

MOUNTNESSING PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council, St. John's Hall, Church Road, Monday, 10 February 2020

MINUTES

- 20/016. Apologies received from:** Cllr Read
In attendance: Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Hositykn, Cllr King, Cllr Harries, Cllr Santry, Cllr Broughton, Cllr McKinney, BCllr Hones, BCllr Cloke, BCllr Bridge, CCllr Wagland, L Brown – Parish Clerk, David Bateman (Ingatestone Museum). 2 members of the public arrived at 7:40pm
- 20/017. Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Parish Councillors**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 20/018. To agree the minutes of the meeting on 13 January 2020**
The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of events.
- 20/019. Public Question Time**
A member of the public reported inconsiderate parking within the village. Whilst the Parish Council sympathises with the parking issues it is known there is a general shortage of parking in most areas of Mountnessing. It was suggested that people could be made aware that overnight parking would be permitted in the Village Hall car park as long as vehicles were removed the following morning, to allow Hall users to park. The Parish and indeed Borough Council have no powers to address parking issues and are working to secure a legislative change which will allow progress in this area.
7:50pm Members of the public left.
- 20/020. Presentation by David Bateman on behalf of Ingatestone Museum.**
David advised the meeting of current plans for the Gatehouse on Station Lane in Ingatestone. The IFPC are working alongside the Railway Heritage Trust to turn this in to a museum for the history of Ingatestone and will be seeking charitable status. Local schools will be invited to assist in finding suitable works to display here.
- 20/021. To receive reports by Borough and County Councillors**
CCllr Wagland advised that Essex County Council are proposing a 2% general increase to the precept with an additional 2% raised for social care.
Pot holes in the village have been identified for action – in particular those on Thoby Lane and Church Road. The gully clearance team have also been in and identified drains needing clearance. Cllr Wagland will investigate one in Roman Road which has not been 'marked' and is an issue as it is completely blocked. Cllr Stephenson to provide photo and location. BCllr Hones advised that leaflets are on the Brentwood Borough Council website to advise residents where their council tax is being spent. This information is no longer circulate by post.
Cllr Bridge advised of a new tree planting initiative which is being funded by Central Government. The new trees will be sited in Hutton Country Park and will therefore include the edge of Mountnessing. All were in favour of this.
- 20/022. To discuss parking issues, particularly on verges, in the village**
There is concern at the amount of parking on grass verges along Roman Road as this destroys the grass, however it does stop people from parking road-side and causing obstruction to traffic. It was agreed this would be discussed further at the March meeting with a view to considering matting on the verges, where grass could still grow through.

The issue of parking on Church Road was also raised and will also be discussed in March.

20/023. Finance.

- The monthly financial reports were accepted and approved by all.

20/024 To update the meeting on the VE event planned for 9 May 2020.

The Parish Clerk explained what had been confirmed and what was still on going with regards to the VE event. The Senior Citizens and members of St. Giles are very much in support of the event. A request was made to all present for support with the event as the main issue will be for volunteers to set up, run and coordinate arrangements for the day. Roles will be allocated in due course.

20/025. Planning

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

For update:

1. 20/00043/FUL Puerto Aluio Lower Road - Pending
2. 19/01742/FUL Uplands, Lower Road - Pending
3. 19/01705/FUL - Woolwards, 358 Roman Road - Pending
4. 19/01716/FUL - 1 Church Crescent -Approved

20/026. 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 – Kompan parts ordered to replace missing pieces identified in BBC inspection report.
- 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 - no issues
- f. Village Hall - no issues
- g. St. John's Hall – surrounding hedge has been cut and new plants hedging will be planted to remove the ivy and other plants that had to be removed.
- h. Mountnessing Primary School - no issues

20/027. To agree any items for inclusion in the next Ordinary Meeting agenda.

- Parking
- Heritage report for the village (Cllr Santry)
- Report by Cllr Stephenson on meeting with Jonathan Stephenson, new Chief Exec for Brentwood Borough Council.

20/015. Date of Next Meeting: 9 March 2020