

**Ordinary Meeting of Mountnessing Parish Council**  
**St. John's Hall, Church Road, Mountnessing, Monday, 11 February 2019**

**MINUTES**

- 19/016 To receive and agree apologies for absence**  
Apologies received from Cllr Broughton, BCllr Bridge and BCllr Hones.  
In attendance: Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Harries, Cllr King, Cllr Santry, Cllr Read, Cllr McKinney, BCllr Cloke, CC Wagland, Parish Clerk, L Brown, 7 members of the public.
- 19/017 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 14 January 2019**  
It was RESOLVED that the minutes from 14 January 2019 were a true record.
- 19/018 Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Parish Councillors**  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 19/019 Public Question Time**  
Residents from Crossby Close were advised that there was no update on the planning proposal and that the area was not listed in the LDP.  
Residents from Burnthouse Lane advised that they had been sworn at by sub-contractors from BBC when they complained about inappropriate parking. Cllr Cloke will investigate.  
The persistent issue of a garden neglected by Council residents was raised. Cllr Bridge advised in an email that this task could be assigned to the Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT).  
Two residents were concerned that despite the public consultations on the proposed garden centre development the site still features in the LDP. BCllr Cloke explained that there is a need for 8,000 new houses and this site is preferable to building on green field land. It was acknowledged that the issue of access was still very significant and that there were lots of issues for the developer to resolve before planning would be approved.  
Residents expressed concern over the Hunts Farm development which has retrospective planning permission. BCllr Cloke advised that the decision on this would be announced in the next 3 days.  
8:00pm 6 members of the public left.
- 19/020 To receive reports by Borough and County Councillors**  
To include an update on:
- I. Enforcement properties that appear on the current list - BCllr Cloke reported that there were now a number of new enforcement officers in the BBC team, and that they were aware of the concerns in the village.
  - II. Power station application- the decision on this is still pending.
  - III. Possible relocation of play area in Mounthey Close – BCllr Cloke is pursuing this option but advised it would take time to get a decision.
  - IV. Placement of waste bins adjacent to bus shelters at The Elms end of Roman Road – BCllr Cloke advised that BBC had agreed to install waste bins next to the bus shelters.
  - V. Reduction of the roundabout size in Church Close – CCllr Wagland has begun enquiries in to this issue and will report back in due course.
  - VI. Pavements in Church Road – it has been noted that three sections of Church Road pavements have been repaired, but not in a satisfactory manner. Cllr Wagland will investigate who has carried out this work.
  - VII. Update on the proposed casualty reduction schemes at St. Anne's Road/Thoby Lane junction and Old Church Lane/Widvale Road junction - no update.
  - VIII. Litter on the slip road from A12 at Junction 13 – CCllr Wagland and BCllr Cloke will determine who is responsible for this section.
  - IX. NAT's visit and remit – the NAT's team will include the bushes on Lower Road along with the other items we have sent across.

- X. Xmas tree planting on the roundabout near The Elms, Roman Road – it was agreed to review this at a later date if appropriate.

Cllr Wagland advised that the library and bus consultations were still ongoing. Parish Clerk will repost the information on the bus consultation as this needs further support. It was also advised that ECC need to save £200million over the next two years.

BCllr Cloke reported that the planning enforcement team are looking at The Elms development with a view to instating the cycle paths which were omitted when the development was built.

8.30pm Cllr Wagland left.

**19/021**

**Finance.**

- The Monthly Financial Statement and Bank reconciliation for January 2019 were approved by all.
- MPC RESOLVED to purchase the rbs Alpha package for the next financial year. This was proposed by Cllr Stephenson and seconded by Cllr Santry.

**19/022**

**Planning**

To agree Council responses for submission with regards to new planning applications and discuss ongoing planning applications.

**New applications:**

1. 9/00128/FUL, 159 Roman Road, Single storey rear extension – no objection.

**For update:**

- I. 18/01944/FUL and 18/01920/FUL - Hunts Farm Old Church Lane - **Pending**
- II. 18/01721/FUL - Power station, Adj Sewage Treatment Works, Old Church Road -**Pending**

**19/023**

**Road and Traffic management in Mountnessing**

Cllr Santry will forward photos to Cllr McKinney of road crashes on Thoby Lane, near Thoby Lodge. Cllr McKinney requested any further comments/feedback to be submitted by Weds 20 February 2019.

**19/024**

**Village Hall Car park**

BCllr Cloke suggested contacting Cllr Keith Parker regarding advice on the gates and barriers for the Village Hall car park.

**19/025**

**To receive Risk Assessments on Parish Assets and discuss any works needed or on-going on the following**

- a. Children's Play area, Bus Shelters and Tennis Court - the multiplay equipment needs tightening and a contractor has been contacted to assess and action.
- b. Village Hall Car Park, Millennium Gardens and Old Recycling Area – no issues.
- c. Recreation Ground – no information available.
- d. Allotments – no information available.
- e. Water Meadows – the fly tipped waste is due for removal this week.
- f. Village Hall – heaters have been installed but users need instruction on how to use these.
- g. St. John's Hall – the Hall featured in the Brentwood Gazette, in an article on the Forget-me-not meeting.
- h. Mountnessing Primary School – Cllr Read advised that the ECC feasibility study had been carried out with a view to expansion but as yet there had been no feedback.

It was agreed that a £25 charity donation on behalf of MPC could be made, following the sad loss of Dennis Plater, a former Parish Clerk.

Cllr Read congratulated Cllr Stephenson on a great performance during a recent radio production on BBC Essex, regarding Mountnessing.

**19/026**

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday 11 March 2019, 7.30pm**

