

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors Robert Fletcher (Chairman), Tracey Mundy-Waring (Vice Chairman), Caroline Horgan and Daniel McGinty. Buckinghamshire Councillor Peter Brazier.

Eight members of the public.

C/090/24 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/091/24 Apologies and Attendance.

Apologies accepted from Councillor Sabel and Smethurst, the Parish Clerk was absent and the minutes were taken by Councillor Horgan.

C/091/24 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.

None.

C/092/24 To approve the minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on 30th August 2024.

Minutes were approved and signed.

C/093/24 Casual Vacancy following the resignation of Peter Brazier.

A resident expressed interest.

C/094/24 Public Question Time.

1. A resident enquired about the village fete and plant sale, why they did not happen this year? Another resident explained this was due to lack of volunteers.
2. A resident was concerned about the tree canopy potentially being lifted, he commented in his opinion one branch needs to be cut in the play area.

C/095/24 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor Brazier.

1. Suggested considering making a neighbourhood development plan to help with protection of villages given the new national planning rate. The Chairman enquired about the cost and Councillor Brazier suggested grant funding could be available.
2. A resident raised the state of the roads and Councillor Brazier said work is being scheduled to rectify this, but there is no exact timing available.

C/096/24 Civility and Respect Pledge.

Mentmore Parish Council signed the Civility and Respect Pledge and this will be registered with NALC.

C/097/24 Planning Applications.

24/02344/APP | Change of Use of an Agricultural Buildings to Commercial Storage Use (B8) (Retrospective) | Gas Works Field Cheddington Road Mentmore Buckinghamshire.

A vote took place with two Councillors abstaining and two Councillors objecting. An objection was carried PROPOSED BY Councillor Fletcher and SECONDED BY Councillor Waring-Munday.

24/02640/APP | Temporary use of buildings and land for film making purposes with associated set structures, access, storage and parking (including supporting facilities vehicles) (partially retrospective) | Mentmore Towers And St Mary's Church Mentmore Leighton Buzzard Mentmore LU7 0QH

No Comment PROPOSED BY Councillor Fletcher and SECONDED BY Councillor Horgan and carried unanimously.

24/02662/CPE | Certificate of lawfulness application for existing separate dwelling with garage and parking | Horseshoe Cottage Stable Yard Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QG.

No comment.

C/098/24 Village Hall, Village Green and Mentmore Parish Events.

1. Christmas Tree – Jonathan Langley will organise.
2. Village Hall shed repair – Councillor Waring-Mundy is obtaining a second opinion.
3. Trees in Mentmore play area – a local tree expert has offered to trim the branches and Councillor Waring-Mundy will discuss with the expert. The tree work may be done for free by a volunteer so quotations may not be required.
4. Benches – the repair to a bench in the playground is working well. It was agreed to apply for a Community Board Grant to replace two benches, up to £1,000.

C/099/24 Footpaths/Bridleways/Roads including Speedwatch.

1. Speedwatch signs are approved by Local Area Technician. It was agreed to purchase the signs at a cost of up to £200.
2. The broken footbridge has been reported to Buckinghamshire Council using Rights of Way page. Photos are required for Alistair McVale at Buckinghamshire Council.

C/0100/24 Finance.

The accounts were approved, balances and bank reconciliation signed.

Payee:		Amount
Hugo Fox	Website September	£23.99
Aubergine 262 Ltd	New website	£754.80
Cloud Next Ltd	Email - hosting 1 year	£179.98
Amazon	Playground equipment - sleeves	£25.32
Amazon	Office supplies	£10.39
Ltd Odd Jobs	Invoice 27 Village Hall	£390.00
Ltd Odd Jobs	Invoice 27 General Maintenance Street Lights	£200.00
Ltd Odd Jobs	Invoice 36 Devolved	£45.00
Ltd Odd Jobs	Invoice 81 Playground	£65.00
Octopus	VH Electricity	£32.74
Royal Mail	Postage	£3.60
Ivinghoe Parish Council	Phone Share	£15.00
B Knight	Clerk's expenses	£26.55

Received:	
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Zuirch - refund	£765.99
Bucks Council - precept	£9,250.00
VH Rent	£337.00
FCC - refund	£124.79

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General PC Account	20,637.04
VH Account	10,255.97
Total:	£30,893.01

C/101/24 Resolution to give the Parish Clerk delegated authority to instruct legal and professional services.

A resolution was passed to permit the Parish Clerk to instruct legal and professional services PROPOSED by Councillor Fletcher and SECONDED BY Councillor Waring-Mundy and carried unanimously.

C/102/24 Mentmore Parish Council Website and Emails.

The council have .gov.uk email addresses. The new website is being built.

C/103/24 Parish Internet Services.

No update.

C/104/24 Streetlights.

No update, invoice was submitted and approved for the two painted and one prepared.

C/105/24 Clerk's Report.

Not present.

C/0106/24 Future Meeting Dates:

2024: 4th December.

2025: 5th February, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 6th August, 1st October and 3rd December.