

# Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 8.00pm.

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## **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 Council Councillor A Wight and Buckinghamshire Council Councillor P Cooper.

No members of the public present.

## **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.**

Councillor Langley declared an interest in invoices submitted for authorisation.

## **C/023/20. 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Councillor Cooper submitted his report prior to the meeting which will be filed with the minutes. Councillor 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 Councillor Wight and Councillor Cooper will continue to present Mentmore Parish.

Councillor Cooper mentioned that Susan Kitchener will be responsible for the planning in this area, her team has not been confirmed yet. Councillor Cooper will update Mentmore Parish Council

with news as it develops, and he spoke positively about the new Buckinghamshire Unitary website.

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

Councillor Dack reported the Lime Suckers have been removed and there is no update about the new plant equipment. Councillor Dack thanked the Clerk for organising this.

**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.  
OBJECT PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor 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.  
OBJECT PROPOSED BY Councillor Langley and SECONDED BY Councillor 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.  
OBJECT PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.

**C/030/20. Footpaths and Bridleways.**

Councillor 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. Mentmore Parish Council had received an anonymous complaint 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.**

Councillor Langley has reported potholes five times to Bucks Council with no success, one pothole is 5 inches deep, Councillor Langley will forward the confirmation number to Councillor Wight and Councillor Cooper who investigate further and ask the Local Area Technician for an update.

**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:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
BMALC	BALC Subs	£80.11
S Arnold	Electrical Work at Village Hall (Heating)	£540.00
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 Councillor Langley for access.

**C/036/20. The meeting closed at 9.00pm.**

The next meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.