

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Wednesday 5th August 2020 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT:

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

Mentmore Parish Clerk B Knight.

Buckinghamshire Council Councillor A Wight and Buckinghamshire Council Councillor P Cooper.

No members of the public were present.

C/055/20. Chairman's items and welcome.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

C/056/20. Attendance and Apologies.

None.

C/057/20. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.

Chairman Councillor Brazier declared an interest in the planning application for The Stag Public House as he is a Director and shareholder. Councillor Brazier took no part in that part of the meeting which was chaired by Vice Chairman Councillor Langley.

Councillor Langley declared an interest in invoices submitted to the council for payment.

C/058/20. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED BY Councillor Dack, SECONDED BY Councillor Fletcher and APPROVED and carried unanimously that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 1st July 2020 were correct and the minutes will be signed at a future meeting when possible.

C/059/20. Public Question Time.

None.

C/060/20. Police Matters.

The police were not present at the meeting.

C/061/20. Reports from Bucks Unitary Councillors.

Buckinghamshire Councillor Wight reported:

The Community Boards are planning to launch a Fun, Food and Fitness Fair.
If anyone has any symptoms of Covid-19 please get tested.

Buckinghamshire Councillor Cooper reported:

The Community Board Steering group has met, and the first Community Board meeting has taken place. The Community Board has four projects from the old LAF including Highway projects. The new Community Board wants to focus on other issues in the community with less involvement with parish councils. The next Community Board meeting is expected to be held on the 23rd September, two weeks later than scheduled.

C/062/20. Village Hall, Village Green and Parish Events.

- New play equipment for Mentmore – there will be an update at the October meeting.

- Grasscrete parking on the Village Green. The Chairman explained that the parking will be monitored when The Stag Pub opens.
- Community Picnic planned for September 2020 – it was agreed for Mentmore Parish Council to provide funding for the entertainment up to £500, which is approved providing that the event is Covid-19 compliant and the organisers follow the government guidelines. PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.
- Bunting for the Village Green– it was agreed to purchase bunting for the Village Green at a cost of £300 from Village Hall funds PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.
- It was agreed to ask Bucks Council Highways to install Access Protection Marking (APM) across the Village Hall entrance at a cost of £110 PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.
- Councillor Dack reported that the Village Hall is semi-opened including table tennis, this is after a deep clean and risk assessment and following strict Covid-19 guidelines.
- The Mentmore Plant Sale is planned for 17th April 2021.

C/063/20. Planning.

New this agenda:

20/02014/APP - The Stag Ph The Green Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QF. Voluntary additional conditions.

Supported PROPOSED BY Councillor Langley and SECONDED BY Councillor Dack and agreed. Councillor Brazier explained the conditions but did not take part in the decision or vote.

20/02368/ACL | Existing use of land for the stationing of a static caravan for residential purposes continuously for over 10 years. | Oakwood Farm Ledburn Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QD

APP/J0405/W/19/3243093 - Abacus Acres, Mentmore, LU7 0QD.

Mentmore Parish Council will submit a response to the planning appeal which will be sent to Bucks Council and the Planning Inspectorate.

Previously consulted:

20/02014/APP | Demolition of some wall below windows on the rear elevation, New glazed doors and new windows in larger openings on rear elevation, New external steps, ramp and alteration of levels in Garden, New pub sign and new lantern light to match existing. | The Stag Ph The Green Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QF. The Chairman took no part in the discussion and Councillor Langley Chaired this part of the meeting. Support PROPOSED BY Councillor Langley and SECONDED BY Councillor Fletcher and carried.

20/00881/AOP | Outline planning permission for the erection of a dwelling with some matters reserved | Land Adjacent The Coach House Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QG - Awaiting decision.

20/01163/APP | Change of use of part of the existing agricultural building to B1 office use and farm Office (retrospective) | Amos House Rowden Farm Lane Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QD – Awaiting decision.

C/064/20. Footpaths and Bridleways.

Footway/Cycleway to Cheddington Station – no update.

Councillor Langley reported that a section of MEN/10 is overgrown. The Chairman will check the maps for the devolved area to establish who is responsible for grass cutting in that area.

Councillor Dack commented that the Ascott Farm Estate footpaths are clear with effective signs.

C/065/20. Hedge Cutting & Straw Across Highways.

Mentmore Parish Council has received comments that the overhanging branches near the church are causing the agricultural vehicles to drop straw and eventually block the drains.

C/066/20. Finance.

It was agreed to make the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount
Ltd Odd Jobs	Village Green Work	£1,024.00
Ltd Odd Jobs	Grass Cutting	£240.00
Hallmaster	Village Hall Invoicing System	£60.00
Fitzgerald Installations	Village Hall Sanitisation	£85.00
Miss T M Daniels	Village Hall Deep Clean	£100.00
Eon	Streetlight Electricity	£143.28
Came & Company	Insurance	£524.49
HMRC	PAYE	£82.00
Bucks Pensions	Pension Costs	£113.96

Balances:

Metro	Current Account	£25,555.05
Metro	High Interest Account	£0.00
Unity Trust	Current Account	£188.40
Unity Trust	High Interest Account	£0.00
Unity Trust	Village Hall Account	£16,278.45
	<i>Petty Cash</i>	<i>0</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>£42,021.90</i>

Income:

Bucks Council (AVDC) New Home Bonus	£10,664.00
Bucks Council Village Hall Covid-19 Grant	£10,000.00
Jolly – Village Hall Rent	£50.00
Buchanan - Village Hall Rent	£30.00

C/067/20. Mentmore Parish Council Insurance Renewal.

It was agreed to accept the quotation from Came & Company Insurance with Pen and enter a three-year agreement at a cost of £524.49 per year.

C/068/20. Clerk & Chairman's Report.

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

C/069/20. Next meeting dates:

The next meetings will be held on 7 October and 2 December 2020, online using Zoom until further notice.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm