

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of Mentmore Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th June 2018 at Mentmore Village Hall at 8pm.

Present:

Mentmore Parish Council Chairman Councillor P Brazier, Mentmore Parish Council Councillor Vice Chairman J Langley, Mentmore Parish Council Councillor E Dack and Mentmore Parish Council Councillor R Fletcher.

Mentmore Parish Clerk – Mrs B Knight

Bucks County Councillor Anne Wight.
Aylesbury Vale District Council Councillor Peter Cooper.

Four members of the public.

C/48/18. Chairman's items and welcomes

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

C/49/18. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Butler.

C/50/18. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.

Councillor Langley declared an interest in accounts submitted for payment.

C/51/18. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 2nd May 2018 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

C/52/18. Public Question Time.

A member of the public raised the issue of traffic travelling through the village. Reports of HGVs driving to skip businesses on the airfield are driving through the village before 7am. The Chairman said that we need evidence. The Chairman stated that Mentmore Parish Council can submit a complain. Waste King are covered by an S106 agreement, but other operators are allowed to operate through the parish. The resident asked whether we could have a weight limit, the Chairman would like to get a 7.5 tonne weight limit through the village, the freight strategy is being reviewed. The chairman mentioned there will be a new principal council in the future, he hopes that their thinking might be different on that subject.

C/53/18. Police Matters.

The police were not present at the meeting. Thames Valley Police Police Officer Phil Duthie is being replaced by Police Constable Matt Crocker.

C/54/18. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.

Aylesbury Vale District Councillor District Councillor Cooper reported:

Aylesbury Vale District Council Planning and Enforcement - the enforcement officer Gary Dunne has left, and Councillor Cooper will try to arrange a meeting with another Enforcement Officer. Horses Helping People have complained about the bomb explosion recently which was detonated near the stables.

Aylesbury Vale Broadband – a report was shown on BBC South about the failure of the business set up by Aylesbury Vale District Council. Aylesbury Vale District Council are expected to lose £200,000 on the deal and there is a possibility of further losses.

Oxford-Cambridge Arc Expressway – the route is almost guaranteed to be route A which is the closest route to Mentmore. Consultation will initially be with local authorities, followed by public consultation, this is expected in the Autumn.

Housing development is estimated to be approx. 1million homes between Oxford and Cambridge, the increase in the Vale is expected in the Winslow – Buckingham areas.

District Elections – are planned for May 2019, but this is could be delayed with the new council.

Bucks County Councillor Wight reported:

Brownlow Bridge Damage and Closure

Unfortunately, the bridge is no longer safe for use, by cars, cyclists or pedestrians, necessitating a full closure for a period of approximately three months.

Transport for Bucks is working with the Canal and River Trust, who are responsible for repairing the bridge. As Transport for Bucks was due to replace the traffic lights on the bridge over the forthcoming school holiday period, and it is hoped that this work can be done once the bridge is made safe again.

Diversions will be in place throughout this period.

Crafton road improvements

Road surface improvements were recently undertaken to improve road surfaces in Crafton with some of the additional funding released to tackle some of the damage from the winter weather. We will be continuing to get as much road surface work done before the autumn throughout the division.

Healthwatch Bucks

Healthwatch Bucks works closely with Bucks County Council and the National Health Service in order to improve patient care and experience. They do this through inviting patients to express their ideas and opinions and provide feedback on health services in Bucks, so that it can be considered and acted upon by the health authorities to improve service.

Their priorities for 2017-2018 are Mental Health and Wellbeing, Prevention and Primary Care, and Transition to and within Social Care. They do online reporting of patient surveys and provide signposting to services, which helps service users understand what they can expect from the NHS and other health and care services. They often direct people to information that is already in the public domain but is hard to find. This includes information to help people understand any choices they may have regarding these services.

For more information, you can contact Healthwatch Bucks on **0845 260 6216** – Monday to Thursday between 9am and 5pm – or you can email info@healthwatchbucks.co.uk or explore their homepage at <https://www.healthwatchbucks.co.uk>

National Paralympic Heritage Trust Recruitment – committee vacancies.

