

MOUNTNESSING PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council, St. John's Hall, Church Road, Monday, 13 January 2020

MINUTES

- 20/001. Apologies received from:** Cllr Broughton, Cllr Santry
In attendance: Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Hosykn, Cllr King, Cllr Harries, Cllr Read, Cllr McKinney, BCllr Hones, BCllr Cloke, BCllr Bridge, CCllr Wagland, L Brown – Parish Clerk.
- 20/002. Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Parish Councillors**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 20/003. To agree the minutes of the meeting on 11 November 2019**
The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of events.
- 20/004. Public Question Time**
There were no members of the public in attendance.
- 20/005. To receive reports by Borough and County Councillors**
The NATs team are in the Ward week beginning 13 March 2020. Requests for jobs they could help with to be sent through to Clerk by close of play 7 February
- Cllr Cloke is still pursuing the request for litter bins at the Elms end of Roman Road. The litter situation on the A12 and slip roads in to the village is still a huge issue. Cllr Cloke advised he is following this up. MPC are willing to write to whoever be able to push this further if necessary, as the situation is becoming totally unacceptable.
- Cllr Wagland informed the meeting that the application for the school expansion may go through this month. Staff parking has been included but there is further need to address parent parking.
- The meeting was informed that the pavement in Burnthouse Lane, near to the bridge, has been put forward as one needing repair.
- Essex County Council have confirmed that the windmill will NOT be changing ownership. They are keen to support historic assets and will work with the Friends of the Windmill to determine where they can offer support.
- There is a local Highways panel (LHP) at the end of March where the pelican crossing designated for near to the school, and the junction of Thoby Lane-Roman Road-Church Road will be on the agenda. After this LHP meeting Cllr Wagland is happy to meet with Cllrs McKinney and Stephenson to discuss the road/traffic issues in the village.
- 20/006. To agree a plan for repairing the finger posts at Padhams Green**
ECC and BCC are unable to assist with repairing/replacing the missing finger posts. MPC agreed that these would be included in the budget for next year. Permission may be needed from ECC to provide safety to the contractor carrying out the work.
- 20/007. To discuss future security patrols in Mountnessing**
It was RESOLVED that the security patrols would be cancelled. The need to install a security barrier was felt to be more pressing. Proposed by Cllr McKinney and seconded by Cllr Hoskyn.
- 20/008. To update the meeting on the agreed name change.**
The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that all those who need to be advised of the intended name change on 1st April 2020 to Mountnessing Village Council have been informed.
- 20/009. Finance.**
- To approve the Monthly Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation – the monthly financial reports were accepted by all.
 - It was RESOLVED that an amount of £38,060 would be requested from BBC which approximates to an increase of 5% per household for 2020/21. Proposed by Cllr Read and seconded by Cllr King.
 - MPC agreed to review allocation of reserves when agreeing the budget for 2020/21 with a view to transferring current allocations for the sports pavilion to the Village Hall.
- 20/010. To receive an update on the VE Commemoration event in Mountnessing on 9 May 2020**
The events committee informed the meeting that St. Giles and the Senior Citizens Club have agreed to assist with areas of the VE event. Further details of the event were shared and will soon be advertised to encourage volunteers and get the community involved.

20/011. To agree responses to the Home Office’s questionnaire on unauthorised encampments

Parish Clerk to circulate proposed responses and then once agreed, submit.

20/012. Planning

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

New applications:

1. Uplands, Lower Road – Mountnessing Parish Council note this further amendment to design which will change the nature of the development from detached housing to semi-detached in appearance and as such consider this to be out of kilter with the existing street scene which is exclusively detached properties. Furthermore if car ports are permitted then, this creates further incentives and precedent to more intensively develop this site which it will be recalled is still within the greenbelt. This further incremental change application is therefore opposed.

For update:

1. 19/01340/FUL - 267 Roman Road – **Refused**
2. CC/BRW/84/19/PRE – Mountnessing Primary School
3. 19/01515/FUL - 155 Roman Road - **Approved**
4. 19/01498/FUL - The Spinney, St Annes Road – **Approved**
5. 19/01705/FUL - Woolwards, 358 Roman Road - **Pending**
6. 19/01716/FUL - 1 Church Crescent – **Pending**
7. 19/01574/FUL - 197 Roman Road – **Refused**
8. **Thoby Priory** – Cllr Stephenson advised that Brian Read had corresponded, indicating that he may follow up the request with MPC for agreement in the future, despite recently being informed that the council would not agree to renew this option and that this was non-negotiable.

20/013. 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
- Cllr King presented a quote from Wicksteed to repair the swings. Proposed by SS, agreed by KH and agreed by all. Parish Clerk to arrange.
- b. Village Hall Car Park, Millennium Gardens and Old Recycling Area - no issues.
- c. Recreation Ground - new bin top in place near the pavilion.
- d. Allotments - no update available.
- e. Water Meadows - grass and cuttings have been dumped near the garages and will need clearing as their presence encourages others to add to them.
- f. Village Hall – Cllr Harries advised that the VH had received a grant of £3760 from the Brentwood Community Fund towards the toilet renovations. IH, AS and LB met with the Brentwood funding officer and also the lottery representative for the area and we will be putting in a bid for a lottery grant as well. Lettings are up by 23% from this time last year.
- g. St. John’s Hall – the hedge is to be remodelled in February and reduced in height to tidy the whole area.
- h. Mountnessing Primary School – awaiting planning agreement for the expansion.

20/014. To agree any items for inclusion in the next Ordinary Meeting agenda.

David Bateman will join the start of the meeting to advise on the planned museum in Ingatestone at the Station Gatehouse.

20/015. Date of Next Meeting: 10 February 2020

Cllr Harries and Cllr Read sent their apologies in advance.