

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 7.30pm at Mentmore Village Hall.

Present: Councillors, Peter Brazier (Chairman), Jonathan Langley (Vice Chairman), Elizabeth Dack, Robert Fletcher and Iain Butler.

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

Two members of the public.

Bridget Knight – Clerk to the Council.

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C/34/18. Appointment of Chairman.

Councillor Peter Brazier was re-appointed as Chairman PROPOSED BY Councillor Langley and SECONDED BY Councillor Dack. Councillor Langley was re-appointed as Vice Chairman PROPOSED BY Councillor Fletcher and SECONDED BY Councillor Dack.

C/35/18. Attendance and Apologies.

None received.

C/36/18 To receive declarations of interest pertaining to this agenda from the Councillors.

None received.

C/37/18. Questions from members of the public.

None received.

C/38/18. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes from the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on the 4th April 2018 were correct and were signed by the Chairman. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes from the Annual Meeting of Mentmore Parish Council held on the 3rd May 2017 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

C/39/18. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman gave the following report:

At our meeting in February, the Council agreed to keep the precept at the same level with no increase as there was no justification to increase it. Mentmore continues to enjoy one of the lowest Band D equivalents in our local area.

Finishing touches are being put to the Village Hall extension. A new kitchen has been fitted and the electrics and safety equipment has been brought up to date. The Hall is now a much more

useful resource for the parish to enjoy. I would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for their hard work in getting all this done.

This year we continued to support the maintenance of the Churchyard via our grant. We continue to seek further devolved services for the parish to enable us to do more maintenance ourselves. We are close to being part of an experiment which will allow us to carry out minor road maintenance and we will receive a small budget to go with this exciting opportunity.

Once again, I would like to thank Councillor Dack for organising the litter picking teams who have made a very noticeable difference throughout the entire parish. It is an example of how this parish can come together in great numbers to get something done we all believe in.

The Annual Plant sale was a great success this year helped by the superb weather. This raises funds for the Village Hall and I thank the entire team for running it again. Last year we saw the revival of the fete and bard dance. Despite being late in the season it did really well and was enjoyed by many people. Plans are being laid for another fete this year on the 4th August.

We are about to see the 10th running of the Arts Festival in the parish again. This is a significant event which helps raise significant amounts for good causes. I want to thank the Councillors for their continued work over the year and I would like to thank Mentmore Clerk Bridget who is having to deal with the new regulations including General Data Protection Regulations.

C/40/18. Police Matters.

Police Constable Phil Duthie is moving to Thames Valley Traffic Office. The Police Community Support Officers attended the Mentmore Plant Fair. There were no further matters.

C/41/18. Reports from District and County Councillors.

Aylesbury Vale District Councillor P Cooper reported about the major infrastructure HS and the development and East-West Rail and Oxford-Cambridge Arc and Expressway. The Aylesbury Vale local plan has been submitted and the final number is 28,500 homes, by November the plan should be approved. Aylesbury Vale District Council are looking towards the next plan for 2030. The Express Way is scheduled to be open by 2022.

Unitary and the future Bucks councils, Councillor Cooper explained Aylesbury Vale District Council's views of this and urged people to share their views by email or writing to the Secretary of State for Communities before the 25th May.

Bucks County Councillor A Wight reported about the committees she is a member of. Councillor Wight gave her report which included potholes, freight strategy and maternal health. A copy of her full report will be filed with the minutes.

Mentmore Councillor Fletcher asked a question about pot hole repair warranties, Councillor Wight confirmed they have a one year guarantee. The Chairman spoke about legislation for highway repairs, Bucks Council's subcontractor does not appear to give any guarantee.

The Chairman stated that next month Mentmore Parish Council will have a further development and a budget to maintain roads in the parish. Mentmore parish Council are waiting for the Memorandum of Understanding from Bucks. The Chairman wants to establish a new sub-committee to manage the budget approx. £6000-£8000 and for management of road repairs, so far Duncan Harris-Smith has offered.

C/42/18 Village Hall.

The Village Hall report was provided by Councillor Dack.

The Village Hall Committee proposed To buy a shed for £1139 pounds including Value Added Tax. It was agreed to purchase the new shed proposed by councillor Brazier and seconded by councillor Langley and agreed unanimously.

Proposal to tile the village Hall kitchen the committee has received free quotes it was agreed for the financial committee to spend £920 pounds on this proposed by Councillor Fletcher and seconded by Councillor Langley and carriage unanimously.

Repainting the Village Hall – referred to a future meeting.

Mentmore Parish Council Post Box – the Village Hall Committee will look at options for the position of the post box to be located at the Village Hall.

C/43/18. Planning

18/01040/APP – Oakwood Farm, Ledburn, Mentmore, LU7 0QD.

The permanent siting of a mobile home as a residential dwelling on an agricultural unit. No comment.

C/44/18. Devolution Update.

None.

C/45/18. Finance.

The following payments were approved for payment at the meeting:

Payee	Description	Amount
Almar Tring Ltd	Office supplies	£43.80
Clerk	Office expenses	£22.87
Bucks CC	Pension Costs	£78.26
Delapp	Kitchen fitting (Village Hall)	£1,600
Eon	Streetlights	£100.99
HMRC Cumbernauld	Payroll	£9.00
Ivinghoe Parish Council	Half SLCC subs	£98.50
Metro Bank	Bank fees	£25
Chairman	Reimburse Village Hall equipment	£1,140.29
Chairman	Reimburse Post Box	£29.83
St Mary The Virgin Church	Donation – churchyard	£900.00

C/46/18. Internal Auditor.

The Clerk will make enquiries about an alternative as the appointed Internal Auditor is unwell.

C/47/18 General Data Protection Regulation Policy.

Councillor Butler will review, then it will be distributed to the full council.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date of next meeting: 6th June 2018 at 8pm.