

**MOUNTNESSING PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**Monday, 9 September 2019, 7.30pm**  
**MINUTES**

- 19/091. To receive and agree apologies for absence**  
Apologies received from BCllr's Cloke, BCllr Hones, BCllr Bridge, Cllr Harries, Cllr Read.  
**In attendance:** Cllr Stephenson, Cllr King, Cllr Hoskyn, Cllr Broughton, Cllr McKinney, Cllr Santry  
CCllr Wagland, Parish Clerk – Laura Brown. 3 members of the public.
- 19/092. Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Parish Councillors**  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 19/093. To agree the minutes of the meeting on 8 July 2019**  
The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of events.
- 19/094. Public Question Time**  
The members of the public present requested an update on the previously proposed development in Crossby Close. They were assured that no further information had been received and that as the development is not listed in the draft LDP it is unlikely to be taken further.  
  
Cllr Santry read a letter on behalf of a resident who is affected by the inactivity of Redrow Homes at the Ingatestone Garden Centre site. The family have been the victim of various burglaries, are encountering severe rat infestations and have unsafe access to and from their property.  
  
It was agreed that the Parish Council, Borough Council and County Council should all join together to send a letter to the developer advising of the distress and inconvenience that is being caused to residents in the area and requesting they take responsibility for the land.
- 19/095. To receive reports by Borough and County Councillors**  
CCllr Wagland reported that old street light bulbs will not be replaced, as the Council now has a very limited supply of these. Those in stock will be retained for black spot areas. Any other lights will not be dealt with until LED replacements are introduced.  
  
Essex County Council is no longer considering selling the windmill in Mountnessing. Various authorities are meeting to discuss its' future and who will meet the on-going running costs.  
  
The proposed zebra crossing near the school on Roman Road has failed the engineers test. The current road speed makes it too dangerous for pedestrians to think that it is safe to cross just because a zebra crossing is in situ. A request to lower the speed limit to enable this to work also failed testing. CCllr Wagland to meet with Cllrs Stephenson and McKinney to further discuss the Parish Council's traffic report.
- 19/096. To discuss the condition of the Finger posts in Mountnessing**  
As those involved in this discussion were not present the item will be discussed at the October meeting.
- 19/097. To discuss the council garages in Mountnessing and their upkeep going forwards.**  
Brentwood Borough Council have agreed to consider refunding costs of work carried out to remove the weeds and maintain vegetation around the council garages in the village. This will be dependent upon costs and frequency. Parish Clerk to request quotes for an initial clean up and twice-yearly maintenance.
- 19/098. Finance.**
- The monthly reports and accounts were accepted by all.
  - Cllr Stephenson proposed a £300 donation towards a leaving gift for the longest serving volunteer of the Village Hall committee and Cllr Santry seconded this.
  - It was RESOLVED to support the Village Hall Committee in their bid to refurbish all toilets by

- a. Moving a minimum of £6000 from the cricket pavilion reserves to the Village Hall, (proposed by Cllr Hoskyn and seconded by Cllr McKinney), and
- b. Giving full support to any work needed and granting full permission for this.

**19/099. Planning**

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

**For update:**

1. 19/00961/FUL - Holbrook Stables Thoby Lane - **Approved**
2. 19/01016/FUL - 242 Roman Road - **REFUSAL**
3. 19/00957/FUL - Springcroft 245 Roman Road - **APPROVED**
4. 19/00340/COND/1 - Uplands Lower Road - **Pending**
5. 19/01089/FUL - Woolwards 358 Roman Road - **Pending**

**19/100. 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 – repairs to the wetpour flooring have been carried out. Concerns regarding some cracking have been raised with the contractor – awaiting response.  
The hedges have been cut back around the play and play tennis court.
- b. Village Hall Car Park, Millennium Gardens and Old Recycling Area - no concerns raised.
- c. Recreation Ground - FreshAir Fitness have confirmed they will install additional matting around the stations in the outdoor gym where the grass is being worn away at no additional cost to the Parish Council.
- d. Allotments - Cllr Broughton reported that there have been some problems with rats at the allotment recently.
- e. Water Meadows – concrete posts and a bulldog bar are now in place to prevent any unauthorised vehicles from gaining access. Letters requesting no fly tipping have been sent to residents in the area.
- f. Village Hall - bids for grants are being submitted to request additional funding for the toilet refurbishment.
- g. St. John's Hall - no issues
- h. Mountnessing Primary School - no issues.

**19/101. To discuss the current security operations within the village and to determine any changes needed.**

It was agreed that once the Parish Council knew whether there was a grant awarded for the barrier and gate project at the Village Hall, the need and scope for security patrols would be discussed.

**19/102. To receive a report on proposed buildings which could apply for community asset/listed status.**

Cllr Santry requested a grant of up to £25 to cover the cost of accessing facilities and producing a map to show details of listed and historic buildings within the village. This was agreed by all, proposed by Cllr King and seconded by Cllr Hoskyn.

**19/103. To agree any items for inclusion in the next Ordinary Meeting agenda.**

- **VE Celebrations for next May within the village**
- **Finger posts in the Padhams Green area**
- **Writtle College and possible involvement in landscaping the village pond.**
- **The play area in Heybridge**
- **Concerns regarding the possible commercial use of a property on Roman Road.**
- **Litter picking within the village.**

**19/104. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14 October 2019, 7.30pm – St John's Hall, Church Road.**

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm