

Mentmore Parish Council

Minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held at Mentmore Village Hall on Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Parish Councillors Robert Fletcher (Chairman), Tracey Waring-Munday (Vice Chairman), Caroline Horgan, Charlie Sabel and Laura Smethurst.

Buckinghamshire Councillor Peter Brazier.
Mentmore Parish Clerk Bridget Knight.

Six members of the public.

C/001/25 Chairman's Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C/002/25 Apologies and Attendance.

Apologies were received from Councillors Gumbs, McGinty and Bucks Councillor Town.

C/003/25 Disclosures of interest on items pertaining to the agenda.

None.

C/004/25 To approve the minutes of the Mentmore Parish Council Meeting held on 4th December 2024.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

C/005/25 Public Participation.

There was an attempted break-in in Ledburn recently, the Parish Clerk will request Thames Valley Police increase their night time drive-bys.

C/006/25 Report from Buckinghamshire Councillor(s).

Councillor Brazier reported the road repairs near Mentmore Barns are scheduled for 28th – 31st January. Councillor Brazier expects the Cheddington Road (Gas Works Field to the Manor) to be resurfaced over the next few months.

C/007/25 Planning Application(s):

New this meeting:

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.

Objection. A vote took place with one Councillor abstaining it was resolved to object.

24/03765/APP | Householder application for Installation of a timber summerhouse | Crafton Lodge Crafton Lodge Road Crafton Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QJ. No Comment.

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

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Chairman _____ Signed by

Mentmore Towers Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 0QH Proposal: Householder application for retention of existing single storey outbuilding (Retrospective). Appeal by: Mr Simon Halabi Application Ref: 24/02005/APP Appeal Ref: 24/00082/REF Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/J0405/D/24/3356186

Pending or recent decisions by Buckinghamshire Council:

24/02344/APP | Change of Use of an Agricultural Buildings to Commercial Storage Use (B8) (Retrospective) | Gas Works Field Cheddington Road Mentmore Buckinghamshire. Update: Approved by Buckinghamshire Council. MPC requested to be consulted on traffic routing drafting. Update: Approved.

24/02938/APP | Householder application to replace existing Georgian style windows with double glazed aluminium frames | 17 Crafton Lodge Road Crafton Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 OQL.

24/03217/APP | Householder application for garden annexe | 9 Crafton Lodge Road Crafton Mentmore Buckinghamshire LU7 OQL.

C/008/25 Village Hall, Village Green and Mentmore Parish Events.

- Play Area – no update.
- Octopus Energy – 12 month contract agreed 26.45p K/Wh no standing charge.

C/009/25 Footpaths/Bridleways/Roads including Speedwatch.

- Councillor Horgan reported the bridleway from bottom of Crafton Lodge across golf course is overgrown, in places is unusable. The landowner was present.
- The bridleway from Gas Works to Ledburn has been ploughed, Ascot Estates have been contacted.
- There are fallen trees on the Ledburn footpaths will be reported by Councillor Smethurst on Bucks Rights of Ways portal.

C/010/25 Finance.

- Accounts for approval, balances and bank reconciliation.

The following payments were approved for payment:

Payee:		Amount
Webgenie	Website hosting	£90.00
Amazon	Stationery	£7.55
Bucks Council	Dog Bins 24-25	£390.00
Octopus Energy	VH December	£85.46
Hugo Fox	Website November	£23.99
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Octopus Energy	VH December	£76.69
T Waring-Mundy	Reimburse VH roof materials	£41.18
Npower	Streetlight Elec	£351.44

Income		
HMRC	VAT Refund	£330.42

Balances 10.01.25		
General PC Account		18,546.13
VH Account		10,351.75
Total:		£28,897.88

C/011/25 Parish Council Lawn Mower.

No update.

C/012/25 Mentmore Parish Council Website and Emails.

- New website – this will be reviewed.

C/013/25 Correspondence from one resident.

Deferred.

C/014/25 Clerk's Report.

- Correspondence.
- Buckinghamshire Council Community and Sports Facilities in Mentmore Parish survey.
- Lane Rental Consultation – Buckinghamshire Council.

C/015/25 Next Meeting Dates:

26th February, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 6th August, 1st October and 3rd December.

The Meeting closed at 8pm.