

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of Mentmore Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4th April 2018 at Mentmore Village Hall at 8pm.

PRESENT:

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

Mentmore Parish Clerk Mrs B Knight

Aylesbury Vale District Council Councillor P Cooper and Bucks County Councillor A Wight.

Two members of the public.

C/18/18. Chairman's items and welcomes

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

C/19/18. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Butler.

C/20/18. Disclosures of Interest on items pertaining to the agenda – Councillors to declare any interests.

Councillor Langley declared an interest in the Village Hall quotation (agenda item 15).

C/21/18. Minutes from previous meeting.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and APPROVED that the minutes from the parish council meeting held on the 7th February 2018 were correct and were signed by the Chairman.

C/22/18. Public Question Time.

A member of the public mentioned that they have submitted a new planning application.

C/23/18. Police Matters.

The police were not present at the meeting.

C/24/18. To receive reports from District and County Councillors.

Bucks County Councillor reported about:

- £1.2m government funding for potholes in Bucks.
- Children's Centre closures are on hold and there will be a further consultation.
- The freight strategy consultation is running until the 9th April and people are encouraged to take part.
- Cheddington High Street will be closed for a few weeks, the date to be confirmed.
- The Chairman asked about Councillor Wight's separate budget for potholes which is approx. £9000, of which Mentmore PC will receive £3000. Councillor Wight agreed to meet with the chairman about this.

AVDC District Councillor Peter Cooper reported about:

- Unitary Council: Aylesbury Vale has an enormous amount of changes planned over the next 15 years. The districts have concluded that there are two different areas north and south of the Chilterns. AVDC have decided there are two economic areas.
- Oxford-Cambridge Railway Express Way is going ahead and will be completed by 2022 as part of the Oxford-Cambridge Arc.
- AVDC has submitted the VALP and the number of homes planned for Aylesbury Vale is 28,400. It is expected that by spring next year there will be a new plan which covers up to 2031.
- The Oxford-Cambridge Road Express way decision is expected in the summer. There are three routes of which route C has been dismissed, if route A is selected which is the shortest and cheapest and could potentially be situated in the valley.

C/25/18. Village Hall.

The Village Hall Committee minutes are available on the parish council website. The revised terms and conditions were circulated prior to the meeting. The revised terms and conditions were adopted PROPOSED by Councillor Brazier and SECONDED by Councillor Dack and agreed unanimously.

The new kitchen is being fitted.

C/26/18. Planning:

18/00587/APP – Woodford House, Crafton Lodge Road, Crafton, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QJ.
Single storey oak frame faceted extension.

No comments.

18/00827/ATP – The Bothy, Mentmore, Bucks, LU7 0QG. Holm Oak tree in dangerous condition and at point of falling. Requires immediate felling to avoid damage to property or persons. No comments.

18/00119/APP – The Forge, Mentmore.

Variation of condition 3 (no windows shall be inserted other than those expressly authorised by this permission) on planning application 16/034373/APP – to allow the insertion of a fixed light strip window in the west elevation of the approved new house. No update.

C/27/18. Devolution update.

Mentmore Parish Council have received £250 from Aviva insurance to cover the repair to the verge damaged by an HGV. The Chairman thanked all those involved.

The ongoing problem of HGVs approaching the low railway bridge was discussed.

C/28/18. Footpaths: Investigation into historic footpaths.

The council has had a report about a dangerous stile near 'Ken Payne's' field.

Badgers are damaging MEN10 footpath which is becoming dangerous and slippery, this will be monitored, Councillor Langley will speak to a badger expert about this.

Councillor Langley has been contacting a local landowner about issues to a footpath and Councillor Dack will prepare a letter for the Clerk to send on behalf of the council.

C/29/18 Church grass cutting maintenance.

The church is employing a contractor on a casual ad-hoc basis. Mentmore Parish Council will make a £900 donation to the church towards grass cutting.

C/30/18. Litter Picking.

AVDC employ litter pickers to work in the villages, this has not been happening. Councillor Dack has reported fly tipping which is on the Mentmore/Slapton border. Councillor Dack has written personally to McDonalds head office about their litter, no response yet.

C/31/18. Village Events

- Plant Sale – 21st April 2018.
- Arts Festival – 26th May – 28th May 2018.

C/32/18. Creation of patio and new path in Village Hall garden.

The Village Hall committee have reviewed two quotes for this work and recommended that Limited Odd Jobs (Jonathan Langley) with the least expensive quote undertake the work. It was agreed Limited Odd Jobs is awarded the contract PROPOSED by Councillor Brazier and SECONDED by Councillor Fletcher and carried unanimously. Councillor Langley took no part in the discussion.

C/33/18. Internal Auditor.

It was agreed to appoint Christine Jensen as Mentmore Parish Council Internal Auditor.

C/34/18. LED Streetlighting.

It was agreed to replace up to 6 existing lights with new LED lamps at a cost of £170 each.

The replace the concrete columns outside of Cornfield Cottage in Ledburn and in Manor Farm Lane would cost £3,000, they would then match the rest of the parish. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

C/35/18. Police PCSO Car Livery.

The Chairman has researched the cost of providing full-marking on the PCSO Corsa and the cost would be shared across the LAF. It was agreed to allocate £25 as the Mentmore contribution.

C/36/18. Formation of Road Maintenance Sub-Committee.

Bucks County Council has agreed to allow Mentmore to maintain all the 4B category roads, not the 4A roads. The experiment will run for a year and the budget will be between £6000 - £9000. Bucks are preparing a memorandum of understanding, if there is a serious defect Bucks will fix that. The Chairman would like to set up a committee to run this and when the memorandum of understanding is available terms of reference will be written for the committee. A member of the public present offered to join the committee.

C/37/18. Bucks Best Kept Village Competition.

It was agreed to enter the competition at the cost of £25 Councillor Fletcher to prepare map and send to Clerk to enter.

C/38/18. Finance

The accounts to date including payments and receipts had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Authorisations and payments were signed during the meeting.

Payee	Description	Amount
Diane Armson	VILLAGE HALL Expenses	£14.40
M Armson	VILLAGE HALL Expenses	£24.00

Liz Dack	VILLAGE HALL Expenses	£19.24
Liz Dack	Litter Pick Expenses	£20.59
HMRC Cumbernauld	PAYE/NI	£26.80
Three Counties Chimneys	VILLAGE HALL Chimney	£55.00
AVDC	Ledburn Dog Bin	£72.06
AVDC	Crafton Dog Bin	£72.06
Bucks CC	Clerks Pension - Mar 18	£73.21
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BALC	Subscription	£76.35
Jonathan Langley	Repair to railing	£80.00
Morgan Fire Protection	VILLAGE HALL	£100.20
Hallmaster	VILLAGE HALL Internet Booking System	£130.00
Jonathan Langley	Verge Repair (reimbursed by Aviva)	£250.00
Peter Brazier	VILLAGE HALL Expenses: Kitchen Sink & Taps	£337.90
Bridget Knight	Clerks Salary& Expenses March 18	£342.11
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PRS Office Furniture	16 VILLAGE HALL Chairs	£384.00
Janes	VILLAGE HALL Oven & Hob	£499.98
JSB Decorating	Railing Painting	£665.00
Howdens	VILLAGE HALL Kitchen	£3,018.49

C/39/18. To receive/discuss Chairman and Clerk's Report.

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

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 2nd May 2018 Annual Meeting of the Parish and Annual Meeting of Mentmore Parish Council in Mentmore Village Hall at 8pm.