

**Ordinary Meeting of Mountnessing Parish Council**  
**St. John's Hall, Church Road, Mountnessing on Monday, 11 June 2018 at 7.30pm**

**MINUTES**

- 18/080. Apologies for absence :** No apologies received. The meeting was informed that Cllr Ash Hofert has tendered his resignation today.  
BCllr's Hones and Cloke were absent.  
**In attendance:** Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Read, Cllr King, Cllr Harries, Cllr McKinney, Cllr Santry, Cllr Broughton, CCllr Wagland, BCllr Bridge, Parish Clerk, Laura Brown. 4 members of the public.
- 18/081. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 14 May 2018** - These were approved and signed as a true record.
- 18/082. Declaration of Interests and Compliance with Ethical Framework** – there were no declarations of interest.
- 18/083. Public Question Time** - Those members of the public present asked for an update on the proposed development of Crossby Close. Cllr Stephenson advised that the developers have been in contact recently to ask for a meeting with MPC Officers at which they will outline their proposal. At this meeting those attending will encourage the developers to host an open event in the village for all interested members of the public to attend. MPC will share information from the initial consultation at the Ordinary Council meeting in July.
- 18/084. Finance.**  
Monthly Financial Statement – the monthly financial report was agreed with payments noted.  
The Parish Clerk advised that the VAT refund from 2017-18 has been received.  
The tree survey recently conducted indicated that a number of trees on parish land require attention. Two quotes are being sought but it is anticipated that the total cost is going to be in the region of £8 - £10k. It was recommended that a third quote could be sought from Alan Marsh from BBC and the Parish Clerk will contact him to request this.  
UK Power Networks have advised that the branches in Roman Road which are crossing the power lines are not causing an issue as their lines are insulated sufficiently.
- 18/085. Planning**
- i. New Applications:**  
Howletts, Church Road – MPC noted that this redevelopment is within the Green Belt and that there are a number of complexities which only the planning officers could determine. However, MPC would wish it noted that it opposes a significant increase in developed footprint. Materials used for external finishing should also be carefully specified and stipulated to ensure a sympathetic appearance.
- ii. For update:**  
1 Holbrooks Cottages, Thoby Lane - **Pending**  
Meadowside Swallows Cross Road - **Refused**  
377 Roman Road Mountnessing - **Approved**  
4 Church Road - **Pending**  
Hillrise Cottage 343 Roman Road - **Pending**  
24 Burnthouse Lane - **Approved**

Ladybird Kennels and Farm, Roman Road - **Refused**

Hollins, Lower Road (Loft Conversion element)- **Approved**

Ingatestone Garden Centre – **Pending**

BCllr Bridge advised that the proposed development at Ingatestone Garden Centre is unlikely to be discussed at planning committee for a number of months. Based on the existing LDP this application would probably not succeed as the land includes Green Belt. It is most likely that discussion regarding this application will therefore not take place until the new, proposed LDP has been approved - probably early next year.

**18/086. Borough and County Councillor's reports** BCllr Bridge informed the meeting that the local BCllrs are no longer on the planning committee. They can still attend planning meetings however, should a local application be up for discussion. BCllr Bridge continues as Vice-Chair on the environmental Reinforcement committee.

CCLr Wagland informed the meeting that following a reshuffle at ECC she is now the deputy portfolio holder for infrastructure. ECC has assigned further funding for pothole and road repairs.

A local resident recently pursued a concern about speeding in Roman Road (Heybridge area) and as a result a speed survey was carried out. This produced an average speed result of 34.2mph in a 40mph area. This area cannot be 're-surveyed' for three years now. CCLr Wagland encouraged MPC to take control and let her know exactly where a speed survey would be most beneficial.

**18/087. Maintenance/development issues.**

- i. Pavements Church Road and Burnthouse Lane – CCLr Wagland will seek a surgery appointment with Kevin Bentley. Representatives from MPC can attend and present the concerns and issues on Burnthouse Lane (Sentence deleted).  
CCLr Wagland is going to make a Members Enquiry regarding Church Road to see if the issues here can be addressed (deletion of part.). CCLr Wagland recommended that the 2 issues be kept separate.
- ii. Pay and Play tennis court – the Parish Clerk presented a report outlining a number of options and quotes which would address the current issue of moss at the pay and play court. All agreed to instruct Graham Bonney to proceed with the works as soon as possible. Following this MPC will make further efforts to promote the court on the website and Facebook page.
- iii. Signage for Coronation Field and play area – 'no dogs in the play area' signage will be purchased and placed on the two gates entering the play area at Coronation Field.
- iv. Bin emptying Village Hall car park – MPC will request bin emptying days to be changed to Monday and Thursday in the Village Hall car park. Litter issues will be monitored and the possibility of moving one or two of the bins at the entrance, near to the Village Hall up to the end of the car park near to the windmill will be considered if the issues continue.

**18/088. Parish Assets Risk Assessments**

- a. Children's Play area, Bus Shelters and Tennis Court - The annual RoSPA report has indicated a trip hazard issue around the flooring of the toy engine in the play area. Cllr King is investigating ways of resolving this and will report back.
- b. Village Hall Car Park, Millennium Gardens and Old Recycling Area - no issues
- c. Recreation Ground – work is still needed at the pavilion. Cllr King is meeting with Terry Brewster in the near future and will ask for quotes to address these. This includes boarding up a window at the rear which is rotting and also boarding one side where holes have appeared.
- d. Allotments - no issues
- e. Water Meadows – no issues

**18/089. Reports on Facilities within the Parish**

- i. Village Hall - minor maintenance work is on-going. Cllr Harries is getting spare keys cut and one will be held by the Parish Clerk.
- ii. St. Johns Hall – Cllr Santry will pursue the hedge cutting as these are now very overgrown. A cut will be carried out imminently and another scheduled for Sept/Oct 2018.
- iii. Allotments – these are much tidier and there is lots of activity now, due to the improved weather.
- iv. Mountnessing Primary School – Cllr Read reported that one class recently visited Writtle Farming College and had a wonderful experience.

**18/090. Items for inclusion in next Ordinary Meeting agenda**

**18/091. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 9 July 2018, 7.30pm**