

Ordinary Meeting of Mountnessing Parish Council

held at The Village Hall, Roman Road, Mountnessing on Monday, 17 September 2018 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

- 18/106. To receive and agree apologies for absence**
Apologies received from Cllr Broughton, BCllr Bridge and BCllr Cloke
- In attendance: Cllr Stephenson, Cllr King, Cllr Harries, Cllr McKinney, Cllr Santry, CCllr Wagland, BCllr Hones, Parish Clerk, Laura Brown and one member of the public.
- 18/107. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 9 July 2018**
It was resolved that the minutes from 11 June 2018 were a true record.
- 18/108. Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Parish Councillors**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 18/109. Public Question Time**
An update on the situation with the garages in Church Close was requested. CCllr Hones advised that a number of sites were being investigated for social housing but there was no update at present on this.
7.50pm The member of the public left.
- 18/110. To receive reports by Borough and County Councillors.**
CCllr Wagland updated the meeting on the proposed devolution of highways works from County to Parish level that is being considered. Options for how best to proceed with this are being investigated at County level.
The Army and Navy roundabout in Chelmsford has been closed due to identification of movement in a supporting column. A full engineering inspection is to be carried out.
The Revenue Support Grant currently provided by the Government is going to be cut in 2020/21 which will have a significant impact on the ECC budget.
- BCllr Bridge had issued an email ahead of the meeting advising that Mountney Close will be getting parking restrictions on the car park for non-residential permits. This is currently out for consideration but is a process that has worked successfully in other areas of the Borough.
- Cllr Stephenson asked BCllr Hones to investigate how Parish Councillors can update their register of interests on the BBC website as the current process does not seem to be working. The need for clarification on how The Elms development would impact on the precept request for 2019/20 was also identified as an area that needs clarification.
- 18/111. Finance.**
The monthly Financial Statement and Bank requisition for June 2018 were noted and approved by all.
- All agreed that a finance package tailored to parish councils should be employed. Parish Clerk to investigate options and report back to October meeting
 - It was resolved that the works quoted for repairs at the play area and pavilion/changing rooms, by TBS, should be undertaken.
 - Council resolved to purchase more resilient signage for the security patrols
 - A budget of £100 was agreed to purchase lamp post poppies to commemorate the 100yr anniversary of cessation of hostilities.
 - Cllr Stephenson advised the Council that a quote for works to cut the hedges on the lane down to the Windmill and across the tennis court path were being requested.

- Issues identified on the tree risk assessment carried out earlier in 2018 have now been carried out. This £4900 was not budgeted for, but money identified in the budget for refurbishment of the pay and play tennis court can be utilised, as a simple clean was carried out for £300. £4500 was allocated in case a full refurbishment was required.

18/112. Planning

There were no new planning applications for discussion.

I. For update:

4 Church Road – **Pending**

20 Burnthouse Lane – **Pending**

Swinburne, Lower Road - **Refused**

137 Roman Road – **‘Decline to Determine’**. As a similar application has been declined in the past two years the Borough Council does not need to re-consult. No right of appeal can be sought.

9 Court View - **Approved**

Howletts, Church Road - **Approved**

1 Holbrooks Cottages, Thoby Lane - **Approved**

Thoby Priory – it was resolved that MPC would allow Brian Reed an additional 3 months to achieve the necessary approvals for this development. After this time MPC will reconsider its position.

18/113. Allotments

In the absence of Cllr Broughton, who is involved with the allotments it was agreed to defer this item to the October Ordinary Meeting.

18/114. Unauthorised use of Coronation Field by sports clubs

The unauthorised use of the field for football training seems to have stopped.

MPC agreed that restrictions on use of Coronation Field should be highlighted on the Parish website.

Parish Clerk to action.

18/115. To receive updates on the following maintenance/development issues.

- I. Request from ECC for improvements to pavements in Church Road - Cllr Wagland advised that MPC should wait until the new criteria for requesting works to roads are advised. Following this there will be the option to
 - a. request it is identified as one of the top 10 worse roads in the area
 - b. Take the issue to a Highways Surgery
 - c. Determine whether it meets the new criteria for works
- II. Installation of new AMOS signage at Coronation Field and play area as current signs are being vandalised – this was agreed in 18/111
- III. Work to trees on parish land – discussed in 18/111
- IV. Play area roundabout – Cllr King is pursuing this issue with Wicksteed and anticipates the work being carried out in approximately 4 weeks.
- V. Works to cricket pavilion and changing rooms – addressed in 18/111

18/116. To receive Risk Assessments on Parish Assets and agree works should reports indicate any required

- a. Children’s Play area, Bus Shelters and Tennis Court – no new issues identified
- b. Village Hall Car Park, Millennium Gardens and Old Recycling Area – it was resolved that a hole in the Village Hall car park, where a security post had once been, should be filled immediately to avoid trip/fall incidents. Cllr King will request the works from TBS.
- c. Recreation Ground – following removal of trees, there is now a gap from Coronation Field to the pond and further through to Thoby Lane. There is a risk that children may enter this area. It was resolved that temporary fencing would be erected until a more permanent arrangement for the pond can be sought.
- d. Allotments – no update available

- e. Water Meadows – no issues identified
- f. Village Hall – the light on the road to the side of the Village Hall has not worked for some time and is now broken. A quote will be gained to replace this with a dusk to dawn LED to illuminate a very dark entrance to the car park/tennis club.
- g. St. John's Hall - New lights have been installed with costs met by the Table Tennis Club.
- h. Mountnessing School – no issues to report.

18/117. Items for inclusion in next Ordinary Meeting agenda

- Allotments management and committee

18/118. Date of Next Meeting: **Monday 8 October 2018, 7.30pm, St. John's Hall**

18/119 The meeting was closed by Cllr Stephenson at 9.40pm

Andrew Stephenson
Chairman

Laura Brown
Parish Clerk