

## Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held at  
Mentmore Village Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6.00pm.

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### **PRESENT:**

Parish Councillors Robert Fletcher (Chairman), Wendy Gumbs, Caroline Horgan, Daniel McGinty and Laura Smethurst.

Six members of the public.

### **C/114/24 Chairman's Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **C/1115/24 Apologies and Attendance.**

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Waring-Munday, Sabel and Brazier.

### **C/116/24 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.**

None.

### **C/117/24 To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **C/118/24 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).**

Not present.

### **C/119/24 Donation to Royal British Legion for Poppy Wreath.**

It was agreed to donate £80.00 to the Royal British Legion.

### **C/120/24 Planning Application(s):**

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.

No Comment.

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

No Comment.

Recent decisions by Buckinghamshire Council North Bucks Planning Committee:

23/02685/APP Change of use of land from agricultural to mixed agricultural and equestrian and development of American Barn for stabling and ancillary equestrian storage of feed and bedding for personal recreation and leisure use – 22 Acre Paddock, Cheddington Road, Mentmore, Leighton Buzzard LU7 0QG.

Approved.

Councillor McGinty was thanked for speaking on behalf of the Parish at the Planning Committee.

23/02916/APP Change of use of land to equestrian and provision of manege for personal recreation and leisure use – 22 Acre Paddock, Cheddington Road, Mentmore, Leighton Buzzard LU7 0QF.

Approved.

**C/121/24 Village Hall, Village Green and Mentmore Parish Events.**

- Tyre Swing – quotations are being obtained for new replacement play equipment.
- Village Hall shed roof repair – defer to next month with Councillor Waring-Munday present.
- Benches on Mentmore Village Green – two benches have been ordered, with delivery next month. An application has been made for Community Board funding to fund the benches.
- Alcohol Licence at the Village Hall for The Stag Public House – to be applied for by the licensee at The Stag.

**C/122/24 Footpaths/Bridleways/Roads including Speedwatch.**

- Councillor Horgan raised the ongoing problem of the overgrown bridleway. This has been reported to the landowner who feels it is satisfactory. The Parish Clerk will report to Ascot Estate Manager and local farmer.
- Speedwatch – deferred to next month,.

**C/123/24 Finance.**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

A budget preparation meeting has been arranged for 22nd November.

Payee:		Amount
Anglo Dutch	Payroll services	£43.20
N Power	Streelight Elec	£268.48
Amazon	Swing chain covers	£25.35
Cloud Next	Emails	£179.98
Amazon	Office supplies	£32.42
Royal Mail	Postage	£3.60
Lloyds	Bank fee	£6.00
Wicksteed	Playground Inspection	£158.40
Sloane & Sons	2 new benches	£808.20
RBL Poppy Appeal	Poppy Wreath	£24.49
Hugo Fox	Website – Sept	£23.99
Hugo Fox	Website – Oct	£26.65
Clerk	Expenses	£26.65
Ltd Odd Jobs	Invoice 82 - October Village Green Grass	£495.00
Ltd Odd Jobs	Invoice 37 – Devolution	£185.00

Received:	
Pressure Productions	£3,000.00
VAT Refund	£1,181.11
Book donations	£56.89
VH Rent	£266.50

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Refund - BALC

£40.00

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General PC Account	23,034.88
VH Account	10,305.22
Total:	£33,340.10

**C/124/24 Parish Council Lawn Mower.**

Deferred to next meeting when Councillor Sabel is present.

**C/125/24 Mentmore Parish Council Website and Emails.**

The Parish Council have new .gov.uk email addresses for council business. The new website is being built.

**C/126/24 Clerk's Report.**

The lawn mower tyre will be repaired by the Chairman.

**C/127/24 Next Meeting Dates:**

2024: 4<sup>th</sup> December.

2025: 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 6.36pm.