

## Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.00pm.

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### **PRESENT:**

Parish Councillors Robert Fletcher (Chairman), Tracey Munday (Vice Chairman), Wendy Gumbs, Caroline Horgan, Daniel McGinty, Charlie Sabel and Laura Smethurst.  
Buckinghamshire Councillor Peter Brazier  
Mentmore Parish Clerk Bridget Knight.

Two members of the public.

### **C/128/24 Chairman's Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **C/129/24 Apologies and Attendance.**

None.

### **C/130/24 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.**

Councillor McGinty declared an interest in The Stag Public House.

### **C/131/24 To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **C/132/24 Public Participation.**

No comments.

### **C/133/24 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).**

Councillor Brazier confirmed the road repair for Cheddington Road are on the capital works programme for next financial year. Councillor Brazier is pushing for a full repair, explaining that patching is not sufficient for the condition of this road. Councillor Sabel commented the fly-tip has not been collected. The horse warning signs are now in place through the parish. The solar farm was refused by Buckinghamshire Council, and appeal with the Planning Inspectorate is expected. Councillor McGinty commented that the proposed solar farm near Wing will add to the cumulative effect.

### **C/134/24 Planning Application(s):**

No new applications.

Pending or recent decisions by Buckinghamshire Council:

24/03938/APP Householder application to replace existing Georgian style windows with double glazed aluminium frames – 17 Crafton Lodge Road, Crafton, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire LU7 0QL.

24/03217/APP Householder application for the garden annexe – 9 Crafton Lodge Road, Crafton, Mentmore, Buckinghamshire LU7 0QL.

**C/135/24 Village Hall, Village Green and Mentmore Parish Events.**

- Tyre Swing – quotations will be obtained to repair the swing.
- Playground gate spring – this will be repaired by Jonathan Langley.
- Jonathan Langley was thanked for erecting and illuminating the Christmas tree.
- Mr and Mrs Dack were thanked for donating the electricity for the Christmas tree.
- Village Hall shed roof repair – inspections have found the damage is caused by blocked gutters from The Stag, which have been cleared. This will be monitored.
- Alcohol Licence at the Village Hall for The Stag Public House – to be applied for by the licensee at The Stag. The Parish Council supports this as an extra revenue stream for the Village Hall.
- VE Day Commemoration – this is on hold until confirmation of when the Village Fete will be held. The Parish Clerk will find out the date of the fete.

**C/136/24 Footpaths/Bridleways/Roads including Speedwatch.**

- Horse warning signs are now in place.
- The Rights of Way Reporting link will be shared with Councillors and residents to report issues on footpaths such as felled trees.

**C/137/24 Finance.**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Payee:		Amount
Ltd Odd Jobs	Mentmore Village Hall	£63.44
Ltd Odd Jobs	Devolution invoice 38	£80.00
Ltd Odd Jobs	Village Green Cutting invoice 83	£330.00
Sloane & Sons	Benches	£808.20
Royal British Legion	Donation (plus wreath)	£60.00
Clerk	Allowance and Expenses	£23.40
	VH Booking Refund	£96.00
PE Mead	Christmas Tree	£250.00
RBL	Donation to Poppy Appeal	£60.00
George Brown	Innertube - mower	£21.92
30.11.24		
General PC Account		20,877.22
VH Account		10,384.97
Total:		£31,262.19

The budget was set and the precept was agreed £21,800 which represents a 17.84% increase. Councillor Waring-Mundy explained the reasons for the increase are electricity prices (streetlights), cost of new website and emails, the grass cutting contract had not been agreed at the time of the budget for last year so reflects the new costs.

**C/138/24 Parish Council Lawn Mower.**

The inner tube will be fitted and the lawn mower will be serviced, three quotations will be obtained.

**C/139/24 Mentmore Parish Council Website and Emails.**

A meeting will be organised to review the new website.

**C/140/24 Clerk's Report.**

The Proud of Bucks Awards are being held on the 11th December in Hardwick. Correspondence had been received from one resident complaining about the time of the meetings, a discussion took place and the Councillors want to meetings to be held at 7pm where possible, this includes those Councillors with full time careers.

**C/141/24 Next Meeting Dates:**

2025: 13<sup>th</sup> January, 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1<sup>st</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.