

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Monday 24th February 2025 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Parish Councillors Robert Fletcher (Chairman), Tracey Waring-Munday (Vice Chairman), Caroline Horgan, Daniel McGinty, Charlie Sabel and Laura Smethurst.
Mentmore Parish Clerk Bridget Knight.

Two members of the public.

C/016/25 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/017/25 Apologies and Attendance.

Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Councillors Brazier, Town and Poll.

C/018/25 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.

None.

C/019/25 To approve the minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2025.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

C/020/25 Parish Council Vacancy following resignation of Councillor Wendy Gumbs.

The Chairman thanked Wendy for her time on the council and wished her well for the future.

C/021/25 Public Participation.

Mentmore Towers Facebook Group – it was suggested the residents contact Councillor Brazier for any updates as Buckinghamshire Council and English Heritage are involved.

C/022/25 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

None present.

C/023/25 Planning Application(s):

No new planning applications.

Previously consulted:

Applications pending with Buckinghamshire Council:

24/03720/VRC | Variation of condition 2 (use) 3 (hours) relating to application 08/02616/APP (Change of use of part of unit from Class B1 (Offices) to Class D1 (Health Clinic) use) | Suite 1 The Old Haybarn 9 Rosebery Mews Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0UE.

24/03765/APP | Householder application for Installation of a timber summerhouse | Crafton Lodge Crafton Lodge Road Crafton Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QJ

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78 Site Address:

Mentmore Towers Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QH Proposal: Householder application for retention of existing single storey outbuilding (Retrospective). Appeal by: Mr Simon

C/024/25 Village Hall, Village Green and Mentmore Parish Events.

- Play Area – the council will try to obtain three quotes to remove the remains of the tyre swing frame.
- Mentmore Village Fete – 22nd June 2025 permission was given to the organisers.
- Defibrillator Battery – it was agreed to purchase a defibrillator battery for £250.
- Mentmore benches – Councillor Dennison's new bench has been installed, the new play area bench will be installed on 1st March.

C/025/25 Footpaths/Bridleways/Roads including Speedwatch.

Speedwatch will be re-starting and volunteers are community required.

C/026/25 Finance.

- Tony Skeggs was appointed as Internal Auditor for a fee of £100.
- The Vice Chairman signed the bank reconciliation.
- The following accounts were approved for payment:

The following payments were approved for payment (payments of £100 and over are highlighted):

Payee:		Amount
Limited Odd Jobs	Repair to shed roof	£50.00
Amazon	Stationery	£5.99
Hugo Fox	Website	£23.99
Lloyds Bank	Monthly fee	£3.00
Screw Fix	Materials for bench instal	£27.21
Anglo Dutch	Payroll Services	£43.20
Starboard Systems	Scribe Software	£207.36
Unity Bank	Service Charge	£12.00
Wave Anglian Water	VH Water	£26.25
Clerk	Office allowance and expenses Jan	£24.55
Octopus Energy	VH Electricity - Jan	£102.97
Webgenie	Domain hosting	£90.00
Income Receive:		
VH Rent	Feb (to 21st)	£166.00

20.02.25	
General PC Account	£15,796.04
VH Account	310,513.60
Total:	£26,309.64

C/027/25 Parish Council Lawn Mower.

It was agreed that Limited Odd Jobs/Jonathan Langley will service to Lawn Mower for £100.

C/028/25 Mentmore Parish Council Website and Emails.

New website – this will be reviewed on 13th March.

C/029/25 Clerk's Report.

- Parish Council Elections 1st May 2025 – the Clerk explained the timetable.
- Change of date to May meeting – after the election a short meeting to elect the Chairman.

C/030/25 Next Meeting Dates:

2nd April, 13th May, 4th June, 6th August, 1st October and 3rd December.

The Meeting closed at 7.49pm