

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on
Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

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

Mentmore Parish Clerk Mrs B Knight.

No members of the public.

C/103/21 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/104/21 Apologies and Attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Butler and Councillor Truscott.

C/105/21 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.

Councillor Langley declared an interest as he has submitted accounts for payment. The Chairman declared an interest as a Director of The Stag Public House and did not take part in the discussion about the Christmas Fayre.

C/106/21 To approve the minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th October 2021.

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

C/107/21 Public Question Time.

None.

C/108/21 To receive reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Bucks Councillor Brazier reported:

Ivinghoe Freight Strategy - the Consultation will be taking place in January and should be implemented in the spring. There were no questions.

C/109/21 Mentmore Village Hall, Village Green and Parish Events.

Mentmore Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tree Lighting Event – The Vice Chairman reported the Christmas Tree will be delivered this week. Councillor Wrathall explained about the plans for the Christmas Fayre and Tree Lighting Event and the Chairman thanked her for her work on this.

Village Fete finance – it was decided that the fete should not be considered as a Parish Council event and the fete committee should ensure they keep records should there be an inspection.

Soft Play Proposal – Councillor Wrathall explained her idea of village hall hire including soft play equipment rental. The equipment is expected to cost up to £500 and Councillor Wrathall will explain further in February.

C/110/21 Mentmore Christmas Tree.

A discussion took place about an artificial tree for next year, this will be discussed early next year. It was agreed to purchase a real tree for this year at a cost of up to £250.

C/111/21 Royal British Legion Donation.

It was agreed to donate £100 to the Poppy Appeal.

C/112/21 Short/Mid and Long Term Council Plans.

Councillor Wrathall led the discussion about future ideas for Mentmore Parish Council including:
Short Term: Wooden bollards for Crafton. Wildflowers for the Mentmore verges.

C/113/21 Planning:

No new applications.

C/114/21 Footpaths, Bridleways and Roads.

A resident has asked if the signage for Crafton can be improved, to prevent drivers from trying to access the golf course through Crafton.

C/115/21 2022/23 Budget and Precept.

The budget and precept was discussed, the precept will be set at the next meeting.

C/116/21 Clerk's Report.

This was circulated prior to the meeting and there were no questions.

C/117/21 Accounts for payment.

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Payee	Amount
Ltd Odd Jobs Invoice 69 - Grass Cutting MPC	£110.00
Bucks Travel – Mini Bus Hire	£270.00
Buckinghamshire Council – Dog Bins	£156.43
BMKALC - Training	£90.00
B Knight - reimburse expenses (MS Office)	£64.04
Ltd Odd Jobs Invoice 24 – Devolution	£50.00
Octopus VH Elec - Oct	£73.54
Lock 67 - Village Hall Sign	£43.20
Amphill Fireplaces - VH Woodburner	£957.00
Anglo Dutch - Payroll services	£36.00
Eon - Streetlight Elec	£151.91
Octopus VH Elec - Sept	£53.97

Received:

Table Tennis rental	£170.00
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The cashbook including budget information and bank balances was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, there were no questions.

C/118/21 Meeting Dates for 2022:

2nd February, 6th April, 4th May (Annual Meetings), 1st June, 3rd August, 5th October and 7th December 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.