Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 4th August 2021 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT:

Chairman and Buckinghamshire Councillor P Brazier, Vice Chairman Councillor J Langley, Councillor R Fletcher, Councillor T Mundy, Councillor R Truscott and Councillor H Wrathall.

Mentmore Parish Clerk Mrs B Knight.

Three members of the public.

C/75/21 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/76/21 Apologies and Attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Butler.

C/77/21 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.

None.

C/78/21 To approve the minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st July 2021.

It was agreed that the minutes were true and accurate, and the Chairman signed the minutes.

C/79/21 Public Question Time.

Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire explained the plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year and information was passed to the Parish Clerk.

C/80/21 Mentmore Parish Council Vacancy.

Ross Truscott was co-opted to join Mentmore Parish Council PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Langley and carried unanimously. Councillor Truscott signed the declaration of office witnessed and signed by Mentmore Parish Clerk.

C/81/21 To receive reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Bucks Councillor Brazier reported:

Bucks Council have won a zero waste award the best local authority for recycling, he thanked the residents for all the recycling. A £3million increase has been earmarked for road repairs, in addition Bucks Council has committed to clear every gully in Buckinghamshire during this financial year, to date approximately 20% have been cleared.

C/82/21 Mentmore Village Hall, Village Green and Parish Events.

The Village fete is being planned to be held on the 29th August, the new gazebos will be used for the fete.

C/83/21 Planning

21/02775/APP | Construction of a solar farm | Land Rear Of Bury Farm Mill Road Slapton Buckinghamshire. No Comment.

21/01977/APP & 21/01978/ALB Helsthorpe Farm Crafton Crafton Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QL

Demolition of out-building. Repairs, alterations and extension to the existing

farmhouse and change of use and conversion. Support PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.

C/84/21 Ivinghoe and Wing Community Board.

The Chairman reported that the Community Board has restarted with four main areas of priority: economic recovery, health and wellbeing, environmental improvements and highways/infrastructure improvements. The Community Board Co-Ordinator sent Mentmore Parish Council details of two local projects including a proposed outdoor swimming pool to be located in Wing. Councillors Truscott and Wrathall expressed interest in joining a sub-group.

C/85/21 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.

The Chairman will contact the Bucks Local Area Technician to discuss improvements to signage for the Ledburn Railway bridge to deter oversized vehicles from regularly attempting to drive under the bridge and having to reverse through the village.

The Parish Clerk will write to the local landowner regarding the condition of the trees located on the boundary of Mentmore Towers.

C/86/21 Clerk's Report.

This was submitted before the meeting and there were no further questions.

C/87/21 Accounts for payment.

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Payee	Amount
Octopus Energy	£48.86
M Armson - reimburse VH BBQ Gas	£28.50
B Knight reimburse expenses	£18.60
Gazebo Shop	£3,668.02
Anglo Dutch - payroll services	£36.00
Eon - streetlights	£143.28
D Armson - reimburse VH expenses	£4.70

Received:

N Rossdale	£ 50.00
Table Tennis	£ 88.50
Boston PD PFX	£ 87.00
BC Community Board	£ 3,959.15
HMRC - VAT Refund	£ 404.02
Book Sales	£ 67.87

The cashbook including budget information and bank balances was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, there were no questions.

C/88/21 Meeting Dates for 2021:

6th October and 1st December all in Mentmore Village Hall at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.