

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of Mentmore Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st August 2018 at Mentmore Village hall at 8pm.

Present:

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

Bucks County Councillor A Wight.
Aylesbury Vale District Councillor P Cooper.

Mentmore Parish Clerk – Mrs B Knight

One member of the public.

C/73/18. Chairman's items and welcomes

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

C/74/18. Attendance and Apologies

None received.

C/75/18. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.

None.

C/76/18. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 6th June 2018 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

C/76/18. Public Question Time.

None.

C/77/18. Police Matters.

The police were not present at the meeting.

C/78/18. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.

Bucks County Councillor Wight reported:

Brownlow Bridge closure dates

The Brownlow Bridge is due for traffic light refurbishment and these works will be carried out only while the road is closed given the 60mph speed limit and the limited space at the bridge.

The works are currently scheduled as follows:

- Closed for 54hours starting Monday 3rd September 0930 until Wednesday 5th September 1530. (As these are the last days of the school holidays).
- Closed 0930 to 1500 starting Thursday 6th September, each weekday until the estimated completion of the works on Tuesday 18th September.

Please note, Temporary lights would remain in place at the bridge at all other times.

These dates are approximate, as weather conditions may necessitate a change closer to the time, or subject to other planning constraints.

Fix My Street

While I am always happy to report resident concerns about potholes, hedges and other highways issues, our roadworks teams have asked all councillors to remind residents that the best way to report these issues is online using the Fix My Street tool which can be found via the Homepage under "Report a Highways Problem".

This allows for a log to be created of the issue and also generates a reference number for follow-up of the issue, plus allows for some details to be logged when the problem is reported to help with prioritizing the issue.

London Luton Airport Ltd Non-Statutory Expansion Consultation

London Luton Airport are consulting on expansion plans and have invited communities and stakeholders to participate.

The consultation runs until 31 August, 2018 and information can be accessed via this link:

<https://futureluton.llal.org.uk>

The events timetable is included for your convenience below.

At our request at the LLACC meeting last week, it was agreed by LLAL to also hold an event at Pitstone Memorial Hall on 31 July from 4 – 8 pm. I made the point that several Pitstone residents have contacted me to indicate that they do feel very strongly about aircraft noise and so this additional event has now been included in the timetable, and there will be more information on that on the various websites as well.

Do please turn up to have your say!

Forthcoming Non Statutory Consultation events

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday 2 August 2018	4pm until 8pm	Whitwell New Fellowship Hall, 9 Bendish Lane, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG4 8HX
Saturday 4 August 2018	12pm until 4:30pm	Linslade Community Hall, Waterloo Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire LU7 2NR

Short Breaks Consultation Just a reminder that there is currently a consultation for short breaks for Adult and Children's Services to give family members caring for adults a short respite break. Short breaks are for people who are normally cared for in their own home by a family member or friend who is not paid for their caring tasks and for the person being cared for the breaks help create independence and allow them to learn new skills.

Previous feedback from service users and their families has shown that many of you think we need to change how we approach short breaks. So, to make sure access to short breaks is fair, and that services can meet both current and future needs, we are developing a new strategy.

Broadly speaking there are three types of short breaks:

- Universal activities are available through resources in the local community that everybody can access such as those available at leisure centres, community centres, faith groups and voluntary organisations. Examples could include; carer support groups, lunch and community social clubs or independent day services.
- Targeted services are available through resources that have been designed to meet the specific needs of a particular group of people, for example older people, people living with dementia, people with autism or hard to reach groups. Examples include; befriending services, gardening schemes and dementia clubs.
- Specialist services for people who have needs which cannot be met by universal or targeted short breaks and where the person being cared for or their carer is eligible for support. Examples

include support at home by a temporary care worker, Shared Lives, a temporary stay in a care home or other supported environment, overnight residential short breaks and unplanned or emergency care when the usual carer is unavailable at short-notice.

The consultation runs until 10 August and can be accessed via the Buckinghamshire County Council website on the homepage under "Have your say" or via the link below:

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=7388>

AVDC District Councillor Cooper reported:

Litter picking & road sweeping

The current cycle of visits to Mentmore indicates that the litter pick and biannual road sweep should happen this week or next week. Please keep an eye open for this and let me know if you see anything

Cleansing contract

It is planned that in the next contract cycle, this contract will be taken back in house.

New leader AVDC

Councillor Angela McPherson has taken the leadership from Neil Blake. She has good relationship with Councillor Martin Tett, leader of BCC and that raises the hope that the 5 Bucks councils can see some common ground on the unitary question thus giving comfort to the secretary of state. It is hoped that the secretary of state will make a decision by the end of October.

Unitary

The likelihood of a unitary decision raises the question of the validity of the May 19 election. It is likely that the election will be postponed for 2 years but this can't be confirmed until the secretary of state makes a decision. It is planned that parish elections will be realigned with the unitary timescale.

AVDC planning

AVDC planning seems to be turning a positive corner and despite high workloads the department is beginning to work more efficiently. There are now 4 enforcement officer position, so the performance of this area should also improve.

East west rail has applied for planning permission for phase 2 from Bicester to Bedford. It is guaranteed government approval and is planned to open in 2022. It will connect Aylesbury to Bletchley and MK (and Oxford)

C/79/18. Village Hall.

