

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

MINUTES

- 19/027 To receive and agree apologies for absence**
Absent: Cllr Santry
In attendance: Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Harries, Cllr King, Cllr Read, Cllr Broughton, Cllr McKinney, CCllr Wagland, BCllr Hones, BCllr Cloke, Parish Clerk, Laura Brown. BCllr Bridge arrived at 7:45pm.
- 19/027ii Extraordinary Additional Agenda Item - Co-option of Mrs Kerry Hoskyn to the Parish Council.**
Cllr Stephenson proposed KH to the Council and KB seconded this. It was RESOLVED that Kerry Hoskyn be co-opted as a Parish Councillor for Mountnessing.
- 19/028 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 11 February 2019**
It was RESOLVED that the minutes from 11 February 2019 were a true record.
- 19/029 Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Parish Councillors**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 19/030 Public Question Time**
No members of the public were present.
- 19/031 To receive reports by Borough and County Councillors**
To include an update on:
- I. Reduction of the roundabout size in Church Close (LW) – no update at this time
 - II. Pavements in Church Road – 3 areas have already been patch-repaired. Further areas have been highlighted - Cllr Stephenson and CCllr Wagland to meet with a representative from Highways to confirm all areas of concern are addressed.
 - III. Litter on the slip road from A12 at Junction 13 – BCllr Cloke advised that the Borough Council and Rangers may be able to deal with this issue.
- CCllr Wagland advised that there is to be an extraordinary meeting of full council to discuss the future of the libraries, including Ingatestone and Shenfield. BCllr Hones reported that Ingatestone PC were intending to list the library as an asset of value.
- ECC has identified more money for mental health services, and additional money for footways and footpaths.
- BCllr Cloke reported that the Borough Budget has been set and is in a reasonable condition.
- It was reported that County will not adopt the roads by the new Elms development at this time, due to the way they have been constructed. Issues need to be resolved with the developers first.
- Cllr Cloke will pursue the Parish Councils enquiries regarding moving the location of Mounney Close play area in Heybridge.
- The meeting was advised that Borough Council are trying to gain shared obstruction powers with the police. This would allow fixed penalty notices to be issued by Civil Enforcement Officers as well as the Police.
- BCllr Bridge reported that the outgoing Chair of Housing has resigned and Cllr Tom McClaren is the interim Chair with BCllr Bridge acting as Vice-Chair.
- 19/032 Finance.**
- The Monthly Financial Statement and Bank reconciliation for February 2019 were approved by all.
 - The Parish Council reviewed the proposed budget for 2019/20. It was agreed that the charges made to St. John's Hall and the Village Hall for a share of maintenance would be removed, on the condition that they invested these savings in improvements for the facilities. Cllr Stephenson to write and advise both committees of this decision.

An additional £600 was added to the proposed fund for potential play area repairs, bringing this to £1200, to allow for repairs to the flooring which were not carried out this financial year due to the weather. It was RESOLVED to accept the budget. This was proposed by Cllr Harries, seconded by Cllr Stephenson and agreed by all.

19/033

Planning

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

New applications:

- I. 19/00237/FUL - 269 Roman Road – It is noted that this is a retrospective application. The business sees deliveries and parking which can sometimes cause obstruction. There is also the likelihood that new refrigeration/air conditioning has been installed. The Parish Council would therefore wish the planning officer to be clear that there are no issues associated with the points mentioned in relation to this development.
- II. 19/00188/FUL - 242 Roman Road -This property is in Greenbelt and in general MPC oppose development within the Greenbelt unless exceptional circumstances prevail and the planning officer is satisfied accordingly. In addition, there is particular concern over the traffic generation and parking this facility would generate, especially so close to the Thoby Lane junction. MPC is opposed to this application.
- III. 19/00287/FUL - Howletts Church Road, Demolition of existing store and home office and construction of replacement store and home office – As this application has only just been received Cllrs will review and share comments online.

For update:

- I. 9/00128/FUL, 159 Roman Road, Single storey rear extension - **Pending**
- II. 18/01944/FUL and 18/01920/FUL - Hunts Farm Old Church Lane -**Refused**
- III. 18/01721/FUL - Power station, Adj. Sewage Treatment Works, Old Church Road -**Pending**

19/034

Road and Traffic management in Mountnessing

Cllr McKinney has incorporated the latest traffic reports from Church Road and Roman Road in to his document. This will now be circulated to all parish councillors and if all are in agreement, will be presented to BBC and ECC with a view to arranging a meeting with the relevant body that can advise on any available options for change.

CCllr Wagland will determine from the Local Highways Patrol what calming measures have been approved in view of the recent report from Church Road.

19/035

Tennis and Cricket Club update

Cllr Stephenson and the Parish Clerk met last week with Brian Murphy, Chair of Mountnessing Tennis Club. The Club is in a better financial position now and has new coaches. This in turn has meant the Club is opening up to younger players as well. MPC has agreed that they can use the pay and play court until 12noon on a Saturday to give them additional facilities. A review of the lease and payments will be arranged for early Autumn 2019.

The cricket club has submitted a document showing the proposed storage facility. This would be in keeping with the design of the changing rooms and would be attached to the side of this building. Due to the proximity of the windmill it was advised that this proposal is run past the planning department in BBC first. BCllr Cloke will take this forward.

19/036

Mountnessing Village Tidy-up Date

Saturday 8 June 2019 was identified as the date for a clean up afternoon in Mountnessing.

19/037

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 - no issues
- b. Village Hall Car Park, Millennium Gardens and Old Recycling Area – no issues
- c. Recreation Ground – no issues
- d. Allotments – no issues
- e. Water Meadows - fly tipped waste has been removed.

- f. Village Hall – no issues.
- g. St. John's Hall – no issues
- h. Mountnessing Primary School – no issues

19/038

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 1 April 2019, 7.30pm – (Venue Change) - VILLAGE HALL