

**Ordinary Meeting of Mountnessing Parish Council**  
**held at The Village Hall, Roman Road, Mountnessing on Monday, 8 October 2018 at 7.30pm**

**MINUTES**

- 18/119. To receive and agree apologies for absence**  
Apologies received from Cllr King, Cllr Santry, and BCllr Bridge.
- In attendance: Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Broughton, Cllr Harries, Cllr McKinney, Cllr Read, CCllr Wagland, BCllr Hones, BCllr Cloke, Parish Clerk, Laura Brown and five members of the public.
- 18/120. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 17 September 2018**  
It was resolved that the minutes from 17 September 2018 were a true record.
- 18/121. Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Parish Councillors**  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 18/122. Public Question Time**  
A member of the public requested an update on the planning development at the back of Crosby Close. Cllr Stephenson advised that he had spoken with the developer, Strutt Parker and whilst their project is not in the current Local Development Plan (LCP), they anticipate it will feature in the revised version which will be issued at a later date. No further details are known at this time.
- A member of the public reported that the pavements in Church Crescent have subsided and that the kerb stones are being disrupted by heavy vehicles. CCllr Wagland requested that the resident email details of this to her and she will add it to the list of roads in Essex which are being investigated for necessary work.
- It was reported that the garage area street light is not working on Church Crescent. BCllr Cloke recommended that the resident goes on to the Essex Highways reporting system to report that this light needs attention.  
*7.45pm – three members of the public left.*
- 18/123. To receive reports by Borough and County Councillors.**  
CCllr Wagland asked MPC to determine whether there are three streets in the village which have serious defects/potholes for inclusion on a new ECC list. This is not to include those already identified to ECC and is for roads/streets not footpaths.
- MPC was reminded that the Essex CIF fund applications need to be submitted by 26 October 2018.
- BCllr Cloke asked MPC to send through details of any finger posts and painted road markings that need attention in Mountnessing for inclusion on a new BBC list.
- Cllr Harries requested that the Borough Councillors report the issue of fly tipped hardcore near Burnthouse Lane and Cllr Cloke advised he would address this.  
*8.10pm - two members of the public left.*
- 18/124. To discuss proposals form Essex County Council to delegate powers to maintain some paths/roads.**  
MPC will await the result of the pilot scheme to see how this proposal develops. The outcome of this will assist in understanding the time implications involved in reporting and managing projects should they be devolved to Parish level.

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- 18/125. Finance.**  
The monthly Financial Statement and Bank requisition for September 2018 were noted and approved by all.  
The six-month budget review was acknowledged and approved by all. MPC is currently looking at a small overspend due to the tree works on Parish Land. The majority of this cost is balanced out by a significant underspend on works needed on the pay and play tennis court.
- 18/126. Planning**  
*18/01460/FU - North Barn Master Johns Farm Thoby Lane.*  
*Proposed detached outbuilding for use as gardener's shed and open cycle shelter.*  
Mountnessing Parish Council recognises that this development is in the green belt area and will therefore leave the decision to the expertise of the planning officer.  
*18/01522/FUL - Meadowside Swallows Cross Road.*  
*Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings and construction of new 3 bed bungalow and cart-lodge.*  
Mountnessing Parish Council has no objection to this design but recognises that the development is in the green belt area and will therefore leave the decision to the expertise of the planning officer.
- For update:**  
4 Church Road – **Approved**  
20 Burnthouse Lane – **Approved**  
Swinburne, Lower Road - **Refused**  
Thoby Priory – Cllr Stephenson has received correspondence from Brian Read regarding this development and it is anticipated that the s106 agreement will be signed in the next month.
- 18/127. Allotments**  
Cllr Broughton will continue to represent the Parish Council on the allotments committee. This is headed by Ash Hofert, the allotments manager. The allotments committee will invoice tenants for all rents and structures/other costs. They will then pay across the rents to MPC, the land agents, who will forward this to the land owners, The English Charity.
- 18/128 To receive updates on the following maintenance/development issues.**
- I. Play area roundabout – Cllr King, although not at the meeting, is liaising with Wicksteed to resolve the ongoing issue of a loose fitting.
  - II. Works to cricket pavilion and changing rooms - a number of the repairs to the pavilion and changing rooms have been carried out. MPC will now request a quote to paint the newly repaired boarding on the side of the pavilion.
- 18/129. To receive Risk Assessments on Parish Assets and agree works should reports indicate any required, along with general reports.**
- 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 – no issues reported.
  - c. Recreation Ground – no issues reported.
  - d. Allotments – no issues reported.
  - e. Water Meadows – no issues identified. Some trees, identified in the risk assessment survey have been felled. These have been left in situ for the local wildlife to enjoy.
  - f. Village Hall – New dusk/dawn sensor light now installed at the main entrance to the village Hall area.

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- g. St. John's Hall – Hedges have been cut.
- h. Mountnessing School – no issues to report. Cllr Wagland to pursue an update on the feasibility study which ECC were going to carry out on the school.

**18/130. Items for inclusion in next Ordinary Meeting agenda**

- Councillor training

**18/131. Date of Next Meeting: **Monday 12 November 2018, 7.30pm, St. John's Hall****

**18/132** The meeting was closed by Cllr Stephenson at 9.05pm

Andrew Stephenson  
Chairman

Laura Brown  
Parish Clerk