

Ordinary Meeting of Mountnessing Parish Council
The Village Hall, Roman Road, Mountnessing - Monday, 1 April 2019

MINUTES

- 19/039 To receive and agree apologies for absence**
Apologies received from Cllr Wagland.
In attendance: Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Harries, Cllr King, Cllr Read, Cllr Broughton, Cllr McKinney, Cllr Santry, Cllr Hoskyn, BClr Honess, BClr Cloke, BClr Bridge, Parish Clerk, Laura Brown.
2 members of the public.
- 19/040 To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 11 March 2019**
It was RESOLVED that the minutes from 11 March 2019 were a true record.
- 19/041 Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Parish Councillors**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 19/042 Public Question Time**
The two members present enquired whether there was any further information on the proposed Crosby Close development. The Parish Council has no further update on this and it was reiterated by BBC that as it does not appear on the LDP, it is very unlikely to progress.
- 19/043 To receive reports by Borough and County Councillors**
BClr Bridge informed the meeting that Ingatestone Library has unanimously been declared a community asset.
The Environment Agency are currently discussing recycling and may or may not, in the future, decide to separate paper from other waste.
BClr Cloke advised that two police officers are now operating from Ingatestone Fire Station
- 19/044 Finance.**
- The Monthly Financial Statement and Bank reconciliation for March 2019 were approved by all.
- 19/045 Planning**
To agree Council responses for submission with regards to new planning applications and discuss ongoing planning applications.
New applications:
- I. 19/00368/FUL - 1 Church Crescent - MPC do not support the demolition of an existing bungalow in the village. The area has a significant age bias towards potential occupants of such properties whilst there is no shortage of family-oriented dwellings of various sizes.
 - II. 19/00369/FUL – Springcroft, 245 Roman Road - MPC note that this is quite a sizeable extension to the existing property which is located close to the road and in an area, which is already fully developed. It is therefore important that the designs are complimentary to the existing street scene and that the materials specified are in keeping with those already used in the adjacent properties. It is also noted that the site has a relatively small area for parking and commercial vehicles are frequently parked adjacent to the property which hinder safe access and exit from the adjoining Roman Close. It is requested that the planning officer consider conditions on parking to avoid this danger being exacerbated during construction work and in future.
 - III. 19/00340/FUL- Uplands Lower Road- This tasteful development of 4 smaller properties could be an appropriate addition to the village. However, MPC note that this development is within the parameters of the Greenbelt. The Parish Council have a policy to oppose development within the Green belt unless specific and demonstrable exceptions apply to the appropriate frameworks. It is particularly important for this proposal that any such exceptions identified by planning officers are clear cut, as ambiguity could lead to other Greenbelt land being developed on a piecemeal basis based on any precedents set by this application.
 - IV. 19/00459/FUL- 6 Court View – No objection.

For update:

- I. 19/00237/FUL - 269 Roman Road - Pending
- II. 19/00188/FUL - 242 Roman Road - Pending
- III. 19/00287/FUL - Howletts Church Road - Pending
- IV. 9/00128/FUL - 159 Roman Road – Approved

The issue of listing 12 Church Road to be deferred to the June Ordinary meeting.

19/046

Road and Traffic management in Mountnessing

It was RESOLVED that the road and traffic report is ready to be submitted to Borough and County Council.

19/047

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 – it was agreed that garden maintenance should be instructed in early summer.
- f. Village Hall – no issues
- g. St. John's Hall - no issues
- h. Mountnessing Primary School – Cllr Read advised that the extension of the school has now been approved.

19/048

Date of Next Meeting: Annual and Ordinary Meeting, Monday 13 May 2019, 7.30pm – St. John's Hall

Cllr Andrew Stephenson

Mrs Laura Brown