

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors Robert Fletcher (Chairman), Jonathan Langley (Vice Chairman), Peter Brazier (Mentmore and Buckinghamshire Council), Tracey Waring-Mundy and Hannah Wrathall.

Mentmore Parish Clerk Mrs Bridget Knight.

No members of the public.

C/001/23 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/002/23 Apologies and Attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Iain Butler.

C/003/23 Mentmore Parish Council Vacancy.

This was deferred to the next meeting.

C/004/23 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.

Councillor Brazier declared he is a shareholder and director of The Stag Public House, Mentmore.

C/005/23 To approve the minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th December 2022.

It was agreed that the minutes were true and accurate. The minutes were signed by the chairman.

C/006/23 Public Question Time.

None.

C/007/22 Planning Applications:

CM/0002/23. Change of use from B2 (General Industrial) and Class B8 (Storage and Distribution) to B2 (General Industrial), Class B8 (Storage and Distribution) and use as recycling centre for WEEE (waste electrical and electronic equipment); siting of two containers. Unit 6, Oakwood Enterprise Park, Ledburn, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire LU7 0GR.

Objection PROPOSED Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Waring-Mundy and carried unanimously.

22/04283/APP | Householder application to increase ridge height of existing garage roof | The Old Vicarage Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QG.
No Comment.

22/04154/VRC | Removal of condition 2 (ancillary use) relating to application 94/02115/APP (conversion of store and loft into additional living accommodation). | Stable Cottage Stable Yard Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QG.

Objection PROPOSED BY Councillor Waring-Mundy and SECONDED BY Councillor Fletcher and carried unanimously.

C/008/23 **To receive reports from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).**
Councillor Brazier reported the Council Tax will be increased by 4.99% which is leaving a £32M deficit. Councillor Brazier explained the estate strategy to sell unused properties in Buckinghamshire including County Hall which could be re-developed or demolished. Buckinghamshire Council will balance the accounts.

Buckinghamshire Council has a new heritage list which includes buildings of note. Nominations are open for the Proud of Bucks Award and two nominations will be made.

C/009/23 **Village Hall, Village Green and Mentmore Parish Events.**
Accessible toilet – Councillor Brazier will contact the architect about this project to convert two toilets into an accessible toilet with baby change area.

An application has been submitted to the Community Board to install AV equipment to the Village Hall. The cost of the project is £2,177 with an application for 50% funding.

There will be a community bike ride on Friday 27th January it was agreed to allow bike racks to be erected on the Village Green and not to permit vehicles onto the Village Green. Mentmore Parish Clerk will inform the organisers.

C/010/23 **Footpaths, Bridleways, Trees and Playgrounds.**
Village Gates – a discussion took place and further costings will be researched.
Speed Indicator Devices – quotation £8,458 has been received and an application has been submitted to the Community Board for funding for half of the cost.

C/011/23 **Clerk's Report.**
No comments.

C/012/23 **Mentmore Parish Council Budget and Precept Demand.**
It was agreed to set the budget and precept at £15,263.

C/013/23 Accounts for Payment.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payee	Amount
Ivinghoe PC - Phone Share	£15.00
Anglo Dutch - Payroll Services	£36.00
N Power - Streetlights	£146.22
Web Genie - Website Hosting	£14.40
Octopus - VH Electricity	£159.72
Clerk - reimburse expenses Dec 21	£19.05
ICO - Data Protection Reg	£35.00
Scribe Software	£207.36
Unity Trust - Service Charge	£18.00

Received:	
VH Rent - Table Tennis	£100.00
VH Rent - Rowden Farm Mgt Co	£22.50
VH Rent - C Strong	£10.00
VH Rent - G Fountain	£120.00
VH Rent - Jegatheesan	£84.00
VH Rent - Sivanandan	£90.00
VH Rent - Mentmore Court Res Group	£15.00
VH Rent - NISAD Milestones	£280.00
VH Rent - The Stag	£80.00

Balances:	
Mentmore PC Current Account	£18,896.23
Mentmore VH Current Account	£24,715.75
Total:	£43,611.98

C/014/23 Meeting Dates 2023:

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

The meeting closed 8.05pm.