



Minutes of Mentmore Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd August 2017 at the Village Hall, Mentmore at 8pm.

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

6 members of the public.

C/55/17. Chairman's items and welcomes

The chairman opened the meeting and welcome everyone.

C/56/17. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies were received from Bridget Knight (Clerk), Councillor Iain Butler, AVDC Councillor Peter Cooper and Bucks County Councillor Anne Wight.

C/57/17. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.

None.

C/58/19. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 7th June 2017 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

C/59/17. Public Question Time.

None.

C/60/17. Police Matters.

Police were not present.

C/61/17. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.

Bucks County Councillor was absent but sent the following report:

Buckinghamshire Strategic Infrastructure Plan (BSIP)

The purpose of the BSIP is to shape and influence growth in Bucks in order to deliver the strategic outcomes of the Bucks County Council Strategic Plan – these are: Safeguarding Our Vulnerable, Creating Opportunities and Building Self Reliance and Ensuring Buckinghamshire is Thriving and Attractive and can be found here:

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/council-and-democracy/our-plans/our-strategic-plan/>

The BSIP is intended to take a positive approach to development and outcome maximisation, influencing the delivery of services and the nature and location of strategic infrastructure investment.

A key objective of the BSIP is to maximise efficiencies in the delivery of services and infrastructure, including those relating to schools, flooding, energy and waste management, transport and highways, ecology and public health through the adoption of three spatial principles. The application of spatial principles enables the County Council to most effectively plan and deliver services and work with key stakeholders to meet the service and infrastructure needs arising from additional housing and population growth in the most efficient and integrated way. Commonly agreed strategic, spatial principles across all key stakeholders enable the effective co-ordination of growth and strategic infrastructure priorities across the District Local Plans, County-wide strategies and the Strategic Economic Plan for Bucks.

The County Council is not the Local Planning Authority for Buckinghamshire (with the notable exception of minerals and waste planning) as such the County Council is not seeking to take over the spatial planning role within the County; this role is clearly taken by the individual District Councils through their respective Local Plan processes. As such the County Council is not seeking to make any new proposals for growth but to set out a non-statutory, strategic infrastructure plan for Buckinghamshire with which to influence and engage key stakeholders in strategic planning; to co-ordinate and effectively manage the strategic infrastructure and service pressures arising from housing and employment growth and nationally significant infrastructure projects within and across the border of Buckinghamshire.

The Strategic Infrastructure Plan is not a statutory planning document, it is intended to add value to the Local Plan process through strategic infrastructure planning; influence and engage key stakeholders in managing and mitigating growth impacts, including promoters of national infrastructure projects and key service providers. This BSIP report (Part 1 - Spatial Principles) represents the first stage of the work that Local Partnerships is carrying out for Buckinghamshire County Council.

The report can be found here:

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/documents/s99779/Spatial%20Principles%20cabi%20supporting%20document%20V7%2014-07-17%20WAP1.pdf>

The next steps which are currently underway in the preparation of the second stage of the BSIP (Part 2 – Infrastructure Priorities) are to consider:

- Where and how the County Council can effectively influence growth and manage the provision of strategic infrastructure and services;
- A more detailed approach to prioritising infrastructure and infrastructure funding (based on the spatial principles and criteria set out in part 1);
- An analysis of costs and availability of funding;

- Future approaches to infrastructure delivery including -
 - o Options and different delivery solutions
 - o Model for assessing benefits including impact on economic productivity (GVA)

A series of workshops will be held over the coming months to engage key stakeholders and to identify critical infrastructure priorities for investment. A second report on progress and infrastructure prioritisation will be brought back to Bucks County Council's Cabinet in due course.

Public Consultation: Improving early help services for children, young people and families

Buckinghamshire County Council is seeking views on a proposed new approach to supporting children and families earlier to prevent them needing help from social care services in the future. The consultation is available online at www.buckscc.gov.uk/earlyhelp until 22 September.

There has been a steady increase in the number of children and families needing support from children's services in the last few years. This, along with less money in the public purse means that we need to change some services to better help the children and families who need it the most.

We know that some of our current services don't always reach these children and families so we need to change that. We also want to join up services for families rather than them having to do so themselves.

The consultation outlines proposals for a new approach to helping children and families, to ensure small problems don't get bigger and too difficult to manage. From money worries, parenting tips, behavioural issues right through to support with mental health and domestic abuse - the proposal is to work with families to tackle all of their problems at the same time.

Read the details of the consultation and have your say at www.buckscc.gov.uk/earlyhelp to help shape the future of early help services for children and families here in Buckinghamshire.

A new Library for Aylesbury

On Monday 24th July Cabinet formally agreed a proposal to integrate lending and reference provision in Aylesbury and to undertake community engagement on the design for a new and modern library for Aylesbury. The County Council agreed an investment of £366,000 for the new library but the new integrated arrangement will save £87,000 a year.

The current arrangement, with lending and reference resources split over two sites, is inefficient and does not reflect the needs of our customers. The absence of a 'shop-front' makes the study centre difficult to find for some customers and disabled access is unsatisfactory. The study centre services and resources will move from the existing space in County Hall and all library services will be then be delivered from the current lending library 'shopfront' premises on Walton Street.

The outline design offers an attractively refurbished modern library with self-service technology, improved children's facilities, new teenage area, two meeting rooms, improved toilet and baby changing facilities and increased opening hours.

Detailed drawings or confirmed designs have not yet been agreed as the intention is to share the broad elements of the design with customers and residents at a series of presentations and open days as follows.

.	Saturday 12 th August	Lending library	9.30am -1pm
.	Monday 14 th August	Study Centre	10am – 1pm
.	Tuesday 15 th August	Lending library	2pm – 7pm
.	Thursday 14 th Sept.	Study centre	2.30pm- 5.30pm

C/62/17. Village Hall.

Minutes from the Village Hall Committee meeting held on 26th July were circulated prior to the meeting. No comments.

C/63/17. Planning.

17/02465/AOP - Oakwood Farm, Ledburn, Mentmore.

Outline planning application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for development of five buildings for either storage and distribution (use class B8) or general or industrial (use class B2) use involving minor alterations to previously approved and implemented agricultural buildings (planning applications reference 05/00240, 241, 242, 243 and 244), retention of existing hardstanding, access, parking and ancillary external works.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would, in principle support this application on the condition that a satisfactory Section 106 unilateral undertaking being offered by the applicant to control the type and volumes of traffic visiting this site be enshrined with this permission. The Parish Council reserves the right to withdraw its support should satisfactory conditions in the undertaking not be agreed or any other planning matters are properly resolved.

17/01696/APP – Barn to the west of Rowden Farm, Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore. Addition of three open porches and two balanced flues for solid fuel burning stoves. If update.

CM/17/17 – Change of use from parking of empty skips to waste storage and sorting. Marsworth Airfield North Site, Cheddington Lane.

Update: Approved. Mentmore PC appeal pending, thanks was given to Richard Phillips for his 106 work for the parish.

17/01822/ACL – Land to West of Rowden Farm Rowden Farm Lane, Mentmore. Application for certificate of lawfulness for existing B8 – Storage or Distribution use. If update.

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C/64/17. Relocation of post box in Ledburn.

It was decided the postbox should be moved to a position adjacent to the notice board by the entrance to Manor Farm Lane.

C/65/17. Footpaths

Investigations into historic footpaths continue by the Chairman and Councillor Dack.

C/66/17. AVALC Membership.

It was resolved that Mentmore Parish Council will join AVALC.

C/67/17. Mentmore Barn Dance & Village Fete 16th September

Permission granted by parish council.

C/68/17. Finance

The accounts to date including payments and receipts had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Authorisations and payments were deferred in absence of Clerk.

C/69/17. Annual Audit

The annual audit for 2016-17 is complete.

C/70/17. To receive Chairman and Clerk's Report

The council has received a grant payment of £1830 towards transparency code regulations. Clerk to advise at the next meeting how this should be spent.

Minerals & Waste Local Plan has been issued and Richard Phillips will attend the meeting if possible.

C/71/17. Defibrillator

It was agreed that we should install a defibrillator but that this would be deferred until AVDC Councillor Peter Cooper is present to advise.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 3rd October 2017 at 8pm.