

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT:

Mentmore Parish Chairman Councillor P Brazier, Mentmore Vice Chairman Councillor J Langley, Mentmore Councillor I Butler and Mentmore Councillor R Fletcher.

Mentmore Parish Clerk B Knight.

Buckinghamshire Council Councillor A Wight.

Two members of the public were present.

C/070/20. Chairman's items and welcome.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

C/071/20. Attendance and Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Dack.

C/72/20. 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 and in the proposed Cycleway from Cheddington to Mentmore which could benefit the pub. 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/073/20. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier, SECONDED BY Councillor Langley and APPROVED and carried unanimously that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 5th August 2020 were correct and the minutes will be signed at a future meeting when possible.

C/074/20. Public Question Time.

None.

C/075/20. Police Matters.

The Chairman mentioned that Thames Valley Police attend the Community Board Meetings which he attends.

C/076/20. Reports from Bucks Councillors.

Buckinghamshire Councillor Wight reported:

- Coronavirus Funding – this is available for residents who qualify.
- Bucks Budget Consultation – residents are encouraged to give their views about Council service priorities, the public consultation closes in November.
- The Community Board meeting took place recently and was successful.

C/077/20. Village Hall, Village Green and Parish Events.

- Councillor Dack had submitted a report before the meeting. The litter pick was very successful, there was a reduced amount of litter. The Chairman thanked Councillor Dack for organising this.
- Play Area improvements – a local resident/parent has submitted a proposal for new playground equipment and Vice Chairman Langley asked a question about the surfacing whether it is required.

The Clerk will check with RoSPA whether surfacing is required. It was agreed to proceed with this project, the Clerk will submit an application with the Community Board for match funding.

- Covid-19 – The QR Codes are in place in the Village Hall and the Village Hall has received several cancellations due to Coronavirus.

C/078/20. Planning.

New this agenda:

20/03080/ALB – Erection of 6ft timber fence (retrospective), Mentmore Towers, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire, LU7 9QH.

Objection PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED Councillor Langley carried unanimously.

20/03099/AAD – Two Traditional Pub Signs both swing and fixed plus three small car park disclaimer signs – The Stag PH, The Green, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire, LU7 0QF.

Support PROPOSED BY Councillor Langley and SECONDED BY Councillor Fletcher. The Chairman took no part in the discussion or vote.

Proposed changes to the Planning System.

A discussion took place and the Chairman confirmed that the parish has protection due to the Conservation Area, there are further implications in Aylesbury.

Previously consulted:

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.

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

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 - Application Withdrawn.

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/079/20. Footpaths and Bridleways.

Footway/Cycleway to Cheddington Station – Bucks Community Board has offered 50% Match Funding offer £3,956.50 towards the cost of the scheme. The Chairman will hand the project to Councillor Fletcher to manage and speak to Cheddington Parish Council.

C/080/20. Donation to the Royal British Legion.

It was agreed to donate £90 to the Royal British Legion PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Fletcher and carried unanimously.

C/081/20. Christmas Tree – Mentmore Village Green.

It was approved to purchase a Christmas Tree for a cost of £250 PROPOSED BY Councillor Brazier and SECONDED BY Councillor Langley and carried unanimously.

C/082/20. Review of Polices and Procedures.

This will be carried forward to the next meeting.

C/083/20. Public Sector Bodies Accessibility Regulations 2018.

The Chairman thanked the Parish Clerk for the work on this.

C/84/20. Finance and Budget/Precept for 2021/22.

The budget and precept will be decided at the next meeting.

The following payments were authorised:

| Payee | Description | Amount |
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| Ltd Odd Jobs | Village Green Mowing Invoice 64 | £300.00 |
| Ltd Odd Jobs | Devolved Mowing Invoice 19 | £130.00 |
| Ltd Odd Jobs | Village Hall Invoice 20 | £100.00 |
| Clerk | Office Allowance | £15.00 |
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| HMRC | PAYE | £89.40 |
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| Bucks Pensions | Pension Costs | £124.48 |
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| Hallmaster | VH Invoicing System | £60.00 |
| Firelec Controls Ltd | VH Inspection | £118.80 |
| Mrs L Botelho | Village Hall Refund | £36.00 |
| Clerk | Reimburse Bucks APM | £110.00 |
| Octopus Energy | Village hall Electricity | £13.41 |

Income:

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| Booksales Donation | | £58.04 |
| Rental Income | | £95.00 |
| Octopus Energy | Village Hall Electricity Refund | £474.45 |
| Bucks Council | Precept | £7,015.00 |

**Balances at
01.10.20**

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| Metro | Current Account | £0.00 |
| Metro | High Interest Account | £0.00 |
| Metro | Village Hall Account | £0.00 |
| | Petty Cash | £0.00 |
| Unity Trust | Current Account | £29,597.92 |
| Unity Trust | High Interest Account | £0.00 |
| Unity Trust | Village Hall Account | £16,829.90 |
| | <i>Total</i> | <i>£46,427.82</i> |

C/085/20. Clerk & Chairman's Report.

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

C/086/20. Next meeting dates:

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

The meeting closed at 8.37pm