholes. The Chairman responded that he felt the money should be used for other work that Buckinghamshire Council will not pay for such as new curbs, pot holes should be repaired and paid for by Bucks Council.

C/032/20. Village events 2020.

Several events have been cancelled due to Coronavirus.
The Mentmore Fete could be held in September, to be confirmed.

C/033/20. Mentmore Conservation Area Review – Consultation.

The AVDC Mentmore Conservation Area Review has been accepted unanimously and is in place.

C/034/20. Finance.

It was agreed to make the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount
BMALC	BALC Subs	£80.11
S Arnold	Electrical Work at Village Hall (Heating)	£540.00
Tencer Ltd	VH Air Conditioning Work	£1782.00
Almar Tring	Office Supplies	£69.41
M Boothroyd	Village Hall Windows Painting	£462.49
Bucks CC Pensions	Pension Payments	£193.44
HMRC	PAYE	£147.60
P Brazier	Reimbursement for VH Planning	£256.00
H Wrathall	Reimbursement for Plant Sales	£50.99
Firelec Controls Ltd	Village Hall Fire Inspection	£118.80
Hallmaster Ltd	Village Hall Booking System	£164.40
DLS Carpentry Ltd	Village Hall Window Repairs	£1,495.40
Clerk	Reimburse Expenses	£12.60
D Armson	Reimburse Village Hall Sign	£19.99
Eon	Streetlight Electricity	£433
Ltd Odd Jobs (J Langley)	Invoice 62 - Village Green work	£425.00
Ltd Odd Jobs (J Langley)	Invoice 17 - Devolved Services Grass Cut	£60.00
Roderwick Wilson	Village Green lime tree suckers removal	£480.00
Anglo Dutch	Payroll services	£36.00

C/035/20. Clerk & Chairman's Report.

This was circulated prior to the meeting. The playground inspection has been organised for May and the Clerk will ask the Company to contact Cllr Langley for access.

C/036/20. The meeting closed at 9.00pm.
The next meeting will be held on 3rd June 2020.