For more information or to apply, please download the Trustee welcome pack here or request one by email at vicky.hopewalker@paralympicheritage.org.uk

Rural Bus Route Survey

We are reviewing the rural bus services that receive financial support from Buckinghamshire County Council and we would like to hear from people about routes affecting our division! This survey is open for responses from **7 June to 20 July 2018**

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=7382>

New role

I was appointed as the Deputy Cabinet Member for Education, and so will be moving over from Communities and Public Health. A few of us newer deputy members have been reshuffled in order to provide us with a broader experience base and more detailed knowledge of other portfolios. I look forward very much to working with Cabinet Member Mike Appleyard, who is the Cabinet Member for Education.

C/55/18. Village Hall.

The Village Hall Committee minutes are available on the parish council website. The Chairman thanked Councillor Dack. The Village Hall shed planning application has been submitted to AVDC. The Village Hall committee plan to have the lobby and hall painted. The kitchen is almost finished.

C/56/18. Planning:

18/0157/APP – Helsthorpe Farm Barn, Crafton, Mentmore, LU7 0QL.

Conversion and alterations of existing barn to create 3 dwellings.

It was agreed to object to the planning application PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.

18/01684/APP – The Barn, Crafton Lodge Road, Crafton, Mentmore, LU7 0QJ.

Erection of an oak framed garden room and replacement of rear French Doors and single door to rear elevation.

No comments.

C/57/18. Devolution update.

No update.

C/58/18. Footpaths: Investigation into historic footpaths.

MEN 10 – MENTMORE PARISH COUNCIL has received 3 complaints from the same person about the footpath being obstructed. The Chairman will talk to the farmer.

C/59/18 Litter Picking.

The Aylesbury Vale District Councillor contractor has visited the parish.

C/60/18. Bucks Best Kept Village

The judging is due to take place in June or July.

C/61/18. Village Events

- Village picnic planned for 4th August.
- Review of the Arts Festival – very successful.

C/62/18. Village Hall Shed

The planning application has been submitted to Aylesbury Vale District Councillor.

C/63/18. Finance

The accounts to date including payments and receipts had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Authorisations and payments were signed during the meeting.

Payee	Description	Amount
HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE	£9.20
Mike Armson	Reimburse Village Hall Expenses	£10.40
Diane Armson	Reimburse Village Hall Expenses	£14.00
Bridget Knight	Clerk's Allowance & Expenses	£18.60
Metro Bank	Monthly banking charges	£25.00
Octopus	Electricity Charges	£34.53
Janes	Village Hall Microwave	£65.76
Bucks CC Pensions	Clerk's Pension	£78.24
Trevor Beeches	Internal Auditor	£85.00
Liz Dack	Reimburse Village Hall Expenses	£96.23
Ivinghoe Parish Council	Society of Local Council Clerk's Annual Subs	£98.50
Peter Brazier	Reimburse Aylesbury Vale District Council Planning App Fee	£117.00
R and JC Smith	Village Hall Tiles	£187.20
Limited Odd Jobs/Jonathan Langley	Invoice 12 Devolvement	£190.00
Bridget Knight	Clerk's Salary	£308.16
Limited Odd Jobs/Jonathan Langley	Invoice 12 General Maintenance	£408.00
Linctus Property Services Ltd	Village Hall Tiling	£600.00
Limited Odd Jobs/Jonathan Langley	Invoice 57 Parish Council	£650.00
Summer Garden & Leisure Buildings	Village Hall Shed	£1,139.00
Limited Odd Jobs/Jonathan Langley	Invoice 14 Village Hall	£1,700.44

C/64/18. Aylesbury Vale District Council Community Governance Review. Noted.

C/65/18. Internal Auditor.

Trevor Beeches appointed auditor – PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier SECONDED by Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.

C/66/18. 2017/18 Annual Governance Statement – Section 1.

This was approved and signed.

C/67/18. 2017/18 Annual Governance Statement – Section 2.

This was approved and signed.

C/68/18. Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights.

11th June – 20th July 2018.

C/69/18. LED Streetlighting – including Ledburn.

This was deferred to the next meeting when Councillor Butler is present.

C/70/18. Formation of a road maintenance sub-committee.

This was deferred until the memorandum of association is issued by Bucks CC.

C/71/18. Bridleways

MENTMORE PARISH COUNCIL has received a complaint about a bridleway/road crossing point with poor visibility, this has been referred to the Cheddington Clerk as this is in Cheddington parish.

C/72/18. To receive/discuss Chairman and Clerk's Report.

The internal auditor suggestion to re-introduce an invoicing system for VH bookings was discussed and is being started. No questions about the reports.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

Date of Next Meeting of Mentmore Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 1st August** in Mentmore Village Hall at 8pm.