

MOUNTNESSING PARISH COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

St. John's Hall, Church Road, Mountnessing, Monday, 5 February 2018 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

- 18/016** **Apologies for absence** - apologies were received from Parish Cllr's Harries, Santry and Broughton and BCllr Hones. Cllr Bridge advised of expected late arrival.
- In attendance: Cllr Stephenson, Cllr King, Cllr Read, Cllr McKinney, CCllr Wagland, BCllr Cloke, Laura Brown, Parish Clerk. Five members of the public were in attendance at the start of the meeting
Absent: Cllr Hofert
- 18/017** **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 8 January 2018 were approved, with one amendment to a recorded name.
- 18/018** **Declaration of Interests and Compliance with Ethical Framework** – there were no declarations of interest.
- 18/024** ***County Councillor's reporting was moved up the agenda, to allow CCllr Wagland to attend another meeting.***
- CCllr Wagland informed the meeting that there had been a County Council increase in budget with a significant proportion of this ring-fenced for social care. £3million has also been allocated for the repair of potholes and footways. Over 5000 pot holes were repaired last year.
- CCllr Wagland is currently working hard on 106 agreements to ensure there is some transparency on what is happening. In relation to this, a meeting held on 31 January 2018 at Mountnessing School resulted in a viability study being confirmed, in order to consider an expansion of Mountnessing Primary school. This is being commissioned by ECC and is expected to be completed in the summer term.
- 7:50pm CCllr Wagland left the meeting
- 18/019** **Public Question Time** – 5 members of the public were in attendance to enquire on updates for the Crosby Close development. Cllr Stephenson advised the group that there has been no contact from builders or developers, and that Crosby Close is not on the draft LDP, which is out for final consultation at the moment. Residents may comment on this consultation.
- 18/020** **Finance**
- The monthly financial report was accepted and payments noted.
- Cllr Stephenson confirmed that the application for precept for MPC had been submitted on time. This was based on figures agreed at the last meeting and budget information circulated following the meeting by the Parish Clerk, to which all who had replied, agreed.
- Cllr Stephenson raised the issue of supporting village organisations and it was agreed that a policy is needed to lay out how MPC can support these organisations should requests arise. This will be discussed at a future meeting with the aim of a policy being agreed for MPC to adopt in May.
- 8:10pm BCllr Bridge joined the meeting.
- 18/021** **Planning**
- i. **New Applications:**
- Master John's Farm, Thoby Lane – MPC oppose development on Green Belt land. Whilst there may be a case for conversion of existing buildings to bring them back into use, extending them for residential use is not considered appropriate.
- 5 Hope Close Mountnessing – there has been an amendment to the description of this development but no change to the plans. MPC has no objection to this proposal.

- ii. **For Update:**
Ingatstone Garden Centre - BCllr Bridge informed the group that BBC Planning committee is set to meet towards the end of February (21st) and at this time it is not confirmed whether the garden centre will be on the agenda, or whether this will be discussed at a later date.
Meadowside Swallows Cross - **Pending**
3 Mountney Close - **Pending**
6 Padhams Green - **Pending**

18/022 Mountnessing Tennis Club

Cllr Stephenson and the Parish Clerk met with the chair and secretary of the Tennis club to discuss issues the club are facing. Membership is decreasing and the courts are in need of repair. The Clerk has subsequently advised the Club Secretary of a number of grants that could be investigated.

18/023 Maintenance/development issues

- i. Pavements Church Road and Burnthouse Lane - Cllr Wagland is still pursuing this issue
ii. Coronation Field footpath – Cllr Stephenson has received the 106 agreement regarding the footpath through Wortley Byers. Cllr Stephenson advised that there are a number of issues to consider with this and the extension of the Option Agreement, which expires in April.

18/024 (Cont.) Borough and County Councillor's reports

BCllr Cloke indicated that a figure of £320K has been allocated to Mountnessing School for development from the S106 agreement from Weston Homes.

The issue of parking within the village and on verges is still under review.

BCllr Bridge reported that the Local Development Plan (currently out for consultation) should be completed by the end of summer 2018, and any final comments, regarding the final draft should be submitted as soon as possible. Letters have been sent out to all residents to allow them to view and comment on the LDP.

BCllr Bridge continues to be very proactive with assisting in fly tipping complaints in and around Mountnessing, as well as other areas within the Borough, and a number of tips have been successfully removed within days of reporting them.

18/025 Parish Council Assets including Risk Assessment/Management and on-going repairs

The Parish Council reviewed the current list of responsibilities for risk assessments for assets and agreed some changes, to ensure reports are carried out on a monthly basis, in order to comply with our insurance needs.

- a. Children's Play area, Bus Shelters and Tennis Court – an MPC sign needs renovating and re-hanging on the fence of the children's play area. The Parish Clerk will arrange for this to be carried out. It was agreed that a meeting of interested parties would be convened on site to consider if further quotes for cleaning the moss on the pay and play tennis court are required.
b. Recreation Ground - no report available
c. Village Hall Car Park, Millennium Gardens and Old Recycling Area – no report available
d. Water Meadows – no report available
e. Allotments – no report available

18/026 St John's Hall and Village Hall

- St Johns parking – Cllr Harries has received an update from the transport consultancy with regards to the parking situation at St. John's Hall. He is awaiting a final report and then a meeting will be arranged to inform local residents of the findings and outcome.
- Village Hall garden – at a previous meeting it was discussed that some plants within the millennium garden may need replacing. MPC decided that this would not be a good use of funds at this time, as more plants would require more maintenance and therefore further costs.

18/027

Mountnessing C of E School – Cllr Read informed the meeting that the school recently held a meeting with parents to outline the proposal for moving to Academy status, linked with St. Mary's Primary in Shenfield. The school are in a consultation period with parents regarding this.

18/028

Other Matters of Interest

- Cllr McKinney shared a leaflet drop he had received through the door regarding 'Nextdoor'. This appears to be a similar online forum to facebook and Cllr King, who is already a member shared information on how this operates.
- BBC have asked to hold a fun day in Coronation Fields on Friday, 24 August 2018. Everyone agreed that as long as all litter was removed this would be a good event to have in the village again.
- The Parish Clerk informed the committee that Stones Athletics will be holding their presentation day in Coronation Fields on 21st July 2018. Again, litter picking will be requested.

18/029

Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 12 March, 7.30pm

Andrew Stephenson
Chairman

Laura Brown
Clerk