The Village Hall Committee minutes are available on the parish council website. The VH committee have received three quotes for re-decoration of the VH and they are expecting quotations for flooring. Both quotes are expected to be up to £1,800 maximum which was approved PROPOSED by Councillor Dack and SECONDED by Councillor Fletcher and carried unanimously except for Councillor Langley who took no part in the discussion and did not vote.

C/80/18. Planning:

18/02468/AOP – Amos House, Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QD.

Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling. It was agreed that the Parish Council Object on the grounds that evidence is required to prove there is a suitable agricultural enterprise in operation at this property. PROPOSED by Councillor Brazier and SECONDED by Councillor Dack and carried unanimously.

18/02406/APP – Old Vicarage Cottage, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QG.

Single storey side extension with accommodation in the roof, garage conversion, alterations to existing porch and existing fenestration, part demolition of existing roof and replacement with altered roof containing habitable accommodation. New vehicular access to public highway and removal of trees, boundary walls and single storey extension.

It was agreed that the Parish Council Object on the grounds of overdevelopment in the conservation area, parking, highways entrance and residential amenity. PROPOSED by Councillor Brazier and SECONDED by Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.

18/01885/ALB – 15 The Green, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QD.

Replacement of existing front bedroom and living room windows and new front door. Application has been withdrawn.

18/022201/AGN – Oakwood Farm, Ledburn, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QD.

Erection of agricultural building. No comment.

18/01756/APP – Mentmore Village Hall, The Green, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QF.

Erection of a 2.4m x 3m garden shed. No update.

18/02353/APP - Lilac Cottage, 5 Ledburn, Mentmore Bucks, LU7 0PX.

Erection of detached carport. No comment.

18/02408/APP – 17 The Green, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 9QF.

Installation of new oil boiler externally at the rear of the property and install an extractor fan in the bathroom. No comment.

18/02486/APP – Top Bill Barn Part of Crafton Stud Farm, Crafton Lodge Road, Crafton, Mentmore.

Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling with double garage and alterations.

It was agreed that the Parish Council Object on the grounds that this represented an overdevelopment in open countryside and the increase in traffic that this development would bring to lower Crafton's single track road. PROPOSED by Councillor Brazier and SECONDED by Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.

C/81/18. Devolvement update.

Devolved services renewal for 2019.

Mentmore Parish Council has been offered the same terms for another 4 years. It was agreed in principal to accept this offer. The Chairman will prepare the tender documentation for the grass cutting of the Village Green and other parish grass.

Bucks CC Memorandum of Understanding for extended devolved services.

This is being deferred to the next meeting after the Chairman has met with Bucks County Council Head of Highways and the documents are ready.

C/82/18. Footpaths.

MEN 10 – no update.

Historic Footpaths – no update.

Damaged footpath bridge – no update.

C/83/18. Litter Picking.

This is planned for September.

C/84/18. Village Events

Village picnic planned for 4th August. It was agreed for the parish council to pay for the event which will cost £200 PROPOSED by Councillor Brazier and SECONDED by Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.

Best Kept Village Competition – Mentmore did not win and the full report is expected soon.

C/85/18. 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
Anglian Water Business	Village Hall Water	£104.35
Clerk	Clerk's Salary, Allowance & Exp	£326.76
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Bucks CC Pensions	Clerk's Pension	£78.24
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Eon	July Streetlights Electricity	£114.83
HMRC	PAYE	£18.40
MC2 Electrical Ltd	March 18 Invoice Street Light	£144.00
MC2 Electrical Ltd	Electrical work at Village Hall	£56.40
Metro Bank	Monthly Banking Charges	£20.00
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Liz Dack	Reimburse Village Hall Expenses	£13.30
Caroline Sargisson	Reimburse Village Hall Expenses	£9.98
Octopus Energy	Village Hall Electricity	£56.01
Peter Brazier	Reimburse Village Hall Expenses	£160.47
Zurich Insurance	Insurance Renewal	£552.49

C/86/18. LED Streetlighting – including Ledburn.

The chairman previously distributed his report about the expected savings and to replace the old light in Ledburn so that all the lights in the parish are the same and the cost will be up to £4,500 plus VAT to undertake the work. PROPOSED by Councillor Brazier and SECONDED by Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.

C/87/18. Pavement parking.

In London this law is enforced but it was agreed that this is not an issue in Mentmore.

C/88/18. Report from the Chairman's meeting with AVDC Enforcement.

The Chairman covered this earlier in the meeting. He said there are a number of issues in Rowden Farm and issues in the parish with lack of planning enforcement being carried out. Also, development in Roseberry Mews and the Old Vicarage which should be monitored.

C/89/18. Email addresses for Clerk.

The clerk@mentore.org email address is received by all Councillors and the Clerk. Mentmore Parish Council have been advised this is misleading and some confidential emails would be seen by all Councillors. Therefore, the general email address for all Councillors and Clerk will be changed to Councillors@mentmore.org and the Clerk (only) email address will remain as mentmoreclerk@gmail.com

C/90/18. To receive/discuss Chairman and Clerk's Report.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Date of Next Meeting of Mentmore Parish Council will be held on **Wednesday 3rd October** in Mentmore Village Hall at 8pm. The February meeting date has been changed to Wednesday 13th February.