

MOUNTNESSING PARISH COUNCIL

An Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at St. John's Hall, Church Road, Mountnessing on
Monday, 9 March 2020 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

- 20/029. Apologies received from:** Cllr Harries, Cllr Santry, BCllr Bridge
In attendance: Cllr Stephenson, Cllr King, Cllr Broughton, Cllr Hoskyn, Cllr Read, Cllr McKinney, BCllr Cloke, BCllr Hones, CCllr Wagland, L Brown (Parish Clerk)
- 20/030. Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Parish Councillors**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 20/031. To agree the minutes of the meeting on 10 February 2020**
The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of events
- 20/032. Public Question Time**
No members of the public were present.
- 20/033. To receive reports by Borough and County Councillors**
CCllr Wagland informed the meeting that Cllr John Spence is leading the County Council on issues related to the coronavirus.
Flooding is causing lots of issues around the county, in particular an increased number of potholes. There continue to be building issues at The Elms development. Kim Pickard is leading the Residents Association for those living there.
CCllr Wagland has been nominated for a Highways award for efforts in promoting road safety, related in particular to her work with the 'Driving with Confidence' courses for the over 70's.
- BCllr Hones reported that the Brentwood BC budget has been agreed and a £5 increase on council tax to Band D properties has been approved.
- BCllr Cloke announced that planning permission has been approved for the Ingatestone museum and the main works are expected to commence in June 2020. Internal alterations will commence earlier.
- The money has been approved for the pelican crossing in Mountnessing. It is envisaged that this will be in place in 18mths/2yrs.
- 20/034. To discuss parking issues, particularly on the verges, in the village.**
It was agreed that there are no easy solutions to the parking issues in Mountnessing. There is not enough space for the number of cars. Cllr Stephenson will write an article in the next Newsletter asking all residents to be considerate in their parking and encouraging people to use their drives and, if necessary, the Village Hall car park overnight.
- 20/035. Finance.**
The monthly financial reports were approved and accepted by all.
- 20/035 (i) Subsequent to the March meeting the budget for 2020/21 was circulated to all Village Councillors. It was RESOLVED that the budget for 2020/21 should be accepted.**
- The surplus of £6k in the budget is due to a reduction of £3k anticipated costs this year for the play area as 2019/20 included a budget for large scale repairs in the flooring. An additional increase of £3k in the precept provides an overall £6K surplus which is listed in the budget as projects in the Village.**
- 20/036. Heritage Report**
This item was deferred to the April meeting.
- 20/037. To receive an update on the VE Commemoration event in Mountnessing on 9 May 2020**

In view of the current situation regarding the coronavirus it was agreed that the event should be postponed.

The Parish Clerk will investigate creating a 'Commemoration Corner' in Coronation Field with a bench and a designated area for spring bulbs and summer wild flowers.

20/038. 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 - **Approved**
2. 19/01742/FUL Uplands, Lower Road - **Approved**
3. 19/01705/FUL - Woolwards, 358 Roman Road - **Pending**

20/039. 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 have carried out all necessary repairs to the play equipment. A call out fee to Freshair Fitness may be necessary to address an issue raised by the Inspector with one piece of the outdoor gym equipment.
The bus shelter near to St. Anne's road has been repaired as a panel of wood near the roof had become detached. The wood of the shelter is starting to rot and the whole structure may need replacing soon.
- b. Village Hall Car Park, Millennium Gardens and Old Recycling Area - one of the springs has detached on the gate in to the Village Hall garden. Cllr King will request repair.
- c. Recreation Ground – the low fence near to the play area footpath on Roman Road has rotten at one end. A repair has been requested.
- d. Allotments -an issue arose with regards to dumping of cuttings. The Parish Council has said that they will get involved in extreme circumstances but will not intervene in the running of the facility. This will be left to the Allotment Committee.
- e. Water Meadows - no issues.
- f. Village Hall – Cllr Stephenson informed the meeting that the £5k that has been received in grants might be used to begin upgrades on the gents' toilets in the Hall as this is the smaller of the two main facilities.
- g. St. John's Hall – the gap in the hedge has been planted with saplings.
- h. Mountnessing Primary School – no update on the planning situation. The children have been very busy with World Book Day, and a visiting drama company. They have also received a donation for new books from the English Charities Trust.

20/040. To agree any items for inclusion in the next Ordinary Meeting agenda.

- Update on the village heritage report.

20/041. Date of Next Meeting: 20 April 2020 (cancelled due to Covid19)

The meeting closed at 9pm

Cllr Andrew Stephenson
Chairman

Mrs Laura Brown
Parish Clerk